

COUNCIL MEETING

October 22, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Gaskill presiding.

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Councilmember Mark Rowland.

Those present were Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee, Jeremy Biggs, Charles Long and Mark Rowland. Jackie Branch and Farrell Gibson were absent.

City Attorney Allen Warmath and City Clerk Andrea Williams were present.

Councilmember Biggs moved minutes from previous council meeting of October 8, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Long. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- None
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS. TRACTS LOCATED AT 4101, 4103 AND 4201 LINWOOD DRIVE

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Sue McGowan, Frank M and Eunice J Cothorn and Gary W. and Christy P. Cothorn. Sue McGowan was present. Mr. Colbert stated the request is to rezone this property from R-2 to C-3. This rezone was presented to the Planning Commission on October 4th. Seven members of the commission was present and all seven voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Aden; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,
Motion carried six to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-16)

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that the purchase of the flameless pot hole patcher truck has already been discuss and approved by the council. This ordinance is needed for the mayor to complete the purchase.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,
Motion carried six to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-17)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE LINWOOD CEMETERY MAUSOLEUM

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

City Clerk Andrea Williams explained to the council that the City of Paragould has received a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to repair the roof on the Linwood Cemetery mausoleum and that this resolution is required to complete the grant process.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes, Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-50)

ITEM #4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO ATTACH LIENS TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE ADDRESSES SPECIFIED IN THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING MONIES WHICH ARE OWED THE CITY OF PARAGOULD FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address, parcel number and title only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, provided the council with documentation and photos of work done on each property.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes, Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-51)

ITEM #5

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE TAX RATE TO THE COUNTY CLERK

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the city is required by law to certify the tax rate to the county clerk each year before November.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes,

Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-52)

ITEM #6

APPOINTMENT TO THE PARAGOULD HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SUSAN YOUNGBLOOD (TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JEREMY BIGGS)

Councilmember Biggs stated that he had resigned from the Housing Authority Board of Directors due to his appointment to the Advertising and Promotion Commission. Mr. Biggs stated that his term on the Housing Authority Board of Directors would expire in November of 2018.

Motion made to appoint Susan Youngblood to the Paragould Housing Authority Board of Directors made by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Williams..

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes, Motion carried six to zero. Appointment confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill reminded the councilmembers that he had passed out the 2018 voter guide concerning the ballot issues. Mayor Gaskill told the council that Issue number one, concerning the contingency fees, lawsuit damages and rules of court and Issue three, regarding changing general assembly term limits, has been removed from the ballot.

Also, Mayor Gaskill told the council that the next regularly scheduled council meeting falls on November 12th, which is Veteran's Day, therefore the meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Agee. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:37 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk