

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 13, 2018**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 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 Mayor Mike Gaskill.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of October 22, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

### **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Public Service	- None
Finance	- Councilmember Rowland called for a finance committee meeting on November 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- Councilmember Aden stated the committee this evening and has item number six on tonight's agenda.
Street/Cemetery	- None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1**

**VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL REPORT**

No one from VCDI was present. A report was given to each councilmember. The report stated that for the month of September/October and year end, 2018 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 13.0 mosquitos per trap night. VCDI applied adulticide on 12 truck nights spraying a total of 324.6 miles (11804.7 acres) using a total of 116.2 gallons of adulticide. VCDI responded to five service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the months of September and October, 2018.

**ITEM #2**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT NORTH 9 ½ STREET IN FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS  
SUBDIVISION**

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that this street has been inspected by Public Works Director, Terry McAbee and Assistant Director, Wayne Ellenburg and meet the requirements to be accepted by the city.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-18)

### **ITEM #3**

**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 Agee.

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, 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 Gibson.

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-53)

### **ITEM #4**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT**

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of October, 2018 the fire department answered 205 incidents, issued 237 burn permits, made 9 business inspections, completed 892.4 training

hours. The fire department also made 20 educational visit with approximately 2,490 children and 765 adults were reached with fire safety talks for Fire Safety Month..

#### **ITEM #5**

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT**

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of October , 2018 the police department took 1431 incident reports, made 485 arrests (430 misdemeanors, 45 felonies and 10 DWI), wrote 261 traffic tickets and worked 99 accidents. The report noted 82 felony cases were opened.

#### **ITEM #6**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO FEES CHARGED IN ARTICLE II. AS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 34, SOLID WASTE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, TO DECLARD AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

Councilman Aden stated that the increase in sanitation cost needs to be address to offset the cost of trash pickup. He stated that fuel prices have gone up as well as the cost of the sanitation trucks. Councilmember Rowland stated that the sanitation fuel budget for this year is approximately 53% over budget for this year and that the sanitation department should be a self-supporting department.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes.

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-19) Motion to adopt the emergency clause separately by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes, Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes and Williams, yes. Emergency clause adopted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Branch moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:29 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk