

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 10, 2018**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 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 Farrell Gibson.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of November 26, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

**REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Public Service	- None
Finance	- Councilmember Rowland state the committee has item number five on tonight's agenda.
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**

**ROBERT OWENS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LORD’S REFUGE**

Robert Owens, Executive Director of Lord’s Refuge was present to address the council. He explained to the council that Lord’s Refuge is a faith-based ministry that follows God’s guidance in love through Jesus. Their purpose is to be a safe haven for men struggling with addiction and/or mental illness and provide parenting education, one on one counseling and life skills. The program is designed to be a six month program but may be longer if there is a need.

**ITEM #2**

**CITY CLERK REPORT – DELETION OF FIXED ASSETS**

As required by law, City Clerk Andrea Williams, presented the council with a list of items that have been deleted off of the 2018 fixed assets list.

Motion was made to accept the list as presented by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. List accepted.

**ITEM #3**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT**

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of November, 2018 the fire department answered 162 incidents, issued 275 burn permits, made 21 business inspections, completed 745.5 training hours and five public education visits.

**ITEM #4**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT**

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of November, 2018 the police department took 1381 incident reports, made 395 arrests (356 misdemeanors and 39 felony), wrote 231 traffic tickets and worked 89 accidents. The report noted 58 felony cases were opened.

**ITEM # 5**

**PRESENTATION OF 2019 BUDGET**

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee met at 7 a.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2018 to discuss the proposed budget. Councilmember Rowland stated the 2019 budget contains a 2% pay increase for employees, seven new vehicles (six for the police department and one for the emergency dispatch center), five employees (three fire, one police and one parks), a pothole patch truck and money for the biking/walking trail. This budget also includes a change in the once cent sales tax distribution from 60% General/40% Street to 75% General/25% Street.

Councilmember Rowland stated this budget does not include money for the proposed fire station as bids will be taken in the next few months and the cost will be discussed at that time.

Councilmember Rowland stated there were no changes to the proposed budget and the committee recommends adoption to the council

**City of Paragould  
2019 Budget**

	<u>2019 Proposed Budget</u>
<b><u>Revenues and Bank Balances:</u></b>	
<b><u>Revenues &amp; Transfers In:</u></b>	
General Fund	14,735,684.00
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	67,400.00
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	560.00
Advertising and Promotion Fund	100,000.00
Airport Grant Fund	30,000.00
City Beautiful Fund	5,400.00
Court Automation Fund	44,000.00
Economic Development Fund	1,204,000.00
Landfill Account	900.00
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	9,200.00
Mission Outreach Grant # Fund	-
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	9,380.00
Street Fund	3,423,594.00
Subtotal	<u>19,630,118.00</u>
<b><u>Available Bank Balances:</u></b>	
General Fund	10,099,515.67
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	3,919.22
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	0.01

Advertising and Promotion Fund	-
Airport Grant Fund	1.00
City Beautiful Fund	17,420.09
Court Automation Fund	106,197.04
Economic Development Fund	1,772,931.89
Landfill Account	-
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	329,279.25
Mission Outreach Grant # Fund	-
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	7,417.17
Street Fund	10,117,185.91
Subtotal	<u>22,453,867.25</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Bank Balances</b>	<u><b>42,083,985.25</b></u>

**Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out:**

General Fund:	
Administration & Miscellaneous	1,410,657.50
Fire Department	2,628,814.88
District Court	172,112.10
Police Department	4,148,390.95
Police Department (Jail Expenditures)	13,000.00
Animal Control	104,157.76
Cemetery	79,793.92
Mosquito Control	158,802.00
Sanitation Department	1,935,422.93
Parks Department	1,970,189.27
Airport Department	480,023.84
Emergency 911 Department	1,072,353.34
Emergency Dispatch Center	-

**Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out (cont'd):**

Transfer OUT	-
Subtotal- General Fund	<u>14,173,718.49</u>
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	67,000.00
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	560.00
Advertising and Promotion Fund	100,000.00
Airport Grant Fund	30,000.00
City Beautiful Fund	1,900.00
Court Automation Fund	35,000.00
Economic Development Fund	1,097,500.00
Landfill Account	-
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	4,200.00
Mission Outreach Grant # Fund	-

Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	7,900.00
Street Fund	<u>3,369,884.45</u>
<b><u>Total Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>18,887,662.94</u></b>
<b><u>Unappropriated Funds:</u></b>	
General Fund	10,661,481.18
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	4,319.22
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	0.01
Advertising and Promotion Fund	-
Airport Grant Fund	1.00
City Beautiful Fund	20,920.09
Court Automation Fund	115,197.04
Economic Development Fund	1,879,431.89
Landfill Account	900.00
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	334,279.25
Mission Outreach Grant # Fund	-
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	8,897.17
Street Fund	<u>10,170,895.46</u>
<b><u>Total Unappropriated Funds</u></b>	<b><u>23,196,322.31</u></b>

Motion made to accept the 2019 budget as presented by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Budget accepted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 6:55 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk