

COUNCIL MEETING

February 25, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2019 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 Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee, Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson and Charles Long.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of February 11, 2019 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- Councilmember Rowland stated the committee met at 5:15 this evening and have item number three on tonight's agenda.
Parks and Recreation	- Councilmember Branch stated the committee met February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and have item number one on tonight's agenda.
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF FLOORING AT THE PARAGOULD COMMUNITY CENTER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Councilmember Branch stated the committee met with Parks Director, Pat Austin, two weeks ago to discuss a quote from Ajax Flooring for \$25,605.37 to finish the flooring at the Community Center. Since the previous flooring was purchased at Ajax and they can match the new flooring needed and because the project needs to be completed in a timely manner due to scheduling commitments the committee requested this ordinance to waive competitive bidding.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-03)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO ATTACH LIENS TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE ADDRESS 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 and legal description only by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

Code Enforcement Office, J.D. Stephenson, provided the council with documentation regarding clean-up of the properties.

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

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-10)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Councilmember Rowland stated the committee met at 5:15 this evening to review the amended budget. Councilmember Rowland stated the general fund was over budget due to the purchase of property for new fire station, the hiring of 3 new police officers for Paragould School District Resource Officers and the purchase of a sanitation truck. The street fund was under budget. As a whole the city came in under budget approximately \$697,000.00.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-11)

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 6:17 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk