

COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 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 Mark Rowland.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of May 28, 2019 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. 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

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that Ride for Knowledge is a yearly event hosted by the Smoking Skulls Motorcycle Club to collect school supplies for local schools. Ride for Knowledge will be held August 24th from 8 a.m. until midnight. This resolution will close North Second Avenue between Garland Street and Main Street.

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

Roll call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-29)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, A NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 1012 ROYAL STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name and legal description by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with documentation and photos of the property. Property owner, Gelacio Hernandez was present and addressed the council. Mr. Hernandez stated that he had some health issues and was requesting more time to work on the property. Officer Stephenson stated that he has been dealing with the particular property for over a year. At this time the property has no electricity or running water and is for sale.

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

Roll call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-30)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, A NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 429 EAST COURT STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name and legal description by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with documentation and photos of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-31)

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 ORDINANCE

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with documentation of work completed on each property.

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

Roll call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-32)

ITEM #5

ENGINEER SERVICES APPROVAL

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that bids will be open for the new fire station next week and the council needs to approve the hire of ETC Engineers and Architects, Inc. for services. The cost of services, which include bidding services, construction administration, planning phase and design services will total \$201,875.00.

Motion made to hire ETC Engineers and Architects, Inc. for services on the fire station by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

ITEM #6

EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER – MONTHLY REPORT

The emergency dispatcher center took a total of 7884 calls for the month of May, 2019. Those calls include: 894 for Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, 15 for Arkansas State Police, 1 for Black River Technical College, 2 for Deleplaine Fire Department, 5 for Greene County Coroner, 1 for Greene County OEM, 11 for Greene County Rescue Squad, 1653 for Greene County Sheriff's Department, 20 for Lafe Fire Department, 49 for Marmaduke Fire Department, 185 for Marmaduke Police, 25 for Northeast Greene County Fire Department, 29 for Oak Grove Fire Department, 8 for Paragould Emergency Services, 479 for Paragould Fire Department, 4489 for Paragould Police Department, 1 for South Greene County Fire Department and 17 for Western Greene County Fire Department.

ITEM #7

MONTHLY REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of May, 2019 the fire department answered 227 incidents, issued 319 burn permits, made 174 business inspections, completed 733.3 training hours. Training topics included: EMT class – three fire department members have successfully received National Certification as EMT's. Several others are in the scheduling phase of National Certification Testing. Four department members are traveling to Georgia to participate in an Advanced Extrication Course for a week. All members participated in a three day advanced extrication lifting class using a school bus. Two members were lead instructors for an ALERT class hosted in Jonesboro and two members attending this training. (ALERT is an advanced course that teaches medical first responders how to engage with law enforcement to render medical aid to victims during an active shooter.) Eight members assisted assembling The Wall that Heals on May 29th and three assisted in disassembling on June 2nd.

ITEM #8

POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of May, 2019 the police department took 1257 incident reports, made 573 arrests (500 misdemeanor, 66 felony and 7 DWI), wrote 478 traffic tickets and worked 73 accidents. The report noted 92 felony cases were opened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill stated that members of the Council will be attending the Arkansas Municipal League training later this week.

Councilmember Biggs commented on how well the Linwood Cemetery Mausoleum looks with the improvements being made.

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 6:28 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk