

COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 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 Charles Long.

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

City Clerk Andrea Williams was present. City Attorney Allen Warmath was absent.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of June 24, 2019 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- Councilmember Rowland stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening and have item number seven on tonight's agenda.
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS. APPLICATION OF TROY AND LEAH GRAMLING,
PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 2900 BLOCK OF FAIRVIEW ROAD. SECOND
READING**

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

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

Mr. Gramling was present. Mr. Donald Gage was present and wanted to know what type of houses would be built in this subdivision if approved. Mr. Gramling explained that he is requesting a rezone to R-1, which is the most restrictive. He stated it would be single family homes, approximately 1400-1500 square feet, brick with a garage.

Mr. Bradley Jones and Mr. Donald Cole both reiterated their concerns with drainage and flooding issues.

Motion made by Councilmember Agee to table this ordinance until July 22nd, so that more information may be obtained; seconded by Councilmember Gibson. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

**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: 309 NORTH 12TH AVENUE**

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-34)

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: 1910 REYNOLDS ROAD

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-35)

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: 1223 SOUTH 6th STREET

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-36)

ITEM # 4

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: 700 EAST EMERSON STREET

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-37)

ITEM # 5

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: 1113 RECTOR ROAD

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-38)

ITEM #6

**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 IF THE CITY'S CODE OF
ORDINANCE**

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the properties.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-39)

ITEM #7

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT BIDS

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee met at 5:30 to discuss bids for the fire station. Councilmember Rowland stated the city received four bids: Tate General Contractors, \$4,784,600; CNI (Construction Network, Inc.), \$4,959,250; KEG Construction, \$5,286,054; and Wagner General Contractors, \$5,496,078. ETC Engineers and Architects, Inc. have reviewed the bids and vetted each company.

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee recommended accepting the low bid from Tate General Contractors for \$4,784,600; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

ITEM #8

MONTHLY REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of June, 2019 the fire department answered 212 incidents, issued 332 burn permits, made 85 business inspections, completed 858 training hours and made four public education visits. Training topics included: vehicle extrication, hazardous material operations, fire scene investigation, emergency medical procedures, firefighting tactics, and active shooter response.

The fire department had four members attend the North American Heavy Rescue Symposium in Georgia. Two members taught an ALERT-AIR (Active Shooter Integrated Response) class to Pocahontas Police, Fire and Sheriff’s departments. Paragould School District donated an old school bus to train with vehicle extrication and stabilization. Two members became nationally registered EMT’s and two members attended the Arkansas Fire Chief’s and Firefighter’s Convention in Hot Springs and attended several classes.

ITEM #9

POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of June, 2019 the police department took 1284 incident reports, made 601 arrests (534 misdemeanor, 62 felony and 5 DWI), wrote 197 traffic tickets (minus e-cite tickets) and worked 58 accidents. The report noted 85 felony cases were opened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Gibson stated that he had been contacted for the telephone number for Vector Disease Control and the number had been disconnected. He advised the number has been changed to (870)933-6939.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Biggs moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:54 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk