

COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 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 Josh Agee, Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams and Randy Aden. Charles Long was absent.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of July 22, 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	- Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:15 this evening to discuss a drainage ordinance and an entertainment district ordinance. The committee will review the ordinance and bring them back at a later date.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES RELATING TO RATES CHARGED FOR ACCESS TO TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION SIGNALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Paragould Light, Water and Cable General Manager and CEO Darrell Phillips, Cable Studio Manager Holly Gordon and Attorney Robert Thompson were present to answer any questions the council may have. Ms. Gordon explained to the council that this allows PLWC to establish rates for internet advertising. Ms. Gordon stated customers will be able to purchase Display, Pre-Roll and Connected Video for any device.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-13)

ITEM # 2

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR MOWING EIGHT MILE DRAINAGE DITCH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Public Works Director Terry McAbee was present to answer any questions the council may have. Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that Hessling Construction, Inc. has mowed the Eight Mile Drainage Ditch, as required by the Corp of Engineers, as well as other ditches in the city. Mr. Hessling has the equipment needed to perform this job, is familiar with the work and can perform this job in a timely manner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-14)

ITEM # 3

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR POLICE CAR COMPUTER MOUNTS, DOCKING STATIONS, INSTALLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Paragould Police Captain Brent McCain was present to address the council. Captain McCain has secured a 90/10 grant with Arkansas Highway Safety Office for \$124,000.00 to purchase computers, mounts, docking stations, scanners and printers for the police vehicles. Bids were taken for thirty computers, scanners, printers and driver's license readers with the lowest being the state bid from PCM-G for \$68,383.24.

The computers will need to be installed in each vehicle. The only places to have the computers and equipment installed are in Memphis, Little Rock and at Paragould Communications in Paragould. Due to each car needing to be taken and left until the mounts can be installed, delivering the cars to Little Rock or Memphis would be very time consuming and expensive for the city. Therefore competitive bidding needs to be waived to use the local company.

Paragould Communications has submitted a quote for thirty docking stations at \$27,631.51, thirty computer mounts for \$17,821.51 and installation fees for \$3,270.00; for a total price of \$48,723.02.

Motion made to place the ordinance/disbursement on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-15)

Motion made to adopt the emergency clause separately by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Emergency clause adopted.

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 VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 405 WEST DENNINGTON

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-41)

ITEM # 5

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 and amount only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with photos and documentation of each property.

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

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-42)

ITEM #6

MONTHLY REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of July, 2019 the fire department answered 224 incidents, which included nine fires, 84 medical assist and 60 motor vehicles accidents with injury.

ITEM # 7

MONTHLY REPORT – EMERGENCY 9-1-1

The emergency dispatcher center took a total of 8004 calls for the month of July, 2019. Those calls include: 882 for Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, 9 for Arkansas State Police, 5 for Greene County Coroner, 2 for Greene County OEM, 2 for Greene County Rescue Squad, 1616 for Greene County Sheriff's Department, 12 for Lafa Fire Department, 59 for Marmaduke Fire Department, 234 for Marmaduke Police, 19 for Northeast Greene County Fire Department, 32 for Oak Grove Fire Department, 1 for Paragould Emergency Services, 472 for Paragould Fire Department, 4650 for Paragould Police Department, 7 for South Greene County Fire Department and 2 for Western Greene County Fire Department.

ITEM #8

POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of July, 2019 the police department took 1256 incident reports, made 322 arrests (285 misdemeanor and 37 felony), wrote 345 traffic tickets and worked 75 accidents. The report noted 72 felony cases were opened and officers completed 504 training hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council Airport Manager, Roger Slayton, has contacted him regarding an electric gate that is malfunctioning at the airport. Mr. Slayton has secured a 90/10 grant from the Arkansas Airport Commission to replace the gate. The cost of the gate is \$8710.40 with the city's part being approximately \$871.00.

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 6:45 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk