

COUNCIL MEETING

January 29, 2026

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Paragould City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, with Mayor Agee presiding.

Paragould City Clerk

The invocation was led by Council Member Jared Pickney.

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were Pat Austin, Brad Baine, Jackie Branch, Jared Pickney, Tim Roswell, Dustin Rumsey, Susan Wooldridge, and Neal Adams.

City Attorney Robert Thompson and City Clerk Kylie Reynolds were also present.

Council Member Austin moved to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting, held on January 12, 2026, as transcribed; seconded by Council Member Branch. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance - None

Parks and Recreation - None

Public Safety - None

Ordinances - There will be a committee meeting at 5:20 p.m. prior to the council meeting on February 9, 2026.

Public Works - Met at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026, to discuss bid prices. Public Works Director Adam Followell was present to discuss the bids and stated there will be an auction on March 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Council Member Baine moved to accept the low bids; seconded by Council Member Adams. All in favor. There will be a committee meeting at 5:45 p.m. prior to the council meeting on February 9, 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM # 1

RICHARD ETHRIDGE IS REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL RESIDENCE ON A PRIVATE DRIVE. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1004 SOUTH ROCKINGCHAIR

Mr. Richard Ethridge was present to address the council. Planning and Development Director Kevin Lang was also present and stated that PMU and the fire department had no issues with the request.

Motion to approve a second residence on a private drive, allowing the drive to come off the church parking lot by Council Member Baine; seconded by Council Member Roswell.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero.

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS.

Motion that the resolution be offered by Council Member Rumsey; seconded by Council Member Branch.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes.

Teresa Branch, representing the Paragould Chamber Foundation, was present for any questions. The street closures will be for the Loose Caboose Festival on May 14, 15, and 16, 2026, and the Big Bell Tailgate Pep Rally on November 3, 2026.

Motion that the resolution be adopted made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Austin.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2026-03)

ITEM # 3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS.

Motion that the resolution be offered by Council Member Wooldridge; seconded by Council Member Branch.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes.

Miranda Reynolds, representing Main Street Paragould, was present for questions. The street closures will be for Street Splash Downtown on August 15, 2026, with a rainout date of August 22, 2026; Plates on Pruett on October 1, 2026; and the Christmas parade on December 8, 2026.

Motion that the resolution be adopted made by Council Member Roswell; seconded by Council Member Branch.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2026-04)

ITEM # 4

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS.

Motion that the ordinance be offered by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Rumsey.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes.

Emergency Dispatch Center Director Michael McCammon was present to address the council. Mr. McCammon stated that the plan is required to qualify for federal or state grants, is a guide for navigating natural disasters, and outlines areas that need improvement.

Motion that the resolution be adopted made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Branch.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2026-05)

ITEM # 5

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion that the ordinance be offered by Council Member Wooldridge; seconded by Council Member Austin.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes.

Mayor Agee stated that this must be passed through the governing body and give the council a chance to look through the records before destruction. City Treasurer Shelia Ragsdell was also present for questions.

Motion that the resolution be adopted made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Roswell.

Roll Call: Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2026-06)

ITEM # 6

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. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 101 NORTH 10TH AVE AND IS OWNED BY CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC.

Mayor Agee stated the mortgage company is requesting an extension so they may take the appropriate action to prepare the property to be sold.

Motion that the resolution be tabled for 30 days made by Council Member Baine; seconded by Council Member Branch. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Council Member Austin moved for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Council Member Branch. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.



Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kylie Reynolds, City Clerk