

COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2026

Paragould City Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, with Mayor Agee presiding.

The invocation was led by Council Member Jared Pickney.

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

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

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 29, 2026, as transcribed; seconded by Council Member Adams. All in favor.

Council Member Wooldridge moved that the financial statements for January 2026 be approved as presented; seconded by Council Member Austin. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

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| Finance | - None |
| Parks and Recreation | - Met at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, to discuss bids for a new tractor at the community center and lawn maintenance at Bland Baseball Park. Parks and Recreation Director James Kashak was present to discuss the bids. He stated both items are in the budget, with the tractor being just below budget at \$47,739.23 from Legacy Equipment and the lawn maintenance slightly above budget at \$65,376.00 from NEA Turf Care. Council Member Roswell moved to accept the bids; seconded by Council Member Adams. All in favor. |
| Public Safety | - None |
| Ordinances | - Met at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, to discuss proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. (Items #3 and #4 on the agenda) |

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Public Works

- Met at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, to discuss bids through Sourcewell for a new boom truck for the sanitation department and a new gravel truck for the street department. Public Works Director Adam Followell was present to discuss the bids and stated both bids are under budget at \$211,611.00 and \$160,596.00, respectively. Council Member Adams moved to accept the low bids; seconded by Council Member Austin. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM # 1

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT.

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

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

Attorney H.T. Moore was present, representing Colby Lovelace. Mr. Moore stated this application is for Lemonade House Grille, which will be moving locations to 310 South Pruett, Paragould, AR.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the first reading made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Roswell.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading made by Council Member Roswell; seconded by Council Member Rumsey.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading made by Council Member Branch; seconded by Council Member Austin.

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

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

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

Motion to adopt the emergency clause separately made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Roswell.

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

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS.

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

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

Megan McAlister with McAlister Engineering was present, representing property owners Duc Dao and Vi Nguyen. The property owners are requesting a rezoning of 1819 Reynolds Rd, Paragould, AR, for the purpose of building a subdivision. Planning and Development Director Kevin Lang stated this had gone through planning and development and was unanimously approved to be presented to the council. Mr. Lang also stated the lots will have a minimum of 8000 square feet, and the plats will go through planning and development and technical review before being presented to the council again for final approval.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the first reading made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Branch.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading made by Council Member Roswell; seconded by Council Member Pickney.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading made by Council Member Pickney; seconded by Council Member Adams.

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

Motion that the ordinance be adopted by Council Member Baine; seconded by Council Member Branch.

Roll Call: Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes; Austin, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2026-07)

ITEM # 3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 7 OF THE CITY ZONING CODE FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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

The ordinance committee met at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026. Planning and Development Director Kevin Lang presented the grid for the establishment of how trees would be replanted when a property is developed. The committee voted unanimously in favor of presenting the ordinance to the council.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the first reading made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Roswell.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading made by Council Member Roswell; seconded by Council Member Wooldridge.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading made by Council Member Pickney; seconded by Council Member Austin.

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

Motion that the ordinance be adopted by Council Member Rumsey; seconded by Council Member Roswell.

Roll Call: Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes; Austin, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2026-08)

Motion to adopt the emergency clause separately made by Council Member Wooldridge; seconded by Council Member Austin.

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

ITEM # 4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF THE CITY ZONING CODE FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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

The ordinance committee met at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026. Planning and Development Director Kevin Lang presented the council with a revision to the signs article of the zoning code. The committee voted unanimously in favor of presenting the ordinance to the council.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the first reading made by Council Member Rumsey; seconded by Council Member Adams.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading made by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Wooldridge.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading made by Council Member Pickney; seconded by Council Member Roswell.

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

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

Roll Call: Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes; Austin, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2026-09)

Motion to adopt the emergency clause separately made by Council Member Baine; seconded by Council Member Austin.

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

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 VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 304 TECH STREET AND IS OWNED BY HEATH COX RITTER.

Motion that the resolution be offered and read by address and last known owner by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Branch.

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

The council was provided with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll Call: Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes; Austin, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2026-07)

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 430 EAST VINE STREET AND IS OWNED BY GAIL WAYNE LAROE, JULIE LAROE, AND THE COMMISSION OF STATE LAND.

Motion that the resolution be offered and read by address and last known owner by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Branch.

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

The council was provided with documentation and photographs of the property. Mr. Wayne Laroe appeared in opposition. Lieutenant Nate Herget was present and presented the council with a comprehensive review of properties owned by Mr. Laroe within the city limits of Paragould, AR, which included certified delinquent balances, clean-up actions, condemnation status, and enforcement summary.

Motion for Mr. Laroe to put up a bond for the cost of condemnation of \$6,000 and allow six months for improvements, and obtain appropriate permits to obtain a certificate of occupancy made by Council Member Baine; seconded by Council Member Branch.

Roll Call: Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, no; Austin, yes. Motion passed seven to one.

ITEM # 7

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 707 EAST LAKE ST AND IS OWNED BY IRVAN E COPELAND, JR.

Motion that the resolution be offered and read by address and last known owner by Council Member Adams; seconded by Council Member Branch.

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

The council was provided with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll Call: Baine, yes; Branch, yes; Pickney, yes; Roswell, yes; Rumsey, yes; Wooldridge, yes; Adams, yes; Austin, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2026-08)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Council Member Roswell moved for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Council Member Branch. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kylie Reynolds, City Clerk