

COUNCIL MEETING

April 26, 2021

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Senior Pastor Marc Reeves of Westview Baptist Church.

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

Those present were Susan Williams, Neal Adams, Randy Aden, Brad Baine, Jeremy Biggs, Lindsey Boggs, Aaron Camp and Mark Rowland.

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of April 12, 2021 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Aden. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING – APPLICATION OF BOBBY AND STACY RYALL

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Bigg.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Bobby and Stacey Ryall, who were also present. Mr. Colbert explained that Mr. and Mrs. Ryall are wanting a commercial building permit to build on a private drive. At the last meeting Mrs. Goins, that lives at the end of the private drive, but does not own it, was present to oppose to this permit being issued. Mr. Colbert stated that things have been worked out with Mrs. Goins and she is now in agreement with the permit being issued. Councilmember Baine stated that he spoke with Mrs. Goins prior to this meeting and she is now in agreement.

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-21)

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

PRESENTATION BY ROGER COLBERT REGARDING 1201 EAST LAKE STREET

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Robert Gall and Brad Caldwell (licensed contractors). Mr. Gall and Mr. Caldwell were in the process of purchasing 1201 East Lake Street and were advised that the property was condemned April 12, 2021.

Mr. Colbert stated that if the destruction of this property could be postponed his clients were willing to sign an agreement and put up a bond in the amount of \$5000 to be used to for the demolition if they do not have this property up to code and a certificate of occupancy issued within six months.

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mr. Gall and Mr. Caldwell to pause this condemnation, accept a \$5000 bond and issue a building permit to expire six month from the closing date from the sale so that this property may be restored; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero.

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEES FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES AT THE PARAGOULD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, TO ENACT AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Camp.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Councilmember Williams stated the Parks and Recreation Committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss the fees charged for the aquatic center. Councilmember Williams stated the fees have not been increased in five years and due to the increase in minimum wage and the cost of supplies/chemicals an increase is needed.

Councilmember Williams stated the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended raising the cost of a private pool party from \$500 to \$600, the cost of a semi-private pool party from \$250 to \$300 and the daily fee from \$5 to \$7 and allowing under 2 to be admitted free.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Motion made the that rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on the second reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Baine.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Aden; seconded by Councilmember Camp.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-14)

Motion made that the emergency clause be adopted separately made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Emergency clause adopted.

ITEM # 3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS – DOWNTOWN AFTER HOURS

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Main Street Directors, Gina Jarrett and Miranda Reynolds, were present to address the council. Ms. Reynolds told the council that this is a new event to bring people downtown to promote new business in conjunction with the Summer Concert Series. Downtown After Hours will be held the second Friday of May, June, July and August from 5:30 until 9:30.

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-22)

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 BUILDING SEC 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Code enforcement officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with

photographs and documentation of the property. Property owner, Victoria Retherford, was present to address the council. Mrs. Retherford stated the house is structurally sound and they are wanting to repair the house and bring it up to code so that her daughter and son-in-law may move into the house. Mrs. Retherford stated that they have had several illnesses over the last year and have not had the money to do the repair. She stated they have received stimulus money and will be using it to make the necessary repairs.

Motion made to table the resolution until May 24, 2021 to see if improvements have been made by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution tabled.

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 BUILDING SEC 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 208 LANDRUM LANE

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Code enforcement officer, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the property. Owner Joshua Martin appeared to address the council. Mr. Martin stated that he recently purchased the property and is wanting to repair it. The process was explained to Mr. Martin that he would need to enter into an agreement and put up a bond to demolish the property if it is not complete within an agreed upon time. Mr. Martin was directed to contact City Inspector Greg Trout for help with this process. The council moved forward with the condemnation.

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-23)

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 BUILDING SEC 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 –
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 902 RECTOR ROAD**

Removed from agenda by Mayor Agee.

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 BUILDING SEC 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 –
PROPERTY LOCATED 308 EAST COURT STREET**

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: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes.

Code enforcement officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-24)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:56 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk