

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 24, 2021**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Pastor Rick Ethridge of Greater Vision Church.

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

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

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of May 10, 2021 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Camp. All in favor.

### **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Public Service	- None
Finance	- None
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**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 201 SOUTH 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

Motion made that the resolution be offered on April 23, 2021 by title, address, legal description and name only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs and tabled to give the homeowners an opportunity to repair the property.

Property owner, Victoria Retherford, appeared and addressed the council. Ms. Retherford stated that they worked on the property this past weekend, cleaning the yard, painting and purchased some items for the bathroom that have not been installed.

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, were present and provided the council with photographs that were taken last week and documentation of the property.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-28)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF  
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID RECREATIONAL TRAILS  
PROGRAM FUNDS**

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

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

Mayor Agee stated that this resolution is needed to apply for federal grant money for the Eight Mile Trail project. This phase will take the trail from Rotary Park to South Rockingchair Road at Greene County Tech Primary School.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-29)

## **ITEM #2**

### **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 owner's name, address, parcel number and amount only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Code enforcement officer, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the properties.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-30)

## **ITEM #3**

### **PRESENTATION OF 2019 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

Mayor Agee presented the 2019 Audit from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee to the council for their review. Those responsible for compliance are Mayor Mike Gaskill, Treasurer Georgia Rogers, City Clerk Andrea Williams, Finance Director Teresa Stormes and Police Chief Todd Stovall. City Clerk, Andrea Williams, told the council there were no reportable findings with the 2019 audit.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Attorney, Allen Warmath, announced his retirement as of June 30, 2021 to the council. He stated that he was appointed Deputy City Attorney in 2003, was appointed City Attorney in 2009 and was elected City Attorney in 2011 and is now eligible for retirement. Mr. Warmath stated that he will remain in private practice.

**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 6:25 p.m.

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Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk