

COUNCIL MEETING

October 11, 2021

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Pastor Benny Shadwick with Path 2 Restoration Church.

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

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

City Attorney Robert Thompson and City Clerk Andrea Williams were present.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of September 13, 2021, be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from special council meeting of September 30, 2021, be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- None
Parks and Recreation	- Councilmember Williams stated the parks committee met at 5:15 this evening to discuss rates for the aquatic center. Councilmember Williams stated an ordinance will be brought to the council on October 25 th .
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None

Sanitation	- Councilmember Aden stated the sanitation committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss purchasing a rear loader garbage truck. Councilmember Aden stated they would ask to amend tonight's agenda and add this ordinance.
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES – APPLICATION OF CHRIS AND DENISE MIDDLETON

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

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

Denise Middleton was present to answer any questions the council may have. Mayor Agee told the council that this property is located at the intersection of Country Club Road and Highway 135 North. The property is currently zoned R-2 and they are requesting a change to C-3. This rezone was presented to the planning commission on September 2, 2021. Five members were present and all five voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-27)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF A CERTAIN STREET – PLATES ON PRUETT

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

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

Gina Jarrett, Executive Director of Main Street Paragould and Miranda Maxwell, Assistant Director, were present to answer any questions the council may have. Mayor Agee told the council that his resolution was needed to close the 100 South Block of Pruett Street on Monday, October 18th for Plates on Pruett. This is a fundraising dinner hosted by the Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Leadership Paragould. They are trying to raise \$25,000 matching funds for a Blue and You grant to place items such as benches, tables and exercise equipment along the 8-Mile Trail.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-77)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that the airport has applied for a grant 90/10 from the Arkansas Aeronautics Department to build hangar access taxiways. The Arkansas Aeronautics Department's cost of the project is not to exceed \$88,717.68, therefore the city's portion would be \$8,872.00.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-78)

ITEM #4

A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that the airport has applied for a grant 80/20 from the Arkansas Aeronautics Department to build an 80 X 60 Clear Span Hangar. The Arkansas Aeronautics Department's cost of the project is not to exceed \$250,000.00, therefore the city's portion would be \$50,000.00. The hangar will have a 18 X 75 door to house small jets. Mayor Agee told the council that a lease for \$1,100.00 a month (\$13,000.00 a year) has already been secured for the hangar.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-79)

ITEM #5

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE TAX RATE TO THE COUNTY CLERK

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

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

Mayor Agee told the council that the city is required by law to certify the tax rate to the county clerk each year before November and that the tax rate has not changed.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Councilmember Adams; seconded by Councilmember Baine.

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-80)

ITEM #6

A RESOLUTION SETTING ACTIVITIES FOR HALLOWEEN ON OCTOBER 30, 2021

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

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

Mayor Agee explained to the council that changing the date to celebrate Halloween would allow more children to participate in activities and not interfere with church function or it being a school night.

Motion to adopt made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-81)

ITEM #7

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR A 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 – LOCATION: 713 SOUTH 5TH AVENUE

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, registered owner and address made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, Omar Overbay, was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-82)

ITEM #8

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR A 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 – LOCATION: 1107 OAKDALE

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, registered owner and address made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, Omar Overbay, was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-83)

ITEM #9

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR A 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 – LOCATION: 609 BRADBURN

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, registered owner and address made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, Omar Overbay, was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-84)

ITEM #10

**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 by Councilmember Rowland that the resolution be offered by title, owner, parcel number and amount only; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, Omar Overbay, provided the council with photographs and documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-85)

Motion made to amend the agenda and add item #11 an ordinance vacating and closing a platted alley situated in block 12 ½ of the original town of Paragould, Arkansas and item #12 an ordinance to waive the requirements of a competitive bidding for new equipment; and for other purposes made by Councilmember Councilmember Adams; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

ITEM #11

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CLOSING A PLATTED ALLEY SITUATED IN BLOCK 12 ½ OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF PARAGOULD, AR

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

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

A public hearing was held at 5:30 this evening to discuss this closing. Justin Bryant owns the property on each side of this platted alley that runs from South 2nd Avenue to the railroad tracks. The alley has not been used in several years. Mr. Bryant is wanting to close the alley to place a food truck at this location.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ITEM #12

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR NEW EQUIPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Councilmember Aden stated the sanitation committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss the lease of a Heil 5000 Rear Load garbage truck for \$203,652.16. Monthly payment will be \$4,048.00 including interest at 2.35%. The committee recommends approval of this lease.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Williams; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Agee read a proclamation proclaiming October 3-9, 2021 as National 4H Week. Lance Blythe with the Greene County Extension Office was present for the reading. Mr. Blythe also introduced a new extension agent, Blake Davis, to the council.

Mayor Agee stated the council has been given the departmental incident numbers for August and September.

Mayor Agee also told those present that a Covid 19 Pfizer booster, first and second dose vaccine clinic will be held at the Paragould Community Center on Saturday, October 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for those wanting the vaccine or booster.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Biggs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk