

COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Gaskill presiding.

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Councilmember Charles Long.

Those present were Charles Long, Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee, Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch and Farrell Gibson. Mark Rowland was absent.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of May 29, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- None
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- Councilmember Biggs called for a committee meeting at 5:45 p.m. on June 25, 2018.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE, EXECUTE CLOSING DOCUMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson.

Mayor Gaskill explained that this for land being purchased on Highway 49 North to build a new number one fire station.

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

Roll call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson.
Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-22)

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 title, owner and address only by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson.

Code Enforcement Officer J.D. Stephenson provided the council with documentation and photos of the property.

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

Roll call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson.
Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-23)

ITEM #3

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of May, 2018 the fire department responded to 85 incidents, issued 324 burn permits, made 215 business inspections, and completed 735 training hours.

ITEM #4

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of May, 2018 the police department took 1228 incident reports, made 353 arrests (280 misdemeanor, 86 felony and 2 DWI arrests), issued 560 traffic tickets, worked 84 accidents and opened 86 felony cases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the 911 Dispatch Center will be open on June 25, 2018.

He also stated that the children's playground at the community center is still in progress. There has been an issue with water drainage and the public works department has installed a drain pipe to correct the issue. Fencing to be installed before the playground is open.

Mayor Gaskill also informed the council that the pool has been busy at the community center.

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the Annual Fishing Rodeo was held at Reynolds Park Saturday. There were 200 children present. The Greene County Future Fund hosted the Get Downtown Festival. The Greene County Museum hosted a car show and The Relay for Life was at Harmon Park Friday night.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Branch moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


Paragould City Council

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk