

PUBLIC HEARING
February 12, 2018
5:45 p.m.

A public hearing was held at City Hall in the Council Room at 5:45 p.m. regarding a Community Block Grant from the State of Arkansas for Arkansas Community and Economic Development for an Economic Development Project for the Mission Outreach.

There were approximately 25 people present for the public hearing including Emily Hathcoat with East Arkansas Planning and Development District. The purpose of tonight's hearing is to determine the needs of the community and prioritize those needs. This grant will be used to install a fire suppressant sprinkler system at the Mission Outreach. Jackie Ross with the Mission Outreach explained the need for a sprinkler system to protect the building and residents of the Mission Outreach.

No one appeared in opposition of this project.

COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 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 Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee, Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson and Charles Long.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of January 22, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service - None

Finance - Councilmember Rowland stated the committee met at 5:15 this evening to discuss a possible A & P tax on hotels/motels. The finance committee will send this to the ordinance committee for an ordinance to be drafted and brought back at a later date.

Councilmember Rowland also stated that the Mayor will present the amended budget at the February 26th meeting and called for a finance committee meeting at 5:30 that evening.

Parks and Recreation

- None

Police

- Councilmember Agee stated the committee met earlier this evening and have item number two on tonight's agenda.

Public Health and Ordinances

- None

Fire

- Councilmember Long stated the committee met at 5:43 this evening to discuss the bids on a fire truck. Fire Chief Kevin Lang was present and told the committee that he only received one bid for \$291,724.00 from EVS MidSouth. This bid was for a 2018 Kenworth with a two door cab. This truck will be replacing a 1996 model truck.

Motion made to accept the low bid on the 2018 Kenworth for \$291,724.00 by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Sanitation

- None

Street/Cemetery

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained that the ordinance committee has had several meetings to discuss this ordinance.

Robert Piercy appeared to ask about the location where a food truck could be placed. He understood that a food truck could not be placed on private property. The council explained that a food truck could be placed on private property as long as the owner of the food truck has permission from the property owner.

Councilman Biggs explained that this ordinance is designed to protect city property and to make sure that out of town vendors have to follow the same rules as local businesses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-01)

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE NEW VEHICLES IN 2018 FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained that rear air is not included in the state bid but is required in the vehicles. It is much more cost effective to purchase the vehicles with rear air rather than have it installed after they are purchased. The cars will be purchased from Glen Sain for the state bid price plus the cost of the rear air.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-02)

Motion made by Councilmember Gibson to adopt the emergency clause separately; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Emergency clause adopted.

ITEM #3

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. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 105 SOUTH 17TH AVENUE

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-03)

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 BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 813 GENTRY STREET

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-04)

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. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1004 NORTH 4TH STREET (RILEY'S PIG)

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-05)

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. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 112 WEST PEARL

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-06)

ITEM #7

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.

Removed from agenda per Mayor Gaskill. Will be addressed the at next meeting.

ITEM #8

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of January, 2018 the police department took 1,114 incident reports, made 392 arrests (343 misdemeanor and 49 felony), wrote 275 traffic tickets and worked 77 accidents.

ITEM #9

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of January, 2018 the fire department answered 43 fire calls, 20 motor vehicles, 5 citizen complaint calls, 19 public assist calls, issued 163 burn permits, made 19 business inspections, completed 1240 training hours and made 1 educational visit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the equipment is being installed in the E-911 Dispatch Center and the center should be open in April or May.

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 6:37 p.m.


Paragould City Council

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk