

COUNCIL MEETING
June 25, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 25, 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 Mark Rowland.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of June 11, 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 stated the committee met at 5:45 this evening and have item number one on tonight's agenda.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO PROPOSE TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, STAGGERED FOUR YEAR TERMS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Councilmember Biggs stated the ordinance committee met earlier this evening to discuss this ordinance. Councilmember Biggs stated this ordinance was to refer this matter to the voters in the next general election. He explained that by staggering the seats this will insure that all eight council seats are not open at the same time and will allow for some experience to remain on the council. Councilmember Biggs stated the ordinance recommends adoption of this ordinance.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-07)

Motion made that the emergency clause be adopted separately by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Emergency clause adopted

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT FORREST RIDGE DRIVE WHICH IS LOCATED OFF OF BRONZE LEAF DRIVE

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

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

Mayor Gaskill told council that this street has been completed for a while and the owners have requested to have it dedicated to the city. Public Works Director, Terry McAbee and Assistant Director, Wayne Ellenburg, have both inspected this road and stated that it meets the city's guidelines.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Gibson.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-08)

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 LOCATION: 806 EAST COURT STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, owner, address and parcel only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-24)

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 LOCATION: 507 EAST GARLAND STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, owner, address and parcel only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-25)

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 LOCATION: 123 NORTH 4th AVENUE

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, owner, address and parcel only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-26)

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 LOCATION: 805 NORTH 15th AVENUE

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, owner, address and parcel only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-27)

ITEM #7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF PARGOULD, 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 Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-28)

ITEM #8

REPORT FROM VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL

Mayor Gaskill stated he received a call from Vector and they would not be able to make it to the meeting tonight. No report given.

ITEM #9

**APPOINTMENT TO CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION TO SERVE A 3-YEAR TERM:
DEBBIE WALTERS**

Motion made by Councilmember Branch to appoint Debbie Walters to City Beautiful Commission for a three year term; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

ITEM #10

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION TO SERVE 3 YEAR TERMS: SUSAN YOUNGBLOOD, BONNIE HAMILTON, VICKI GRIGGS, DONNA KNIGHT AND FARRELL GIBSON

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs to re-appoint Susan Youngblood, Bonnie Hamilton, Vicki Griggs, Donna Knight and Farrell Gibson to City Beautiful Commission for a three year term; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, abstain; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Appointments confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the E-911 Center began operating today. A ribbon cutting was held last Thursday and there was a large number of people in attendance. Mayor Gaskill stated he received a text message from a volunteer fire fighter stating they were paged out to a fire this afternoon and everything went very well.

Mayor Gaskill also stated that we closed on the property at Highway 49N and Morgan Street to build a new fire station this morning.

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 6:36 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk