

COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 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 Josh Agee.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of June 25, 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 5:30 this evening and have item number two on tonight's agenda. The committee also discussed purchasing property and a resolution will be brought back at a later date.
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR REPAIRS TO HVAC SYSTEMS AT THE AQUATIC CENTER, TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained that the HVAC systems are not working properly and need to be repaired/replaced. Mayor Gaskill stated that if the units go completely down the aquatic center will have to be closed until they can be fixed. Two companies were contacted regarding bids for the units. G/G Electric had the lowest bid and is a locally owned company that will be available at any time if any issues arise. He stated that this money was included in this year's budget and this purchase comes as a recommendation of the finance committee. The council agreed to pay for the equipment up front and pay for the labor when the job is complete.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-09)

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

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

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RURAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Gaskill stated the finance committee met with Paragould Light Water and Cable General Manager and CEO Darrell Phillips, Chief Operations Officer Brett Bradford and Attorney Robert Thompson at 5:30 this evening to discuss purchasing part of the Western Greene County Regional Water District that is located within the city limits of Paragould. This purchase will insure that new constructions built within the city limits will have water and sewer provided by PLWC and that within three years all existing structures inside the city limits that are currently on WGCWD will be moved to PLWC. Councilmember Rowland stated that the finance committee recommends this purchase.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, abstain; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-29)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR AN EVENT ENTITLED "RIDE FOR KNOWLEDGE" TO COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

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

Mayor Gaskill stated this is an event hosted by the Smoking Skulls Motorcycle Club to collect school supplies.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-30)

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: 615 SOUTH SECOND AVENUE

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

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-31)

ITEM #5

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, address, parcel number and amount only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, 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: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-32)

ITEM #6

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of June, 2018 the fire department responded to 85 incidents, issued 186 burn permits, made 141 business inspections, and completed 830.5 training hours.

ITEM #7

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of June, 2018 the police department took 1357 incident reports, made 321 misdemeanor arrests, issued 493 traffic tickets, and worked 65 accidents. Felony case numbers were not available due to personnel on vacation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the Mission Outreach will host a Character Pancake Breakfast Saturday, July 14 from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Mason Lodge on Court Street.

Councilmember Biggs stated that Habitat for Humanity will start building a new home on 7th Street Saturday if anyone would like to help.

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 6:47 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk