

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 27, 2018**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 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 Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson, Charles Long, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee and Jeremy Biggs.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of August 13, 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 that the committee met at 5:15 this evening. The committee discussed purchasing 6 police vehicles. If the vehicles are preordered the city will receive a discount and save approximately \$30,000.00, making the cost of the vehicles \$195,000.00. Councilmember Rowland stated that if the vehicles were to come in before 2019 the council will need to amend the budget but the vehicles are not expected until 2019 and will be included in next year's budget.

Motion made to preorder the police vehicles to receive the discount made by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

Councilmember Rowland stated the committee also discussed the tornado sirens with Nicki Arnold with Paragould Communications. Mr. Arnold stated that the city has 12 sirens that are approximately 12 years old. Four of those need maintenance at this time. Mr. Arnold told the

committee that we could do a quick fix for approximately \$900.00 or a long term upgrade for \$1900.00. The committee stated they would rather see the long term upgrades done and a plan on upgrading the other eight to keep them operable.

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**

**REPORT – VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL**

No one from VCDI was present. A report was given to each councilmember. The report stated that for the month of July, 2018 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 21.7 mosquitos per trap night. Five areas were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and none of those sites had larval present. VCDI applied adulticide on 36 truck nights spraying a total of 1030.6 miles (37,494.40 acres) using a total of 334.10 gallons of adulticide. VCDI responded to 48 service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of July, 2018.

**ITEM #2**

**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: 503 NORTH 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

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

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, 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: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-43)

### **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: 102 SOUTH 17<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with photos and documentation of the property. Property owner, Rick Wineland, was also present to address the council. Mr. Wineland presented photos of other properties within the city and county that he feels are unkept and need to be condemned. Mr. Wineland stated that he doesn't understand why his property is considered a nuisance.

After reviewing the paper work the council asked questions regarding the property. Mr. Wineland stated the property had burned about 3 ½ years ago and that he has not made any improvements to the property since that time. Mr. Wineland was asked about a time frame to renovate the property and he stated that he did not have a time frame and that he is planning to use the property for storage.

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

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-44)

**ITEM #4**

**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 Agee; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, 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 Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-45)

**ITEM #5**

**MELONI GOODSON – RELATING TO CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY**

Ms. Goodson asked to address the council regarding property that she owns at 1308 Rector Road, 816 Vance Street and 819 Vance Street that were condemned at the August 13, 2018 meeting. Ms. Goodson stated that she misread the letter and thought that the meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2018.

Ms. Goodson brought photos to show the council the work that has been done on the houses. Ms. Goodson stated that she feels the properties have been completed and should not be condemned.

Councilmember Biggs explained to Ms. Goodson that she has 30 days from the date of the condemnations to have the Paragould City Inspector inspect the property and provide her with a Certificate of Occupancy. It was explained to Ms. Goodson that if she receives the Certificate of Occupancy the property may be inhabited again, if not the properties will be demolished.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Agee moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk