

COUNCIL MEETING

September 24, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 24, 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 Charles Long, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee, and Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch and Farrell Gibson.

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of September 10, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Biggs. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- None
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

VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL

No one from VCDI was present. A report was given to each councilmember. The report stated that for the month of August, 2018 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 30.6 mosquitos per trap night. Two areas were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and none of those sites had larval present. VCDI applied adulticide on 23 truck nights spraying a total of 756.30 miles (27894.80 acres) using a total of 251.50 gallons of adulticide. VCDI responded to 11 service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of August, 2018.

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS. APPLICATION OF DOUBLE TROUBLE, LLC

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Brooksie Hartness and Bonita Poyner of Double Trouble, LLC, who were also present. Mr. Colbert stated the property is currently zoned R1 and R2. Double Trouble, LLC is requesting a rezone of the front 5.49 acres to C-3 and the back 9.81 acres to R4. Mr. Colbert stated this rezone was presented to the Planning Commission on September 6, 2018. Five members were present and all five voted in favor of the rezone.

Ms. Hartness stated the goal for the property was to build commercial property on the front 5.49 acres and condominiums on the back 9.81 acres. She stated that Kelly Panneck was in the process of drawing plans for the property at this time.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the second reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

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

Roll Call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-12)

ITEM #3

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION OF
KATHY DIANE SIMONS TO VACATE AND CLOSE A PORTION OF A PLATTED
ALLEY SITUATED IN BLOCK 53 OF GLASSCOCK'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present to represent Kathy Diane Simons. Mr. Colbert stated that Ms. Simons had entered into a contract to sale the property located at 103 Wilson and during the process discovered there is a house and an out building built across the alley. This resolution sets a public hearing for 5:30 p.m. on October 8, 2018.

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

Roll Call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-47)

ITEM #4

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT STONE RIDGE DRIVE, SHADOW RIDGE DRIVE,
FIELDSTONE DRIVE AND A PART OF BELLWOOD DRIVE, AND A PART OF 39TH
STREET, ALL IN SHADOW RIDGE SUBDIVISION**

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

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

Mayor Gaskill provided the council with documentation from Public Works Director, Terry McAbee and Assistant Public Works Director, Wayne Ellenburg, stating the streets have been inspected and meet the city's requirements.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-13)

ITEM #5

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN NEW VEHICLES 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 Branch.

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

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that these vehicles have already been approved by the council but this ordinance needs to be passed so that the vehicles can be ordered and received in a timely manner.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the second reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Aden; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

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

Roll Call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-14)

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

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

ITEM #6

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, name, address, parcel number and title only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, provided the council with documentation and photos of work done on each property.

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

Roll Call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-48)

ITEM #7

PRESENTATION OF 2017 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Mayor Gaskill presented the 2017 Audit from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee to the council for their review. Mayor Gaskill told the council that those responsible for compliance are Mayor Mike Gaskill, Treasurer Georgia Rogers, City Clerk Andrea Williams, District Court Clerk Jamie McClelland and Police Chief Todd Stovall.

Mayor Gaskill stated the only finding on the report was that competitive bidding was not solicited on some equipment for the E-911 Dispatch center. These items had been approved by the council and were under the \$20,000 requirement but were billed on one invoice causing the total to be over the \$20,000.

Motion made that the 2017 Legislative Audit be accepted made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Audit approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill stated there will be an A & P Commission meeting this Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5 p.m. at City Hall for anyone that wants to attend.

Mayor Gaskill also reminded the council that the Sr. Bees have challenged them to a Bean Bag Baseball game tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Meloni Gibson was present and requested to be placed on the agenda. She was instructed to speak to Treasurer Georgia Rogers regarding agenda items.

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 6:47 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk