

PUBLIC HEARING

October 8, 2018

A public hearing was held Monday, October 8, 2018 at 5:30 to discuss the closing of an alley located in Block 53 of Glasscock's Addition to the City of Paragould. Twelve people were in attendance. Attorney Roger Colbert appeared representing Kathy Diane Simons. Ms. Simons owns the property on each side of the alley and has recently discovered that the house and shop were built on the alley. No opposition appeared.

Motion made to approve the reading of the ordinance by Councilmember Branch; seconded by Councilmember Long. All in favor.

COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 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 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 September 24, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Branch. 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

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CLOSING A PORTION OF A PLATTED ALLEY
LOCATED IN BLOCK 53 OF GLASSCOCK'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

Motion made that the ordinance be offered 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.

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Kathy Diane Simons. A public hearing was held at 5:30 this evening to discuss this matter. Ms. Simons is requesting to close a platted alley in Block 53 of Glasscock's Addition. Ms. Simons owns the property on each side of the alley and has recently discovered that the house and shop were built on top of the alley. Ms. Simons is needing to close the alley to transfer ownership to the new property owner. No opposition appeared.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading 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.

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

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

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. 2018-15)

ITEM #2

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: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, 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 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. 2018-49)

ITEM #3

FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of September the fire department answered 111 incidents, issued 261 burn permits, made 123 business inspections, completed 662.5 training hours and made four educational visit with approximately 395 contacts.

ITEM #4

POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of September the police department took 1404 incident reports, made 580 arrests (514 misdemeanors, 56 felonies and 10 DWI), wrote 241 traffic tickets and worked 84 accidents. The report noted 62 felony cases were opened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill passed out Arkansas Ballot Issue books that had been provided by the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, so that the councilmembers may answer any question regarding the upcoming ballot issues.

ADJOURMENT:

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 6:15 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk