

PUBLIC HEARING

March 11, 2019

A public hearing was held at 5:45 p.m. on March 11, 2019 in the Council Room of City Hall to discuss an ACEDP grant for the Mission Outreach. Approximately 17 people were present.

Cheri Peters, Executive Director of the Mission Outreach explained that this grant will be used to make needed repairs including installing a sprinkler system, replacing particle board, making ceiling repairs, installing flooring and upgrading and repairing the restrooms.

Jackie Ross, Mission Outreach Development Director, stated that the Mission Outreach received this grant in 2016 to make repairs to the outside of the building. Mr. Ross stated the Mission Outreach is in desperate need of a sprinkler system to insure the safety of the residents.

No opposition appeared.

Public hearing adjourned at 5:49.

COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2019 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, Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson, Charles Long and Mark Rowland. Jeremy Biggs was absent.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of February 25, 2019 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	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

Motion made that the agreement be offered by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that this property, located at 109 Academy Drive, was on Code Enforcement Officer J.D. Stephenson list to be condemned. This property is located next to a water tower. Paragould Light, Water and Cable wants to purchase this property to build a water booster station and must have the approval of the city council. The owners Danie Marie Riddle and George Riddle, Jr. have agreed to sell this property to Paragould Light, Water and Cable for \$30,000.00. City Attorney, Allen Warmath, stated he will prepare a resolution to bring at the next meeting.

Motion made that the agreement be accepted by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried seven to zero.

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACEDP GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

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

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

A public hearing was held at 5:45 this evening regarding this grant. Mission Outreach Executive Director, Cheri Peters, and Development Director, Jackie Ross were present and address the council. They explained to the council that this grant will be to install a sprinkler system, make repairs to the inside of the building and renovate and repair the restrooms. Dustin Rumsey, Mission Outreach Board President, spoke in favor of this grant. No opposition appeared.

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No 2019-12)

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 VII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 528 EAST EMERSON STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address and legal description only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Code Enforcement Office, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs 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; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-13)

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 VII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 1232 HWY 135 NORTH

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address and legal description only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-14)

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 VII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 532 WEST THOMPSON STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address and legal description only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Code Enforcement Office, J.D. Stephenson was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs 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; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-15)

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 VII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 800 EAST POPLAR STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address and legal description only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

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

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

Roll call: Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-16)

ITEM #7

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – BRETT BRADFORD

Mayor Gaskill told the council that there is a vacancy on the planning and zoning commission and that he recommends Brett Bradford for this position.

Motion made to appoint Brett Bradford to the Planning and Zoning Commission by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

ITEM #8

MONTHLY REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of February, 2019 the fire department answered 181 incidents, issued 180 burn permits, made 89 business inspections, completed 1048.9 training hours and three public education visits. Training topics included EMT class (There are eight members participating in an online EMT class through Black River Technical College) and PFD hosted a 16 hour National Fire Academy class one weekend and had several members attend, technical rescue and hazardous materials.

ITEM #9

POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of February, 2019 the police department took 1020 incident reports, made 511 arrests (447 misdemeanors, 57 felony and 7 DWI), wrote 318 traffic tickets and worked 67 accidents. The report noted 77 felony cases were opened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

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 6:20 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk