

COUNCIL MEETING

March 25, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 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 Farrell Gibson.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of March 11, 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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE, EXECUTE CLOSING DOCUMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that this property, located at 109 Academy Drive, was discussed at the last meeting. Paragould Light Water and Cable wants to purchase this property, located next to the water tower, to install a pump station.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-17)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Motion made to amend the agenda and add this resolution by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained that this resolution is needed stating the city agrees to execute a contract with East Arkansas Planning and Development District and will be the administrator of an AEDC Block Grant for a community development project of renovations for the Mission Outreach.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No 2019-18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the roof is being replaced at the police substation due to leaks causing damage and an air conditioning unit that has gone out is being replaced at the police department. Also, Mayor Gaskill stated that four of the tornado sirens are not working properly. Two are needing new engines and two need repairs.

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 6:10 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk