

COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 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 Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson, Charles Long, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Randy Aden and Josh Agee.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of April 8, 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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS. APPLICATION OF DR. PEPPER BOTTLING COMPANY OF PARAGOULD

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert and Herb Bland were present representing Dr. Pepper Bottling Company. Mr. Colbert stated this request is to rezone this property, located at Highway 412 and Court Street, from M-1 to C-3. Mr. Colbert presented this rezone to the planning commission on April 4, 2019. Six members of the planning commission were present. Five members voted in favor of this rezone, Jake Bland abstained. Mr. Colbert stated this land is under contract pending this rezone and the buyer, Jerry Halsey, is planning on placing a quick serve restaurant in this location.

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

Roll call: Biggs, no; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, abstain; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes.

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

Roll call: Biggs, no; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, abstain; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes.

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

Roll call: Biggs, no; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, abstain; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, abstain; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-04)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR AN EVENT ENTITLED “10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION”

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

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

This resolution is to close a portion of South 2nd Avenue from Garland St. to Main Street for the Smoking Skulls Motorcycle Club to host an event to raise funds to help the community.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-24)

ITEM #3

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 Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, provided the council with documentation of clean up cost for the property.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No 2019-25)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill stated the bids for the new fire department will be taken soon. He is hoping to bring the bids to the council for approval in June.

Councilmember Agee stated that the Corp or Engineers will be here in the next few weeks to approve the design for the walking/biking trail. He also told the council that the Greene County Future Fund is applying for a grant to help offset the cost of the trail to the city.

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 6:27 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk