

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 24, 2019**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 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 Charles Long.

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

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of June 10, 2019 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. 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 TROY AND LEAH GRAMLING; PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 2900 BLOCK OF FAIRVIEW ROAD**

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

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

Troy and Leah Gramling are requesting this property be rezoned from AG to R-1 to develop a subdivision. Adjoining property owners William Watson, Kayla Cole, Karen Cooper, Donald Cole, Coleman Rothe and Matthew Bryant all spoke in opposition of this rezone because of flooding and drainage issues. Mr. Gramling appeared and stated that he understands the concerns. He states that with his proposal he intends to make the drainage in the area better. He stated that he feels their concerns will be eased when they can see the plans.

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

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

Councilmember Rowland asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting on July 8, 2018.

**ITEM #2**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS. APPLICATION OF UHIC PROPERTIES; PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 1800 LINWOOD DRIVE**

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing UHIC Properties, LLC (Kyle Harris, principal owner). Mr. Colbert stated the property owner is requesting a rezone from R-2 to C-3. This rezone was presented to the planning commission on June 6, 2019, four members were present and all four voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes.  
Motion carried six to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-09)

### **ITEM #3**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO BUILDING CODES ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

City Inspector Greg Trout was present to answer any questions that the council may have. Mr. Trout stated that the ordinance would prohibit the use of cellular core (cellcore) or foam core PVC pipe for all DWV applications and to adopt the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes.  
Motion carried six to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-10)

#### **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: 507 EAST WALNUT STREET**

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, 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 Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes.  
Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-33)

#### **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: 1313 DESOTO STREET**

Mayor removed this item from the agenda

## **ITEM #6**

### **VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL REPORT**

A report provided by Vector Disease Control stated that for the month of May, 2019 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 1.3 mosquitos per trap night. Fifteen areas were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and none of those sites had larval present. VCDI applied adulticide on seven truck nights spraying a total of 254 miles (9235.1 acres) using a total of 54.5 gallons of adulticide. VCDI had no service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of May.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gaskill stated that next week, due to the Fourth of July holiday falling on Thursday, Thursday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday.

Mayor Gaskill told the council that the pot hole truck is here. Street department employees trained on using the truck last week and have now begun fixing pot holes.

Mayor Gaskill reminded the council that bid opening for the new fire station will be tomorrow, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. in the council room.

Mayor Gaskill congratulated City Clerk Andrea Williams for being named Arkansas City Clerk's, Records and Treasurers Association Clerk of the Year.

Mayor Gaskill shared with the council that ChamberofCommerce.org has named the City of Paragould #9 on their list of Best Cities to Live In in Arkansas 2019.

Mayor Gaskill asked Councilmember Biggs to give the council a report on the A & P Commission. Councilmember Biggs stated that the commission met last Thursday night and awarded four applications: \$1,500 to the Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society for its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Fair; \$11,500 to the Greene County Future Fund for entertainment for the Get Downtown festival; \$2,470 to Paragould Youth Baseball to fund the 12 year-old Cal Ripkin State Tournament; and \$50,000 for five years to the Power Plant project contingent upon the committee raising another \$500,000 this year. Councilmember Biggs stated the commission is now taking applications for the next set of grants to be awarded in August.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Biggs moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:57 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk