

COUNCIL MEETING

July 22, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 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 Mark Rowland.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of July 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	- Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss a drainage ordinance. The committee will meet again at 5:15 p.m. on August 12, 2019.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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. SECOND READING

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

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

Mr. Gramling was present. Councilmember Rowland stated that the question before the council is a rezone and that the plan review committee will take up the issue of drainage. Matthew Bryant and Bradley Jones asked questions of the council concerning easements and plans.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the second reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-11)

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 1200 BLOCK OF MORROW DRIVE.

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Jim and Julia Huffman, Janet Burkheart and Jaime Daniel Poff. Mr. Colbert stated the request is to rezone this property from AG to R2 to be able to build houses. AG requires the lot be at least 1 acre to build a residence on therefore this property doesn't meet that requirement. Mr. Colbert stated this rezone was presented to the planning commission on July 11, 2019. Four members of the commission were present and all four voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Aden

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

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-12)

ITEM # 2

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR AN EVENT ENTITLED "THE HENRY WRINKLES CAR SHOW AND KIDS POWER WHEELS RALLY"

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

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

Main Street Paragould Executive Director, Gina Jarrett, was present to answer any questions the council may have.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-40)

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: 1313 DESOTA STREET**

Motion made to table this resolution until the August 26, 2019 meeting by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried. Tabled until August 26, 2019.

ITEM # 4

REPORT FROM VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL

A report provided by Vector Disease Control stated that for the month of June, 2019 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 8.3 mosquitos per trap night, for a total of 75 mosquitos. Two sites were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and none of those sites had larval present. VCDI applied adulticide on 11 truck nights spraying a total of 368.6 miles (13,409.20 acres) using a total of 103.5 gallons of adulticide. VCDI responded to two service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of June.

ITEM # 5

MONTHLY REPORT – EMERGENCY 9-1-1

The emergency dispatcher center took at total of 7569 calls for the month of June, 2019. Those calls include: 807 for Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, 13 for Arkansas State Police, 1 for Deleplaine Fire Department, 3 for Greene County Coroner, 2 for Greene County OEM, 7 for Greene County Rescue Squad, 1407 for Greene County Sheriff's Department, 34 for Lafe Fire Department, 44 for Marmaduke Fire Department, 152 for Marmaduke Police, 19 for Northeast

Greene County Fire Department, 45 for Oak Grove Fire Department, 2 for Paragould Emergency Services, 465 for Paragould Fire Department, 4549 for Paragould Police Department, 4 for South Greene County Fire Department and 15 for Western Greene County Fire Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council that there has been a false allegation made on Facebook that the water park is not safe. Mayor Gaskill stated that the health department was immediately called to check the facility and that everything is in compliance. The water park has been open for 14 years and it has never failed a health department inspection.

ADJOURMENT:

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 7:08 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk