

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 26, 2019**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 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 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 present.

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of August 12, 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	- Councilmember Agee stated the committee met at 5:45 this evening and have item number one on the agenda.
Public Health and Ordinances	- Councilmember Biggs called a committee meeting for September 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **ITEM #1**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Councilmember Agee stated the police committee met this evening to discuss purchasing 15 Automated External Defibrillators. S.W.A.T. team leader, Sgt. Blake Williams was present and showed the committee the A.E.D. they were wanting to purchase. He stated that seven of the A.E.D.'s were for the police department, four for the fire department and four for other city buildings such as City Hall, Labor Park and Public Works. Sgt. Williams stated that he received a discounted price of the A.E.D's and the total is just over \$20,000.

Councilmember Agee stated the committee voted in favor of waiving competitive bidding and purchasing the A.E.D.'s.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2019-16)

Motion made to adopt the emergency clause separately 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. Emergency clause adopted eight to zero.

## **ITEM # 2**

**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 VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERY LOCATION 616 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: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes.

Property owner, Louise Banks, came before the council to state that she has a buyer for the house that wishes to rehab the property.

Councilmember Biggs made the motion to table the resolution until October 28, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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 tabled.

## **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 VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERY LOCATION 208 EAST GARLAND 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: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with photos and documentation of the property.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted 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. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-43)

#### **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 VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION 1313 DESOTA STRET**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address and legal description only 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.

~~Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with photos and documentation of the property. Property owner, Michael Settlemoir, was present and addressed the council. Mr. Settlemoir stated that the property is in worse shape than he originally thought and believes the property should be condemned. He asked the council to grant him sixty days instead of the normal thirty days so that he may remove some usable items in the house and take it down himself.~~

Motion made to amend the resolution from 30 days to 60 sixty days to have the house taken down made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

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

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. 2019-44)

## **ITEM # 5**

### **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 by title, name, address and amount only by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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, was present and presented the council with photos and documentation of each 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. 2019-45)

## **ITEM #6**

### **REPORT FROM VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL**

A report provided by Vector Disease Control stated that for the month of July, 2019 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 38.8 mosquitos per trap night, for a total of 388 mosquitos. Two sites were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and 37 of those sites had larval present. VCDI applied 200 ounces of granular BTI to these sites. VCDI applied adulticide on 30 truck nights spraying a total of 984.1 miles (35,755.1 acres) using a total of 270.3 gallons of adulticide. VCDI responded to six service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of July.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Biggs stated that the A & P Commission would be accepting application for funding until August 31, 2019. Applications may be picked up online or at [www.PromoteParagould.com](http://www.PromoteParagould.com)

Councilmember Williams stated that she was contacted by Fred Workman from KNL Holdings, LLC. Mr. Workman stated that they recently had a fire at his business and he wanted to compliment and thank the fire department and public works department for their hard work.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk