

COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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 Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson, Charles Long, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee and Jeremy Biggs.

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of August 22, 2019 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Branch. 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 an ordinance concerning the Downtown Entertainment District. Councilmember Biggs stated the committee would meet again September 23 rd at 5:30 p.m.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

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 600 GREG DRIVE

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution Number 2019-46)

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 315 OLIVER 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: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes.

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

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

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-47)

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 by title, name, address and amount only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-48)

ITEM #4

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a) Emergency 911

The emergency dispatcher center took a total of 8166 calls for the month of August, 2019. Those calls include: 891 for Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, 10 for Arkansas State Police, 7 for Greene County Coroner, 1 for Greene County OEM, 3 for Greene County Rescue Squad, 1525 for Greene County Sheriff's Department, 26 for Lafe Fire Department, 39 for Marmaduke Fire Department, 158 for Marmaduke Police, 24 for Northeast Greene County Fire Department, 41 for Oak Grove Fire Department, 3 for Paragould Emergency Services, 589 for Paragould Fire Department, 4830 for Paragould Police Department, 5 for South Greene County Fire Department and 14 for Western Greene County Fire Department.

b) Police Department

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of August, 2019 the police department took 1185 incident reports, made 631 arrests (55 misdemeanor, 62 felony and 14 DWI's), wrote 581 traffic tickets and worked 62 accidents. The report noted 85 felony cases were opened.

c) Fire Department

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of August, 2019 the fire department answered 270 incidents, issued 241 burn permits, made 22 business inspections, completed 658.7 training hours and made three public education visits. Training topics included: vehicle extrication, rope rescue operations, hazardous material operations, fire scene investigation, emergency medical procedures, firefighting tactics, and active shooter response.

The fire department had three members attend hazardous materials training in Jacksonville, funded by the State teaching scene size-up for HazMat accidents and two members taught an ALERRT-AIR (Active Shooter Integrated Response) class to Blytheville Police and other Mississippi County law enforcement officers, dispatchers and EMS.

ITEM #5

PUBLIC WORKS – LEASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Gaskill stated that the lease will be coming up on the sanitation vehicles that are leased thru BancorpSouth. Public Works Director, Terry McAbee has requested to lease new vehicles to replace these. This cost of the new lease will be included in the 2020 budget but needs to be approved by the council so that the trucks can be ordered now so that we will receive them in early 2020.

Motion made to approve the lease of new sanitation trucks made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Agee reminded the council that the Get Downtown Festival will be held Saturday, September 14th. Events include a 5K and 1K fun run/walk, 1K dog walk, a Corn Hole tournament, food and live music beginning at 4 p.m.

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 6:20 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk