

COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall. Mayor Gaskill was absent.

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Councilmember Farrell Gibson.

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

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

Motion made to appoint Councilmember Mark Rowland moderator in the absence of Mayor Gaskill by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Branch. All in favor.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of September 9, 2019 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Branch. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

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| Public Service | - None |
| Finance | - None |
| Parks and Recreation | - None |
| Police | - None |
| Public Health and Ordinances | - Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:15 this evening to discuss an ordinance concerning the Downtown Entertainment District. Councilmember Biggs stated there were several citizens present to speak in favor and against the ordinance. Councilmember Biggs stated the committee would meet again at a later date. |
| Fire | - None |
| Sanitation | - None |
| Street/Cemetery | - None |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS AND SUNDRY ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY OF PARAGOULD INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, OLD CITY VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS SEIZED OR RECOVERED BUT NOT IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES AND OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

A list of items to be sold was provided to the council.

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

Roll Call: Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes and Branch, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution Number 2019-49)

ITEM # 2

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 legal description only by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson provided the council with documentation and photographs of the properties.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes and Branch, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-50)

ITEM # 3

A & P COMMISSION REPORT

Councilmember Biggs told the council that currently the A & P Commission has a balance of \$116,620.62 and presented them with a spreadsheet with amounts paid by each hotel/motel. Expenses for the third quarter include: Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, \$3,954 for a full page advertisement in the 2020 Arkansas Travel Guide; Sign Tech, Inc., \$3,120 for the purchase of three billboards to promote the City of Paragould and events; Collins Theater Foundation, \$25,000 for the Big Grass Bluegrass Festival, July, 2020; Paragould Martial Arts, \$5,000 for the regional ATA tournament, February, 2020; and contract labor, Travis Rainbolt, webmaster/digital content manager.

ITEM #4

REPORT FROM VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL

A report provided by Vector Disease Control stated that for the month of August, 2019 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 62.9 mosquitos per trap night, for a total of 1,132 mosquitos. VCDI applied adulticide on 20 truck nights spraying a total of 70539 miles (25,661.70 acres) using a total of 206.3 gallons of adulticide. VCDI responded to one service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

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 6:13 p.m.

Mark Rowland, Mayor Pro Temp

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk