

COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2019

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 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 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 November 25, 2019 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- Councilmember Rowland stated the committee met at 7:30 last Thursday morning and have item number seven on tonight's agenda.
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 regarding building permits for houses that have been moved. This matter will be brought back at a later date.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS: APPLICATION OF DONALD G. PURCELL AND JOHN E. PURCELL – PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 1700-1900 BLOCKS OF HIGHWAY 49 NORTH

Attorney Roger Colbert was present to represent Donald and John Purcell. Mr. Colbert stated that he has spoken with the Mayor and City Attorney regarding revising this ordinance and it will be brought back on January 13, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS: APPLICATION OF GARY LEON WINN, SHERMA DICUS AND OLAN HANES– PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1704, 1706 AND 1708 WEST KINGSHIGWAY

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

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

Attorney Brad Broadway was present representing Gary Winn, Sherma Dicus and Olan Hanes. Mr. Broadway stated that the request is to rezone this property from OP to C-1. Mr. Broadway pointed out that this property is located on Highway 412 and has commercial property located to the east and north. He stated this rezone was presented to the Planning Commission on November 7th, 2019 and failed due to the lack of a 2nd motion.

Sherma Dicus and Angela Grooms were present and spoke in favor of the rezone. Kimberly Warmath, Levi Warmath, Noah Warmath and Ron Wiles were present and spoke in opposition of this rezone.

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, no; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, abstain; and Williams, yes.

Item tabled until January 13, 2020.

ITEM # 2

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS

Motion made that the resolution be offered 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.

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that this resolution is being requested by David Lange, Executive Director of the Paragould Housing Authority. Councilmember Biggs stated this resolution is needed for the Housing Authority to apply for grant funds to build affordable housing for all qualifying resident's including but not limited to housing for the elderly.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted 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. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution Number 2019-60)

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'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 615 SOUTH 5TH STREET

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. Paul Hays, a friend of owner James Bertolino, was present to speak on his behalf. Mr. Hays stated that the property has been occupied until recently and now that the resident have moved he would like to rehab the property. Mr. Stephenson stated that he has been dealing with this property since August.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; 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 eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-61)

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'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. PROPERTY LOCATION: 602 NORTH 3RD STREET

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. Owner Tommy Abbott was present to address the council. Mr. Abbott stated this house is in probate and he cannot do anything with it until the probate matter is settled.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted 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. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2019-62)

ITEM # 5

REQUEST OF MR. HASSAN TO OPERATE A TAXI SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS

Mr. Hassan Hassan appeared before the council to request a license to operate a medical transportation service (taxi service) for the city of Paragould. After reviewing the paperwork provided a motion was made by Councilmember Biggs to allow Mr. Hassan to purchase a privilege license; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

ITEM #6

DELETION OF FIXED ASSETS – ANDREA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

City Clerk, Andrea Williams, presented the following list of times to the city council that will be deleted off of this years fixed assets list as required by state law.

F106	78339	1996 Freightliner	Sold to Marmaduke 1/31/2019 Rec #53845
San 3	00145	1997 GMC	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
St 07	M7212	1979 Caterpillar road grdr 12G	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
St 03	JJG0284869	Case 580 Super M Loader/Backhoe	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
St 39	03223	1990 GMC truck	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
Unit 165	18652	2011 Crown Vic	Sold to Marmaduke 3/11/2019 Rec #54496
Unit 162	26350	2010 Ford Crown Victoria	Sold to Marmaduke 3/11/2019 Rec #54496
Unit 161	26349	2010 Ford Crown Victoria	Sold to Marmaduke 3/11/2019 Rec #54496
PR 93	68921	1998 JEEP CHEROKEE	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
St 58	06001	2006 Ford F150 Pickup	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
St 51	97543	1999 Dodge Ram 1500	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
052	5172464	wacker roller	Sold at auction 10/19/2019
80	6012183	325 Grasshopper Mower	Baker Implement - sold at auction 10/19/2019
St02	19727	2006 Yamaha Rhino 4 wheeler	Sold at auction 10/19/2019

Motion made by Councilmember Rowland to approve the deletions to the fixed assets list; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

ITEM #7

PRESENTATION OF 2020 BUDGET

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee met at 7:30 Thursday morning to discuss the budget. Councilmember Rowland stated the committee recommends adopting the 2020 budget as presented.

City of Paragould

2020 Budget

Revenues and Bank Balances:

Revenues & Transfers In:

General Fund

16,793,176.45

Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund

67,400.00

ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund

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2020
Budget

Advertising and Promotion Fund	140,000.00
Airport Grant Fund	30,000.00
City Beautiful Fund	5,400.00
Court Automation Fund	46,000.00
Economic Development Fund	1,204,000.00
Landfill Account	900.00
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	11,000.00
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	218,500.00
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	9,380.00
Street Fund	2,777,151.00
Subtotal	<u>21,302,907.45</u>
Available Bank Balances:	
General Fund	9,802,345.49
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	43.88
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
Advertising and Promotion Fund	40,225.26
Airport Grant Fund	1.00
City Beautiful Fund	12,355.79
Court Automation Fund	125,614.68
Economic Development Fund	390,478.56
Landfill Account	14,747.99
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	332,897.75
Mission Outreach Grant # Fund	0.01
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	10,870.41
Street Fund	11,273,081.77
Subtotal	<u>22,002,662.59</u>
Total Estimated Revenues & Bank Balances	<u>43,305,570.04</u>

Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out:

General Fund:	
Administration & Miscellaneous	1,453,902.66
Fire Department	8,069,698.60
District Court	172,112.10
Police Department	4,237,880.88
Police Department (Jail Expenditures)	17,000.00
Animal Control	122,721.23
Cemetery	71,069.89
Mosquito Control	162,000.00

Sanitation Department	1,998,898.78
Parks Department	1,748,899.59
Airport Department	484,254.78
Emergency 911 Department	1,147,805.96
Emergency Dispatch Center	-
<u>Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out (cont'd):</u>	
Transfer OUT	-
Subtotal- General Fund	<u>19,686,244.47</u>
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	67,000.00
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
Advertising and Promotion Fund	140,000.00
Airport Grant Fund	30,000.00
City Beautiful Fund	1,900.00
Court Automation Fund	46,000.00
Economic Development Fund	1,097,500.00
Landfill Account	-
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	6,000.00
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	218,500.00
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	7,900.00
Street Fund	<u>3,596,716.80</u>
<u>Total Appropriations</u>	<u>24,897,761.27</u>
<u>Unappropriated Funds:</u>	
General Fund	6,909,277.47
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	443.88
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
Advertising and Promotion Fund	40,225.26
Airport Grant Fund	1.00
City Beautiful Fund	15,855.79
Court Automation Fund	125,614.68
Economic Development Fund	496,978.56
Landfill Account	15,647.99
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	337,897.75
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	0.01
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	12,350.41
Street Fund	<u>10,453,515.97</u>
<u>Total Unappropriated Funds</u>	<u>18,407,808.77</u>
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Note: The following City-owned bank accounts are used to process credit card transactions only: Municipal Airport, City Credit Card, and Parks Credit Card.

Motion made to approve the 2020 budget made by Councilmember Branch; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill stated that he has been contacted by Paragould Light Water and Cable to appoint someone to the Channel Selection Committee due to the passing of Harold “Chip” Dortch. Mayor Gaskill recommends Tommy Walden to the council for consideration.

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs to appoint Tommy Walden to the PLWC Channel Selection Committee; seconded by Councilmember Branch. All in favor.

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 7:21 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk