

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 13, 2020**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 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 Farrell Gibson.

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

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

Councilmember Agee moved minutes from previous council meeting of December 9, 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 - None

Fire - Councilmember Long stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss purchasing 40 life packs for the fire department. Fire Chief Kevin Lang was present and presented the committee with bids from Emergency Vehicle Specialist (EVS) and Casco Industries, Inc. Chief Lang stated that he has secured a grant for \$180,000.00 to offset the cost of the life packs.

Councilmember Long stated the life pack from Casco is the lower bid at \$241,892.80 but we would have to purchase additional \$80,992.34 in equipment to use them. With the additional equipment our cost would be \$322,885.14. The bid from EVS was for \$274,723.60 and they are compatible with the equipment that we currently have. Also the EVS equipment has a lifetime warranty whereas the Casco equipment is only warrantied for 15 years.

Councilmember Long stated the committee recommends accepting the bid from EVS. Motion made by Councilmember Biggs to approve the bid from EVS for \$274,723.60; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Bid accepted.

Sanitation - None

Street/Cemetery - Councilmember Gibson stated the committee met at 5:15 this evening and have item number eight on tonight's agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**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**

Attorney Brad Broadway send a letter to Mayor Gaskill requesting this matter by tabled until January 27, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1**

**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**

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Donald and John Purcell, who were also present. Mr. Colbert stated this property is 28.76 acres located in the 1700-1900 block of Highway 49 North and is currently zoned C-3. Mr. Colbert stated they are requesting this property be rezoned R-2 with the exception of 400 feet in width located along Highway 49 North will remain C-3. This ordinance also states that mobile homes will be excluded from this property.

Mr. Colbert stated this rezone was presented to the Planning Commission on November 7, 2019. Five members of the commission were present and all five voted in favor of this rezone.

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

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the second reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2020-01)

## **ITEM # 2**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that this ordinance is required by state law.

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

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the second reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

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

Roll Call: Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance Number 2020-02)

### **ITEM # 3**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE PRICE AND FEES FOR LINWOOD CEMETERY GRAVE SPACE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained that this increase is needed to offset the cost of opening/closing grave spaces. He told the council that even with this increase we are still way below other cemeteries in our area.

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

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the second reading by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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

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

Roll Call: Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance Number 2020-03)

**ITEM #4**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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

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

Mayor Gaskill told the council that this resolution is required to approve the 2020 budget. This is the same budget that was presented to the council in December.

**City of Paragould**

**2020 Budget**

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<b><u>Revenues and Bank Balances:</u></b>	
<b><u>Revenues &amp; Transfers In:</u></b>	
General Fund	16,793,176.45
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	67,400.00
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
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	21,302,907.45
<b>Available Bank Balances:</b>	

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>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Bank Balances</b>	<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	-

**Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out (cont'd):**

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	3,596,716.80
<b><u>Total Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>24,897,761.27</u></b>

**Unappropriated Funds:**

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	10,453,515.97
<b><u>Total Unappropriated Funds</u></b>	<b><u>18,407,808.77</u></b>

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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 that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-01)

**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 owners name, address, parcel number and amount only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, 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: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-02)

**ITEM #6**

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS**

- a) Brett Bradford (term expires 12/31/2022)**
- b) Debbie Rawls (term expires 12/31/2022)**

Mayor Gaskill told the council that he recommends re-appointed Brett Bradford and Debbie Rawls to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion made by Councilmember Rowland to accept the Mayors recommendation and re-appoint Brett Bradford and Debbie Rawls; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

**ITEM #7**

**AIRPORT COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS**

- a) Rick Dickinson (term to expire 12/31/2024)**
- b) Mack Shotts (term to expire 12/31/2023)**
- c) Tom Graber (term to expire 12/31/2022)**

Mayor Gaskill told the council that he recommends re-appointed Rick Dickinson, Mack Shotts and Tom Graber to the Airport Commission.

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



**ITEM #8****STREET DEPARTMENT YEARLY BIDS****RECAP 2020  
ASPHALT**

ASPHALT	DELTA	ATLAS
TYPE II (PER TON)		
LAID	\$ 79.25	
PLANT	\$ 56.50	
TYPE III (PER TON)		
LAID	\$ 79.25	
PLANT	\$ 56.50	
PRIME(PER S/Y)	\$ -	
RECONSTRUCTION(PER S/Y)	\$ 3.75	
COLD MIX (PER TON)	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00
BINDER		
LAID	\$ 79.25	
PLANT	\$ 54.50	
CSS I OIL (PER GALLON)	\$ 3.95	
MILLING		

**RECAP 2020  
CHAT**

CHAT (PER TON)	CAPITAL	VULCAN	GILLEAN (HAULING ONLY)	
1/2"	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.25	\$ 6.50	
SB2	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.50	
RIP RAP	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.30	\$ 8.00	
LIME	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 6.50	
3" BALLAST	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.25	\$ 7.00	\$ 4.25

HAULING	\$ 6.45	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.50
SHOT ROCK	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.50
3/4" MINUS	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.25	\$ 6.50
"B" STONE	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.00

CAPITAL AND VULCAN ADD 9% TAX TO HAULING

**RECAP 2020  
CONCRETE**

TYPE	NEAR
3000 LB MIX	\$ 112.00
FIBER	\$ 6.00
1% CALCIUM	\$ 4.00
2% CALCIUM	\$ 8.00
PEA GRAVEL	\$ 122.00
60/40 MIX	\$ 122.00
3500 LB MIX	\$ 114.50
FIBER	\$ 6.00
1% CALCIUM	\$ 4.00
2% CALCIUM	\$ 8.00
PEA GRAVEL	\$ 124.50
60/40 MIX	\$ 124.50
FLOWABLE FILL	\$ 95.00
FIBER	\$ 6.00
1% CALCIUM	\$ 4.00
2% CALCIUM	\$ 8.00

**RECAP 2020  
TILE**

TILE DIAMETER	ADS PER FOOT	CONTECH PER FOOT
12"	\$ 4.82	\$ 9.20
15"	\$ 6.30	\$ 11.04
18"	\$ 9.10	\$ 13.80
24"	\$ 14.48	\$ 17.48
30"	\$ 22.76	\$ 22.08
36"	\$ 26.88	\$ 33.12
42"	\$ 36.10	\$ 38.64
48"	\$ 46.26	\$ 44.16

Councilmember Gibson stated that the street committee had reviewed the bids and recommends accepting the low bids.

Motion made to accept the bids by Councilmember Williams; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gaskill presented the service awards to the following for their service to the city: Allen Warmath for 11 years of service; Charles Long for 17 years of service; Farrell Gibson for 19 years of service; Mark Rowland for 21 years of service; and Randy Aden for 25 years of service.

**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 6:39 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk