

COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2020

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 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 Mark Rowland.

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 July 27, 2020 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Public Service - None
- Finance - Councilmember Rowland stated that the committee met at 5:45 this evening and have an item to add to the agenda.
- Parks and Recreation - None
- Police - None
- Public Health and Ordinances - Councilmember Biggs called for a committee meeting on August 24, 2020.
- 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. LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 501 BOGIL ROAD

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Branch; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Owner of the property, John Otto, was present to address the council. Mr. Otto stated that he had entered into a contract to sell the property to Delaine Landrum. Mr. Otto stated that Mr. Landrum is planning on renovating the property.

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and told the council that he has been dealing with this issue since December, 2019 and the house is in worse condition today than when he started.

Motion made to table the ordinance until August 24, 2020 so that the sell can be finalized by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, no; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried seven to one. Resolution tabled.

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTON 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 name, address, parcel and amount only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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, provided the council with photos and documentation of the properties.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; 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. 2020-22)

ITEM #3

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR AIRPORT MOWING EQUIPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made to amend the agenda and add an ordinance to waive competitive bidding for airport mowing equipment and for other purposes made 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 that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

Councilmember Rowland stated that the finance committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss this matter. The airport has received a state grant for \$30,000 and is requesting to purchase a John Deere Frontier FM2017R Flex-Wing Grooming Mower with Pneumatic Tires from Legacy Equipment for \$21,655.24 for mowing at the airport.

Mayor Gaskill stated that he is requesting to waive the bidding process to purchase the mower locally to obtain service and repair in a prompt timely manner. Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee recommends this purchase.

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

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 Long.

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

Motion to adopt made by Councilmember Biggs; 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. 2020-15)

Motion made to adopt the emergency clause separately by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Emergency clause adopted.

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 6:20 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk