

COUNCIL MEETING

August 24, 2020

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 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 Charles Long.

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 Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of August 10, 2020 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	- Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss changes to the sign ordinance. After reviewing the ordinance and hearing from those present, Councilmember Biggs stated that no changes will be made to the sign ordinance. However, city attorney, Allen Warmath, will prepare a variance regarding a sign owned by Curtis Davenport to bring to the council.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS. APPLICATION OF TOMMY RAY AND VIRGINIA SMITH AT 800 EAST KINGSHIGHWAY

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Tommy Ray and Virginia Smith. Mrs. Smith and her son, Scott Smith, were also present. Mr. Colbert told the council the property, located at 800 East Kingshighway, is approximately one acre and the owners are requesting a rezone from AG to C-3.

Mr. Colbert stated this rezone was presented to the planning commission on August 6, 2020. Four members were present and all four voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Aden; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

Motion made to adopt the ordinance made by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2020-16)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION OF ELIZABETH MILES, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EULA HURD, DECEASED, TO VACATE AND CLOSE A PORTION OF A PLATTED ALLEY SITUATED IN BLOCK "J" OF HOWELL'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, AND A PORTION OF SHORT STREET AS PLATTED.

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Elizabeth Mills. Mr. Colbert stated that this resolution is requesting a public hearing at 5:30 on Monday, September 14, 2020 to request closing of a platted alley in block 'J' of Howell's Addition to the City of Paragould and also a portion of Short Street.

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

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. 2020-23)

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 CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247. LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 501 BOGIL ROAD

Mayor Gaskill stated that he was informed late Friday afternoon that this residence has been sold to Delaine Landrum. Mr. Landrum is a local realtor and is going to rebuild the house. Therefore, this item is being removed from the agenda.

ITEM #4

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

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

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

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. 2020-24)

ITEM #5

REPORT VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL – JULY

A report provided by Vector Disease Control stated that for the month of July, 2020 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 48.4 mosquitos per trap night, for a total of 1452 mosquitos. Twenty-four sites were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and two of those sites had larval present. 2,803 granular BTI was applied to these mosquito breeding sites. VCDI applied adulticide on 12 truck nights spraying a total of 369.0 miles (13,415.4 acres) using a total of 112.4 gallons of adulticide. Aerial adulticide applications were performed on July 21st and August 5th, with another one scheduled for August 25th. VCDI responded to two service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

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 6:22 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk