

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 28, 2020**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 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 Josh Agee.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of September 14, 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 - Councilmember Agee stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening and have item number three on tonight's agenda.

Public Health and Ordinances - None

Fire - Councilmember Long stated the committee met at 5:45 this evening with Fire Chief Kevin Lang and Assistant Fire Chief Kyle Jackson to discuss purchasing a new fire truck.

Chief Lang stated he has a 1976 model ladder truck that no longer passes inspection and needs to be replaced. Chief Lang stated that he will have enough money in his budget to purchase a new truck. Chief Lang stated he would like to take bids for a demo or a truck currently in production to meet an end of the year deadline.

Motion made by Councilmember Agee to take bids for a demo or a truck currently in production and bring them back to the committee for review; seconded by Councilmember Biggs. All in favor.

Sanitation - None

Street/Cemetery - None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1**

**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 Agee; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, 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: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-27)

## **ITEM #2**

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Roll Call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-28)

## **ITEM #3**

### **PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT**

Police Chief Todd Stovall and Captain Brent McCain were present to address the council. Captain McCain stated the police department advertised for bids to outfit three police cars with lightbar, camera, console, siren, etc. and received only one bid from Paragould Communications. Captain McCain reached out to businesses in Little Rock and Memphis and requested a bid but did not receive anything back from either of them.

The bid from Paragould Communications was for the same equipment that we are currently using, but from a different vendor. The bid to outfit three police cars was for \$41,536.03.

Motion from Councilmember Biggs to accept the bid from Paragould Communications for \$41,536.03; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll Call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Bid accepted.

#### **ITEM #4**

#### **REPORT VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL – AUGUST**

A report provided by Vector Disease Control stated that for the month of August, 2020 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 32.5 mosquitos per trap night, for a total of 780 mosquitos. Six sites were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and one of those sites had larvae present. Forty-eight granular BTI was applied to these mosquito breeding sites. VCDI applied adulticide on 16 truck nights spraying a total of 715.4 miles (26,002.80 acres) using a total of 278 gallons of adulticide. Aerial adulticide applications occurred on August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. VCDI responded to nine service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of August.

#### **ITEM #5**

#### **PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR MOWING OF EIGHT MILE CREEK AND OTHER VARIOUS DITCHES IN THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS**

Motion was made to amend the agenda and add item five, presentation of bids for mowing of Eight Mile Creek and other various ditches in the City of Paragould, Arkansas by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

Mayor Gaskill stated the city advertised for bids for mowing of the Eight Mile Creek and other various ditches in the city as required by the Corp of Engineers and only received one bid from Hessling Construction, Inc. The bid to mow Eight Mile Creek was for \$19,750.00 and the bid for the various ditches was for \$18,975.00.

Mayor Gaskill stated that Hessling Construction, Inc. has mowed for the city in the past and done a good job in a timely manner.

Motion made to accept the bid from Hessling Construction, Inc. for mowing Eight Mile Creek in the amount of \$19,750.00 and various ditches for \$18,975.00 made by Councilmember Branch; seconded by Councilmember Williams,

Roll Call: Long, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; and Gibson, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Bids accepted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Aden asked the Mayor for a synopsis of things the city has completed over the last 25 years. Mayor Gaskill stated there have been many changes in the city over the last 25 years including the widening of Eight Mile Creek, the new Community Center and Aquatic center, widening of many streets, building and repairing sidewalks all over town, the purchase of a pot hole repair truck, moving to automated trash pickup with each resident provided a trash can, park renovations, tornado sirens, four new fire stations, take home cars for the police officers, up to date technology in the police department, the creation of the Emergency 911 department and a state of the art E-911 Center to name a few.

Councilmember Biggs reminded the council and viewer that the last day to register to vote in the November election is October 5, 2020

**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 6:25 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk