

COUNCIL MEETING

October 12, 2020

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 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 Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Randy Aden, Josh Agee, Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson and Charles Long.

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of September 28, 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 the committee met at 5:45 this evening and have item number three on tonight's agenda.
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- Councilmember Agee stated the committee met at 5:40 this evening and have item number five on tonight's agenda.
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- Councilmember Long stated the committee met at 5:20 this evening and have item number six on tonight's agenda.
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. LOCATION OF REZONE IS TWO TRACTS OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE HIGHWAY 412 SPUR/BYPASS. APPLICATION OF STANLEY AND JUDY FOSTER

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Stanley and Judy Foster, who were also present. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are requesting a rezone for two tracts of land adjacent to the Highway 412 spur/bypass. The property is currently zoned AG and the request is to rezone to R3, C-3 and a two hundred foot buffer C-1.

Mr. Colbert stated this rezone was presented to the planning commission on October 1, 2020. The opposition present was concerned about having C-3 touching their property and were satisfied with the 200 foot buffer of C-1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2020-19)

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS. LOCATION OF REZONE IS .0821 TRACT AT 6108 WEST KINGSHIGHWAY. APPLICATION OF JEFFERY CARTER AND NATHANIEL CARTER.

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Jeff Carter and Nathaniel Carter. Mr. Colbert stated this rezone was presented to the planning commission on October 1, 2020. Six members of the commission were present and all six voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-20)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ON BEHALF OF MISSION OUTREACH OF NEA, TO APPROVE A MATCHING GRANT BY THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Gibson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

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

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss this matter. Jackie Ross and Jana Burnett, Executive Director, of the Mission Outreach were both present to answer questions the council might have.

Councilmember Rowland stated the Mission Outreach has applied for a Community Development Block grant to make renovations inside the Mission Outreach which will cost \$279,552.00. Councilmember Rowland stated that the grant received is for \$195,000 and the Mission Outreach has raised \$50,000. The Mission Outreach is requesting the city contribute the additional \$34,552 to enable them to accept this grant and renovate their facilities.

This resolution also authorizes the Mayor to accept the Community Development Block Grant that was awarded to the Mission Outreach of NEA, approve necessary contracts on behalf of Mission Outreach of NEA and engage the necessary contractors to perform the renovation work.

Motion made by Councilmember Rowland to contribute \$34,552 to the Mission Outreach of NEA for renovations and approve the mayor to accept and sign contracts; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

Roll Call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, abstain; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-29)

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 Agee; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, 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: Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; and Long, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-30)

ITEM #5

PRESENTATION OF BIDS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Agee stated the police committee met at 5:40 this evening with E-911 Director, Michael McCammon, regarding purchasing a 2020 Dodge Ram 2500. Councilmember Agee explained to the council that this vehicle is needed to pull the Mobile Commander Unit that E-911 has. He stated that Mr. McCammon is currently driving a 2019 Ford Explorer Interceptor which will be sent to the police department to be used by CID to replace a vehicle that is having mechanical issues.

Councilmember Agee stated the only bid received for this vehicle was from Landers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for \$31,365 that also meets the state bid. Councilmember Agee stated the police committee recommends purchasing this vehicle from Landers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for \$31,365.

Motion made to accept the bid from Landers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for \$31,365 by Councilmember Williams; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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

ITEM #6

PRESENTATION OF BIDS – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Long stated the committee met at 5:20 this evening with Fire Chief Kevin Lang and Assistant Chief Kyle Jackson to discuss bids received for a new fire truck. Chief Lang stated the department received eleven bids, some of which were eliminated due to not having a warranty.

After reviewing the other bids the committee decided on a 2021 Pierce 75' Enforcer from EVS. The cost of this truck is \$799,989.00 and the truck will be ready in February. Chief Lang explained to the council that if the city would prepay for the truck the price would be reduced up to \$6,000. This is a brand new truck that has the storage needed, a warranty and service centers located in Memphis and Conway.

Motion made to purchase a 2021 Pierce 75' Enforcer from EVS for \$799,989.00 by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

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 6:36 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk