

COUNCIL MEETING

November 23, 2020

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall. Mayor Gaskill was absent.

Motion was made to appoint Councilmember Mark Rowland as moderator in the Mayor's absence; seconded by Councilmember Branch. All in favor.

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Councilmember Charles Long.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of October 26, 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	- Councilmember Branch stated the committee met at 5:45 this evening and has item number three on tonight's agenda.
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MATURITY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY'S WATER, SEWER, AND ELECTRIC REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020; RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE SALE OF THE BONDS; SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-21; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made that the ordinance be read by title only by Councilmember Aden; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

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

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

General Manager and CEO, Darrell Phillips, was present to address the council. City Attorney Allen Warmath stated that Stephens, Inc. was able to lock in an interest rate rather quickly due to Paragould Light, Water and Cable's exemplary credit rating. Mr. Warmath stated the sale of the Bonds to the underwriter at a price of \$25,301,545.30 (principal amount plus net original issue premium of \$1,071,295.30 less Underwriter's discount of \$244,750.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried six to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2020-22)

Motion made to adopt the emergency clause separately by Councilmember Branch; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

ITEM #2

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: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, 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 Branch.

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2020-34)

ITEM #3

PARKS AND RECREATION BIDS

Councilmember Branch stated the Parks and Recreation Committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss bids to replace the shingles with a metal roof on the Senior Center. Parks and Recreation Director Pat Austin was present and told the council that after advertising she received three bids. Bids were from D & L Aluminum for \$58,812.00; Mitchell Specialties for \$43,500.00 and Lance Beasley Roofing for \$42,600.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember Long to accept the low bid from Lance Beasley Roofing for \$42,600.00; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

ITEM #4

REPORT FROM VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL

A report provided by Vector Disease Control stated that for the months of September/October and the year to date totals, 2020.

For October and September, 2020 VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 36.68 mosquitos per trap night, for a total of 145 mosquitos. VCDI applied adulticide on 12 truck nights spraying a total of 540.00 miles (19,633.3 acres) using a total of 180.8 gallons of adulticide.

Year in totals include sixty-five nights sprayed for a total of 2440.6 miles (89,634.60 acres) using a total of 818.70 gallons of adulticide. VCDI answered twenty-four requests for service. Five aerial sprays were done using 164.99 gallons of chemicals covering 32,004 acres.

ITEM #5

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

	2021 Proposed Budget
<u>Revenues and Bank Balances:</u>	
<u>Revenues & Transfers In:</u>	
General Fund	15,971,938.95
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	67,400.00
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
Advertising and Promotion Fund	102,400.00
Airport Grant Fund	471,528.00
City Beautiful Fund	5,120.00
Court Automation Fund	40,000.00
Economic Development Fund	1,304,000.00
Landfill Account	700.00
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	9,000.00
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	218,500.00
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	5,175.00
Street Fund	3,736,401.00

Subtotal	21,932,162.95
Available Bank Balances:	
General Fund	10,226,919.56
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	68,266.75
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
Advertising and Promotion Fund	129,668.13
Airport Grant Fund	1.00
City Beautiful Fund	12,851.67
Court Automation Fund	130,419.33
Economic Development Fund	669,057.20
Landfill Account	15,701.73
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	339,444.53
Mission Outreach Grant # Fund	0.01
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	13,305.63
Street Fund	11,098,985.37
Subtotal	22,704,620.91
Total Estimated Revenues & Bank Balances	44,636,783.86

Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out:

General Fund:	
Administration & Miscellaneous	1,479,632.52
Fire Department	3,267,623.32
District Court	172,112.10
Police Department	4,886,054.23
Police Department (Jail Expenditures)	21,000.00
Animal Control	129,277.87
Cemetery	86,047.09
Mosquito Control	166,875.00
Sanitation Department	2,056,411.97
Parks Department	1,908,893.53
Airport Department	762,341.42
Emergency 911 Department	1,149,494.78
Emergency Dispatch Center	-

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

Transfer OUT	-
Subtotal- General Fund	16,085,763.83
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	130,000.00
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
Advertising and Promotion Fund	100,000.00

Airport Grant Fund	471,528.00
City Beautiful Fund	2,000.00
Court Automation Fund	46,000.00
Economic Development Fund	1,034,500.00
Landfill Account	-
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	4,200.00
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	218,500.00
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	5,175.00
Street Fund	5,031,260.64
<u>Total Appropriations</u>	<u>23,128,927.47</u>

Unappropriated Funds:

General Fund	10,113,094.68
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	5,666.75
ACEDP Grant #790-08905-15 Fund	-
Advertising and Promotion Fund	132,068.13
Airport Grant Fund	1.00
City Beautiful Fund	15,971.67
Court Automation Fund	124,419.33
Economic Development Fund	938,557.20
Landfill Account	16,401.73
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	344,244.53
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	0.01
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	13,305.63
Street Fund	9,804,125.73
<u>Total Unappropriated Funds</u>	<u>21,507,856.39</u>
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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.

ITEM #6

**REQUEST FOR SECOND RESIDENCE ON A PRIVATE DRIVE
APPLICATION BRIAN POYNER**

Motion to amend the agenda and add the request for second residence on a private drive made by Brian Poyner made by Councilmember Branch; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

City Inspector Greg Trout and Brian Poyner were both present to answer any questions that council may have. Inspector Trout told the council that Mr. Poyner is requesting to place a

second residence on a private drive located at the end of Shaela Drive. Inspector Trout stated this request has been approved by the Inspectors office, Planning and Zoning Commission and Paragould Light, Water and Cable.

Motion to approve the request of placing a second residence on a private drive made by Brain Poyner made by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Branch, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.
Motion carried six to zero. Request approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Aden stated that Main Street Paragould received a \$10,000 grant to help with COVID relief. He stated they have provided the downtown merchants with masks, social distancing stickers and hand sanitizing stations, as well as help with rent and utilities.

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.

Mark Rowland, Mayor Pro Temp

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk