

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**March 22, 2021**

A public hearing was held at 5:45 p.m. to discuss closing an alley located in Block One of Middleton’s Addition to the City of Paragould. Application made by DP Family Ventures, LLC. Approximately 12 people were present. No one appeared in opposition.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 22, 2021**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Councilmember Mark Rowland.

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Those present were Aaron Camp, Mark Rowland, Susan William, Neal Adams, Randy Aden, Jeremy Biggs, and Lindsey Boggs. Brad Baine was absent.

City Attorney Allen Warmath and Deputy City Clerk Julia Davis were present. City Clerk Andrea Williams was absent.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of March 8, 2021 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Adams. 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 5:15 this evening to discuss the portable storage container ordinance. Councilmember Biggs stated the ordinance will be brought back to the council on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Fire - None

Sanitation - None

Street/Cemetery - None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CLOSING A PLATTED ALLEY LOCATED IN  
BLOCK ONE OF MIDDLETON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PARAGOULD,  
ARKANSAS**

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing DP Family Ventures, LLC. Mr. Colbert stated this property was rezoned at the last meeting from C-3 to R-2. This property has a platted alley through the middle of the property. DP Family Ventures, LLC is requesting this alley be closed. A public hearing was held at 5:45 this evening. No one appeared in opposition.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Camp.

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-10)

## **ITEM #2**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE PRESENT AND FUTURE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF ALL CITIZENS, TO ENHANCE PROPERTY VALUES, AND TO ENSURE PROPER PLANTING AND CARE OF TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

Public Works Assistant Director, Wayne Ellenburg, was present to answer any questions the council may have. Mayor Agee stated that the city is already doing most of what is in this ordinance.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-11)

### **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 BUILDING SEC 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1120 HIGHWAY 135 NORTH (MOBILE HOME ONLY)**

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes.

Property owner, Glen Morgan, appeared and addressed the council. Code enforcement officer, J.D. Stephenson, provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property.

Motion made to table the ordinance until April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance tabled.

### **ITEM #4**

#### **PRESENTATION OF A & P REPORT**

Councilmember Biggs provided the following report to the council:

*Commission Update - Paragould City Council  
Monday, March 22, 2021*

Balance in A&P Account as of February 28, 2021 - \$158,905.20

Projected revenues thru December 31, 2021 - \$105,000

Total revenues from January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 - \$124,977.60

Local lodging industry has returned to 45%-50% Average Daily Occupancy Rates (ADOR)  
On the weekends local lodging industry is now experiencing ADOR's of over 80%.

**Events Funded and/or Completed in Past 6 Months include:**

Main Street Paragould, Enchanting Nights and Holiday Lights - \$18,400

Southern Soil Outfitters, Lights of Paragould - \$12,000

Main Street Paragould, New Traffic Control Barricades (8) - \$2,893

Greene County Soccer Association, Paragould Fall Classic Tournament - \$8,325

Greene County Future Fund, Get Downtown Festival - \$40,000

Paragould Youth Baseball, Cal Ripken Southwest Regional - \$35,280

Collins Theatre Foundation, Big Grass Blue Grass Festival - \$25,000

The A&P Commission has re-committed to a 5-year pledge totaling \$250,000 to help fund and complete the Downtown Power Plant Cultural and Event Center. A total of \$15,000 has already been issued for costs of detailed engineering plans and a detailed project budget. These were needed to apply for grant funds to help with construction costs of project.

The A&P Commission has also been working on producing numerous new videos highlighting dining, retail, recreation, and entertainment options in Paragould. These videos will be used across social media and other digital platforms, as well as cable networks across Northern Arkansas, Eastern Arkansas, Western Tennessee, and Southeast Missouri to attract visitors to the city. Total costs for this project currently stand at \$2,850.

*The A&P Commission Meets The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Of Every Month At 5:15 PM At City Hall*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Agee thanked the councilmembers who serve on multiple committees.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

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Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk