

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**July 12, 2021**

A public hearing was held in the Council Room of City Hall at 5:30 p.m. to discuss closing a portion of West Emerson Street between South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Approximately 15 people were in attendance.

First National Bank Attorney Angela Rice and Jason Gazaway, Principal Broker with Gazaway and White Commercial Real Estate were present to answer questions. A rendering was presented showing the plans for the area which include parking and green space between First National Banks main branch and their operations center.

No one appeared in opposition.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 12, 2021**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Executive Pastor Chris Collier of The Crossing.

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

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

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

Councilmember Camp moved minutes from previous council meeting of June 14, 2021, be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Public Service - None

Finance - Councilmember Rowland stated the committee met Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. and have several items on tonight's agenda.

Parks and Recreation - None

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| Police                       | - None  |
| Public Health and Ordinances | - Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met Thursday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. They have item number four on tonight's agenda. The committee also discussed a possible ordinance concerning engine brakes to bring back at a later date. |
| Fire                         | - None  |
| Sanitation                   | - Councilmember Aden stated the committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss leasing sanitation trucks. Councilmember Aden stated the committee would bring a resolution back for the council's approval at the next meeting.                    |
| Street/Cemetery              | - None  |

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**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 115 SOUTH PRUETT**

Owner Mason Shipman was present to address the council. Mayor Agee told the council that the city has received an estimate from Stanley's, LLC to demolish the building in the amount of \$10,000. Mayor Agee also stated that the Fire Chief, the City Inspectors and the City Attorney had met earlier this afternoon regarding this condemnation. During this meeting a list of requirements was created in order to allow work to continue. Those requirements include: 1) Providing a current letter from a design professional licensed in the state of Arkansas as to the current structural soundness of the building in question. This letter must be on the design professional's letterhead, sealed and certified; 2) The City will require special inspections to be completed every ninety (90) days by the engineer/architect of Mr. Shipman's choice provided they are licensed in the state of Arkansas. The special inspections will attest to the structural work depicted in the plans submitted by Mr. Shipman and shall be submitted to the city of Paragould in the same manner as the letter of structural soundness; 3) Necessary plumbing, electrical, and HVAC inspections required by the city ordinance or state code must be completed by the city inspector's office or state inspector's office (Mr. Shipman's choice); 4) Mr. Shipman will be given twelve (12) months to complete the project with substantial progress being made within six (6) months to include: all under slab work such as rough-in plumbing, electrical, etc.,

pouring of concrete floor, interior framing and second floor framing completed. This would leave Mr. Shipman the final six (6) months to complete the project; 5) Mr. Shipman must purchase a Performance Bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to assure that if the project is not complete as agreed upon money will be available to remove the structure.

Mr. Shipman agreed to these requirements and indicated that he wishes to enter into an agreement with the city to remodel the property rather than the city going thru with the condemnation.

Motion made to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract (conditions of bond) with Mason Shipman to remodel 115 South Pruet Street; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Agee announced new personnel changes to the council:

Due to City Treasurer, Georgia Rogers, retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup> Finance Director Teresa Stormes has been appointed City Treasurer.

Mrs. Stormes graduated from Arkansas State University in 1980 with a BS in Accounting. She worked for the State of Arkansas as a Legislative Auditor for 33 years before coming to work for the City of Paragould in 2015. Ms. Stormes is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. She is married and has two children.

Motion made to approve the appointment of Teresa Stormes as City Treasurer made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden. All in favor.

James Kashack has been appointed as the new Parks and Recreation Director due to the retirement of Pat Austin.

Mr. Kashack is a native of Greene County and grew up in Beech Grove, Ar. He graduated from Greene County Tech, is married and has a 12-year-old daughter. He was most recently the Assistant Director of Athletic Events and Operations at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Motion made to approve the appointment of James Kashack as Parks and Recreation Director made by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Camp. All in favor.

Fire Chief Kevin Lang has announced that he will be retiring from the Fire Department on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Agee has appointed Mr. Lang to serve as the Chief Building Official and will assume the responsibilities of the department head over the building inspectors and code enforcement offices.

Mr. Lang is a lifetime resident of Paragould and was hired by the Paragould Fire Department in 1998, was promoted to captain in 2005 and became Fire Chief in 2007. He has served on the board of the Arkansas Fire Chief's Association, currently serving on the Arkansas Fire Marshall's Association, is a current past president of the Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce and was appointed by Governor Hutcheson to the Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board. He has been married to his wife, Jackie, for 35 years in August.

Motion made to approve the appointment of Kevin Lang as Chief Building Official made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

With the retirement of Chief Kevin Lang from the Fire Department, Mayor Agee has promoted Assistant Fire Chief Kyle Jackson to the Chief's position.

Mr. Jackson is a lifetime resident of Paragould. He is a 1997 graduate from Ridgecrest (Paragould) High School and now serves on the school board. Mr. Jackson graduated from Black River Technical College with a degree in fire science. He was hired by the Paragould Fire Department in 2002, became a certified training officer in 2011, completed National Fire Academy Chief Officer curriculum in 2015, became the Assistant Fire Chief in 2015 and a Nationally Registered CMT in 2018. Mr. Jackson is married and has one daughter.

Motion made to approve the appointment of Kyle Jackson to Fire Chief made by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor.

## **ITEM #1**

### **AN ORDINANCE VACATING, CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF WEST EMERSON STREET**

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

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

Attorney Angela Rice, representing First National Bank and Jason Gazaway of Gazaway and White Commercial Real Estate were both present to answer any questions the council may have. Ms. Rice stated that there was a public hearing held at 5:30 this evening to discuss this matter. She stated that they are requesting to close West Emerson Street between South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to create more parking, green space and alleviate having the drive thru customers backed into the street. No one appeared in opposition.

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

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

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on the second reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-16)

## **ITEM #2**

### **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS DURING 2021 ART AND STROLL**

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

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

Gina Jarrett, Main Street Paragould Executive Director, and Miranda Maxwell, Assistant Director, were present to answer any questions the council may have. Art and Stroll will be held in downtown Paragould on the 100-200 blocks of North Pruet from 12 p.m. on August 20<sup>th</sup> until 8 a.m. August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-49)

## **ITEM #3**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**FOR PURPOSES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF DISTRICT COURTS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Councilmember Rowland explained that this ordinance is needed to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to pay the city's share of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court expenses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion eight seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-17)

**ITEM #4**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
PARAGOULD TO CHARGE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Fire Chief Kevin Lang and Assistant Chief Kyle Jackson were present to answer any questions the council may have. Chief Lang stated that this ordinance was needed to be able to get reimbursed for large losses incurred during hazardous material incidents.

Councilmember Biggs stated the ordinance committee met Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. to discuss this matter and recommends this ordinance for adoption.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Boggs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-18)

## **ITEM # 5**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BLUE AND YOU FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion made to amend the agenda and add a resolution to authorize the mayor and city clerk of the city of Paragould, Arkansas to submit an application to the Blue and You Foundation Grant Program made by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Camp.

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

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

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

Allison Hestand, Chamber of Commerce CEO was present and told the council that this is a \$150,000 grant to purchase outdoor exercise equipment, picnic tables and outdoor grills to be placed along the Eight Mile Trail. Ms. Hestand stated this is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leadership Paragould and each of the 25 classes will be asked to raise \$1000 to pay the cities matching funds.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-50)

#### **ITEM #6**

#### **A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COVID 19 VACCINATION TO DO SO**

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

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

Mayor Agee stated that two weeks ago the city was almost down to single digits of Covid 19 cases. As of today, the city is up to over 100 cases. Councilmember Biggs stated that he encourages everyone that is eligible to receive the Covid 19 vaccination.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-51)

#### **ITEM #7**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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



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

Mayor Agee explained he is in the process of adjusting the pay scale for city employees and the clerks pay is well below the state average for a city the size of Paragould. Councilmember Rowland stated this adjustment was presented to the finance committee and the committee recommends this ordinance for adoption.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Boggs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-19)

## **ITEM #8**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN BASE PAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that the pay scale for city employees has not been adjusted since 2006. This resolution will bring the base pay for full time first responders to \$15.00 per hour and Full time non first responders to \$14.00 per hour. Mayor Agee explained that those employees that receive this pay increase will not receive the 2% cost of living raise at the end of this year.

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee has reviewed this adjustment and recommends that this ordinance be adopted.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-52)

#### **ITEM #9**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE FOR USE IN THE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE**  
Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Mayor Agee explained that this ordinance is needed to purchase a 2022 Chevy Tahoe for \$36,034 as per state bid to be used in the City Inspector's office.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-53)

#### **ITEM # 10**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO SELL REAL ESTATE, EXECUTE CONVEYANCE AND CLOSING DOCUMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Mayor Agee told the council that this property is located on Highway 49 by the new number one fire station. There is approximate 20,000 square feet on located on the south side of the property that is needed for a commercial development which will create business and jobs in that area. Fire Chief Lang was present and stated that this piece of property will not be used by the fire department, and this will prevent the fire department from having to maintain the property.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-54)

#### **ITEM #11**

**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 1208 WEST UNITY**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title and address only Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Williams; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-55)

#### **ITEM #12**

**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 by Councilmember Rowland that the resolution be offered by title, owner, parcel number and amount only; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-56)

### **ITEM #13**

**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 by Councilmember Rowland that the resolution be offered by title, owner, parcel number and amount only; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-57)

### **ITEM #14**

**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 by Councilmember Rowland that the resolution be offered by title, owner, parcel number and amount only; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Boggs.

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-58)

## **ITEM #15**

**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 by Councilmember Rowland that the resolution be offered by title, owner, parcel number and amount only; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-59)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilmember Biggs handed out the quarterly A & P Commission report to the council.

Mayor Agee told the council that a new survey is being done on the railroad property located in downtown Paragould. The previous resolution to purchase the property did not have all of the property that the city wishes to purchase on it therefore a survey will be done and brought back to the council.

Resident Thomas McCaffery addressed the council about flooding concerns in the Elm Street/33 ½ Street area. Mr. McCaffery believes that it is a pipe at the end of the street that is too small causing the issues. Mayor Agee told the council that Eight Mile Creek filled up during a heavy

rain that we had recently that caused the flooding issues. This has happened twice in the last two years and the water runs off as soon as it quits raining. Mayor Agee also stated that once it dries up, the street department will be using an excavator to clean out the ditch from Angelus to Carroll Road.

Resident Aundra Woods appeared to address the council regarding his property at 411 Newton Street that was condemned on June 14, 2021. Mr. Woods was on the agenda and addressed the council on May 10, 2021, and was given until June 14, 2021 to make substantial improvements to the property. Mr. Woods did not appear June 14<sup>th</sup> therefore the property was condemned. Mayor Agee told the council that he received a video late this afternoon that shows that Mr. Woods had done a lot of work to the property.

Motion made by Councilmember Camp to delay moving forward with the condemnation process for two weeks to give the inspector's office an opportunity to see if the residence has been brought up to code; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; and Baine, yes. Mr. Woods was instructed to return on July 26, 2021, for the council's decision.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.

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Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk