

COUNCIL MEETING

March 14, 2022

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022, 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 Randy Aden, Brad Baine, Jeremy Biggs, Lindsey Boggs, Aaron Camp, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, and Neal Adams.

City Attorney Robert Thompson and City Clerk Andrea Williams were present.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of February 28, 2022, 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	- Councilmember Camp stated the committee met on March 8, 2022 and will be bringing some items to the council soon.
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
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 – APPLICATION OF JBR RENTALS. LLC

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing JBR Rentals, LLC. Josh Rogers owner of JBR Rentals, LLC was not present. Mr. Colbert stated this property is 0.4 acres located on Reynolds Road. They are requesting to rezone from R-2 to C-3. Mr. Colbert stated this rezone was presented to the planning commission on March 3, 2022. Six members were present and all six voted in favor of this rezone. No one appeared on opposition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-08)

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS – APPLICATION OF R SQUARED, LLC

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

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

Attorney Brad Broadaway was present representing R Squared, LLC. Chris Dickinson, owner of R Squared, LLC was not present. Mr. Broadaway stated they are requesting 1.9 acres of highway frontage along Linwood Drive (Highway 49) be rezoned from R-1 to C-3. This rezone was presented to the planning commission on March 3, 2022. Six members were present and all six voted in favor of the rezone with the stipulation that a 5-foot privacy fence be put up.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-09)

ITEM #3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that this ordinance is needed to correct the finance company on Ordinance No. 2021-21 from US Bancorp to Arvest Bank and receive a lower interest rate.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-10)

ITEM #4

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE AND RENTAL OF THE PARAGOULD SENIOR CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that the Senior Center has been remodeled and residents have been asking to rent the facilities for parties, weddings, other events. The charge for renting the facility will be \$500 for the center, \$650 for the center and kitchen with a \$250 deposit beginning April 1, 2022. Mayor Agee stated that a parks employee will be present each time it is rented to make sure no damage is done to the center.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-11)

ITEM #5

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITY TRAILS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Boggs.

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

Mayor Agee explained that this ordinance is needed to set guidelines for use of the Eight Mile Creek Trail. This ordinance also sets the fines to be assessed for damage or misuse of the trail.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-12)

ITEM #6

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 AMENDED BUDGET

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

The following amended budget was presented to the council on February 28, 2022, for their approval but no resolution was done. The resolution is needed to adopt the amended budget.

**City of Paragould
2021 Amended Budget**

	2021 Original Budget	2021 Amended Budget
<u>Revenues and Bank Balances:</u>		
<u>Revenues & Transfers In:</u>		
General Fund	16,721,938.95	17,860,391.53
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	67,400.00	64,732.49
Advertising and Promotion Fund	102,400.00	137,038.17
Airport Grant Fund	471,528.00	0.01
American Rescue Plan Grant Fund	-	3,011,066.18

City Beautiful Fund	5,120.00	5,146.33
Court Automation Fund	40,000.00	32,775.08
Economic Development Fund	1,304,000.00	1,568,139.34
Landfill Account	700.00	472.21
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	9,000.00	7,965.72
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	218,500.00	127,365.00
PYSA Account	-	10,260.70
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	5,175.00	30,310.67
Street Fund	2,986,401.00	3,357,486.75
Subtotal	21,932,162.95	26,213,150.18

Available Bank Balances:

General Fund	8,391,336.24	9,391,123.24
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	145,706.31	151,690.56
Advertising and Promotion Fund	159,367.91	173,470.33
Airport Grant Fund	1.00	1.00
American Rescue Plan Grant Fund	-	-
City Beautiful Fund	18,017.16	18,017.16
Court Automation Fund	134,920.10	136,752.60
Economic Development Fund	1,041,819.23	1,164,646.61
Landfill Account	16,456.07	16,456.07
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	345,061.17	345,120.09
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	0.02	0.02
PYSA Account	-	-
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	13,283.45	12,891.66
Street Fund	10,865,632.13	10,807,245.57
Subtotal	21,131,600.79	22,217,414.91
Total Estimated Revenues & Bank Balances	43,063,763.74	48,430,565.09

Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out:

General Fund:		
Administration & Miscellaneous	1,553,628.09	1,701,387.05
Airport Department	761,334.85	701,689.94
Animal Control	127,944.70	140,098.38
Cemetery	85,310.77	93,385.78
District Court	172,112.10	151,523.01
Emergency 911 Department	1,142,242.93	1,174,376.84
Fire Department	3,095,078.01	3,026,303.06
Mosquito Control	166,875.00	166,055.85
Parks Department	1,899,513.32	1,993,324.26
Planning & Development		-

Police Department	4,841,445.47	4,542,072.42
Police Department (Jail Expenditures)	21,000.00	12,080.02
Sanitation Department	2,043,423.94	2,057,332.56

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

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Transfer OUT	-	-
Subtotal- General Fund	15,909,909.18	15,759,629.17
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	130,000.00	201,357.07
Advertising and Promotion Fund	100,000.00	191,777.88
Airport Grant Fund	471,528.00	-
American Rescue Plan Grant Fund	-	204,949.71
City Beautiful Fund	2,000.00	392.09
Court Automation Fund	46,000.00	13,380.04
Economic Development Fund	1,034,500.00	910,830.00
Landfill Account	-	16,928.28
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	4,200.00	2,265.72
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	218,500.00	127,365.00
PYSA Account	-	10,260.70
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	5,175.00	4,420.69
Street Fund	5,015,474.84	4,239,887.72
<u>Total Appropriations</u>	22,937,287.02	21,683,444.07

Unappropriated Funds:

General Fund	9,203,366.01	11,491,885.60
Act 988 Emergency Vehicle Fund	83,106.31	15,065.98
Advertising and Promotion Fund	161,767.91	118,730.62
Airport Grant Fund	1.00	1.01
American Rescue Plan Grant Fund	-	2,806,116.47
City Beautiful Fund	21,137.16	22,771.40
Court Automation Fund	128,920.10	156,147.64
Economic Development Fund	1,311,319.23	1,821,955.95
Landfill Account	17,156.07	-
Linwood Cemetery Trust Fund	349,861.17	350,820.09
Mission Outreach Grant #790-09042-19 Fund	0.02	0.02
PYSA Account	-	-
Street Crimes Unit/Police Drug Fund	13,283.45	38,781.64
Street Fund	8,836,558.29	9,924,844.60
<u>Total Unappropriated Funds</u>	20,126,476.72	26,747,121.02

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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.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-13)

ITEM #7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SAME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

This resolution allows the purchase of property located at 325 West Court Street from Ryan and Cortney Mouser for \$165,000.00. This location will be used to build a new municipal/justice complex.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-14)

ITEM #8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF AN ARCHITECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that an advertisement was placed for a request for qualifications for an architect to design a new municipal/justice complex. Four firms applied and were interviewed. The firm that best fit our needs was Lewis, Elliott, McMorrان, Vaden, Ragsdale and Woodard,

Inc. from Little Rock. This firm has done projects for Brookland Schools as well as building the new Harvest Church here in Paragould.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-15)

ITEM #9

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 709 EAST COURT STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address, and legal description only make by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Planning and Development Director, Kevin Lang was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-16)

ITEM #10

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 309 WEST PARK STREET

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

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

Planning and Development Director, Kevin Lang was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-17)

ITEM #11

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 title, name, address, parcel number and amount only made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

Planning and Development Director, Kevin Lang was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Adams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Agee acknowledged students in the audience from Ms. Cooper's class at Paragould High School.

Mayor Agee explained to the council that with the creation of the Planning and Development Department they will need to have their own credit card with a limit of \$5000 like the other departments do and need council approval to obtain this.

Motion made to allow the Planning and Development Department to obtain a credit card made by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. All in favor.

Mayor Agee reminded the council and public of the grand re-opening of the Senior Center on Thursday, March 17th. Breakfast will be at 8 a.m., state of the city at 8:15 a.m. and a ribbon cutting at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk