

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held at 5:45 this evening regarding the closure of a portion of North 3 ½ Street from West Court Street north to the alley by First Baptist Church. This property will be used to build a new Municipal/Police Complex.

There were approximately 23 people in attendance, and no one spoke in opposition.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 25, 2022**

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Mayor Agee gave the following statement to the council regarding the unexpected passing of Councilmember Aaron Camp: “Tonight we gather under a cloud of darkness and sadness as one of our very own council members is no longer with us. Aaron Camp passed away this morning due to heart complications. Aaron was a loyal member of this governing body and took the responsibilities of alderman very seriously. In his short time serving the citizens of Ward 2 he was extremely proud of the work that has been accomplished. He and I visited, almost daily about ongoing work and future projects. I can tell you; you can look, but you will not find a person who is more excited about the current direction of our city, than Aaron was. Although he may not have been the most vocal on our council, he was thoughtful, considerate, and always did his best to be a true representative of his ward. He would often call, and we would have long conversations about upcoming votes, and he always wanted to make sure our citizens were taken care of. I will mournfully miss those calls. We will all miss Aaron, and this council will not be the same without him. I ask that for the near future please keep his Granny, his mom, his dad, or pops as he called him and his brother, Taylor in all your prayers.”

Invocation was led by former Seventh and Mueller Church of Christ Pastor Larry McFadden.

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

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

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of April 11, 2022, 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, April 22, 2022 and have item number nine on tonight's agenda.
Parks and Recreation	- Councilmember Williams stated the committee met at 5:20 this evening regarding bids for new pavilions at the parks. Bids were advertised and received from four vendors with the lowest, qualified bid that met the specs from Beasley Construction for \$492,320.  Councilmember Williams stated the committee recommends accepting the bid for \$492,320 from Beasley Construction.  Motion to accept the bid from Beasley Construction made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.  Roll call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Bid accepted.
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening with Director of Planning and Development, Kevin Lang. Councilmember Biggs stated that they were working on ordinances regarding waste water and permit issues and will bring them back at a later date.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- Councilmember Adams stated the committee met at 5:00 this evening and have item number six on tonight's agenda.
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 JONATHAN AND ANGELIC DAVIS**

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Jonathan and Angelic Davis, who were also present. Mr. Colbert stated this property is located at 725 West Court and is currently zoned R-2. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are requesting it be rezoned to OP so they may operate a Real Estate office at this location.

Lloyd Turner, owner and resident of 720 West Court Street, appeared in opposition of this rezone. Mr. Turner presented a petition signed by residents of Court Street in opposition of this rezone.

Mr. Colbert explained that some of the opposition was concerned with hours of operation, which are addressed in this ordinance, and will be Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will not be open nights, weekends or holidays. Mr. Colbert stated that he has also heard concerns that a lighted sign will be placed at the office and the yard will be covered in concrete to provide more parking.

Mr. Davis addressed the council and explained that they are not intending on having a lighted sign and that only twelve additional feet of concrete would be added to the existing driveway.

Mr. Colbert was asked to put those stipulations in the ordinance and bring it back to the council on May 9, 2022.

Motion that the ordinance be tabled until May 9, 2022 made by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Aden. All in favor. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance tabled.

**ITEM #2**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS – APPLICATION OF DENNIS CARROLL AND LISA ESTES**

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Dennis Carroll and Lisa Estes, who were also present. Mr. Colbert told the council that this property is located in the 200-300 block of Carroll Road. Mr. Carroll and Ms. Estes are requesting to rezone from R-2 to C-3. This matter was presented to the planning commission on April 7, 2022. Four members were present. A motion was made to accept this rezone and died for lack of a second. Mr. Colbert stated that no one appeared in opposition, but a planning commission member was concerned about additional traffic on Carroll Road. Mr. Colbert also stated that the city's land use plan shows the next intersection of Carroll Road and Barnhill Road as convenience commercial.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **ITEM #3**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS – APPLICATION OF CHRIS ROBINSON**

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

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

Property owner Chris Robinson was present to address the council. Mr. Robinson stated that this property is located at 324 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street and is currently zoned C-2. Mr. Robinson stated that he is unsure why the property is zoned C-2 because it has always been used as rental property. He is wanting to rezone the property to R-2 so that he may continue to use it as rental property.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **ITEM #4**

#### **AN ORDINANCE VACATING, CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF NORTH 3 ½ STREET**

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

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

Mayor Agee stated that this closure is necessary to build a new Municipal Complex/Police Department on this property. Mayor Agee stated that a public hearing on this matter was held at 5:45 this evening and no one appeared in opposition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ITEM #5**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that the Economic Development Commission and the city have hired the Orient Group to do a 20-year plan for the city. They are currently in month 4-6 of a one-year study and have determined that the city zoning regulations are too open. We are currently allowing the building of multi-family dwellings to be turned sideways to meet lot specifications and disturbs the integrity of existing neighborhoods. This ordinance will place a moratorium on multi-family dwellings until the study is complete and the zoning is addressed or for one year, whichever is soonest.

Rick DeMent, Tim Barnham, Jason Camp, Chris Robinson, Jonathan Phillips and Lance Liddell addressed the council regarding this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

Roll call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, no; Williams, yes; Adams, no; Aden, no; Baine, no; and Biggs, yes.

Motion failed.

#### **ITEM #6**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO FEES CHARGED IN CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Mayor Agee explained to the council that several residents have purchased a second trash can and paying the same as residents with only one can (\$12.00 per month). He stated that due to rising costs at the landfill it is necessary to charge those households with two cans an additional \$6.00 per month. He explained that if a resident does not want to pay the additional \$6.00 per month they may clean their second can and return it to the sanitation department for a \$30.00 credit on their utility bill.

Also, the city has purchased a front-loading sanitation truck that has the capacity to dump up to a 12 yard dumpster. The city has purchased six yard and eight-yard dumpsters to sale to local businesses. The cities current ordinance only has prices for pick-up of up to a five-yard dumpster. This will set the prices for pick-up at \$19.50 per yard for any size dumpster. If a

business has more than one dumpster the rate will be \$19.50 per yard of the largest dumpster and \$9.75 for the smaller.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **ITEM #7**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO FEES CHARGED IN CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Removed from agenda. Council will re-visit at a later date.

#### **ITEM #8**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR A NEW VEHICLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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



Mayor Agee explained to the council that this ordinance is to purchase a new boom truck for the sanitation department. Mayor Agee stated that bids were advertised and taken but the low bid on the truck would take several months longer to receive. He explained to the council that we currently have three boom trucks and two of the three are inoperable causing the sanitation department to get behind picking up brush and large items. Therefore, the city feels it is worth the difference in cost to purchase the truck that we can get in a timely manner. The accepted bid is from River City Hydraulics, Inc. for \$187,495.65.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ITEM #9**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR POLICE CAMERAS AND RELATED SOFTWARE, LICENSES AND SHIPPING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Mayor Agee explained to the council that this ordinance is for the purchase of camera's for the sky cops. IT Director, Shane Stovall, was present to answer any questions the council may have.

Mayor Agee said that bids were solicited and the bid from RJ Young for Verkada brand camera's for \$53,942.52 meets the specification requirements needed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ITEM #10**

### **A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS PREMIUM PAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT, AND AMENDING BUDGETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMING POLICE AND FIRE SALARIES AND EMPLOYER PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee met last Friday morning at 7 a.m. to review the changes with the American Rescue Plan Act funds. The ARPA final rule clarified that cities may use up to \$10 million dollars or the entire amount of their grant for revenue replacement/governmental services. Upon advice from the Arkansas Municipal League, the City of Paragould has elected to use the grant funds received as revenue replacement and move them to the General Fund to cover the expenses of police and fire salaries, premium pay and

applicable employer payroll contributions for both. This amended 2021 budget will reflect those changes.

**City of Paragould**  
**2021 Amended Budget Version #2**

	2021 Original Budget	2021 Amended Budget
<b><u>Revenues and Bank Balances:</u></b>		
<b><u>Revenues &amp; Transfers In:</u></b>		
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
<b><u>Available Bank Balances:</u></b>		
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
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Bank Balances</b>	<b>43,063,763.74</b>	<b>48,430,565.09</b>

**Appropriation- Expenditures & Transfers Out:**

General Fund:

Administration & Miscellaneous	1,553,628.09	1,717,373.15
Airport Department	761,334.85	702,919.64
Animal Control	127,944.70	142,557.78
Cemetery	85,310.77	94,615.48
District Court	172,112.10	151,523.01
Emergency 911 Department	1,142,242.93	1,191,592.64
Fire Department	3,095,078.01	1,714,916.75
Mosquito Control	166,875.00	166,055.85
Parks Department	1,899,513.32	2,015,064.18
Planning & Development		-
Police Department	4,841,445.47	2,978,832.78
Police Department (Jail Expenditures)	21,000.00	12,080.02
Sanitation Department	2,043,423.94	2,081,669.09

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

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Transfer OUT	-	-
Subtotal- General Fund	15,909,909.18	12,969,200.37
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	-	2,969,059.08
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	4,266,207.15
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>22,937,287.02</b>	<b>21,683,444.07</b>

**Unappropriated Funds:**

General Fund	9,203,366.01	14,282,314.40
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	-	42,007.10
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	9,898,525.17
<b>Total Unappropriated Funds</b>	<b>20,126,476.72</b>	<b>26,747,121.02</b>

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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 #11**

### **REQUEST TO AMEND CREDIT CARD LIMITS**

City Clerk, Andrea Williams, explained to the council that currently each department has a credit card with a \$5,000 limit. When something is ordered a hold for that amount is placed on the credit card. Due to supply issues some items are taking months to receive and that hold remains on the card until the purchase is complete. This will tie up available funds on the card for other purchases. Several of the department heads have requested that the limits be raised to \$10,000 to try to alleviate this issue.

Motion made to raise the city credit card limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000 made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden. All in favor.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Agee updated the council on the house located at 210 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, owned by George and Victoria Retherford, that was condemned on May 24, 2021. Mrs. Retherford placed a bond to be able to renovate the property. As of her deadline, no work has been performed on the home. Her bond was cashed and used to pay Standley, LLC. to tear the property down,

Mayor Agee stated that Clean Sweep Paragould was held this past Saturday. There were approximately 400 throughout the city working on various clean up projects. The next Clean Sweep Paragould will be September 9, 2022.

Mayor Agee informed the council that the city has taken possession of the Studio C property and that a construction manager will be chosen Wednesday to start the bid process for a new Municipal Complex/Police Department.

Mayor Agee stated that the third of eleven 2D tournaments was held this past weekend. This tournament made approximately \$7500 in revenue. Also, the parks department is in negotiations with Coke and Pepsi regarding a contract with the city. This contract has the potential for a \$10,000 saving for the city.

Also, Mayor Agee explained to the council that a vacancy would be declared for Councilmember Camp's seat (Ward 2, Position 2) on the council. Citizens interested in filling this vacancy should come by the City Clerk's office and pick up a questionnaire and return it before May 6, 2022. Mayor Agee stated he would review the questionnaire's and make a recommendation to the council.

**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 7:58 p.m.

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Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk