

COUNCIL MEETING

September 26, 2022

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 26, 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 Susan Williams, Neal Adams, Randy Aden, Brad Baine, Jessie Blevens, Jeremy Biggs, Lindsey Boggs and Mark Rowland.

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

Councilmember Williams moved the minutes from previous council meeting of September 12, 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	- Councilmember Williams stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss changes to pavilion fees and deposits. Ordinance's will be brought back at a later date.
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- Councilmember Baine stated the committee met at 5:15 this evening and have item number two on tonight's agenda.
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GREENE COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that this resolution is needed to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Greene County regarding the use and rental of the Powerhouse Pavilion.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Blevens, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes.; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-79)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF PARAGOULD TO ENTER INTO A LISTING AND MARKETING COMMISSION AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Fire Chief, Kyle Jackson, was present to address the council. Chief Jackson stated this agreement will authorize the fire department to sell three fire trucks through Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC. for a commission that depends on the sale price. This will be a non-exclusive agreement and funds from the sell will be used to purchase a new ladder truck.

Councilmember Baine stated the fire committee met this evening and voted unanimously to support this resolution.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Blevens, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes.; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-80)

Motion to offer the emergency clause separately made by Councilmember Adams; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Blevens, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes.; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Emergency Clause adopted.

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 BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1910 REYNOLDS ROAD

Motion made that the resolution be offered by address, legal description and owner only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

Property owner, Curtis Dortch, was present to address the council. Mr. Dortch is requesting more time to renovate the property. Mr. Dortch was told that this matter would be tabled and he should speak with Planning and Development Director, Kevin Lang, within the next few days to discuss putting up a bond to be granted more time to work on this property.

This matter is tabled until October 10, 2022.

ITEM #4-#6

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY 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 resolutions be offered by owner's name, address, and fee only made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Blevens.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, Omer Overbay, was present and provided the council with documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Blevens, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes.; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-81, 2022-82, and 2022-83)

Motion made to amend the agenda and add item number 7 an Appointment to City Beautiful by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Blevens. All in favor.

ITEM #7

APPOINTMENT TO CITY BEAUTIFUL – REBECCA HOSKINS

Mayor Agee stated that due to the unexpected death of Councilmember Aaron Camp an at large vacancy remains on the City Beautiful Commission. Mayor Agee is requesting to appoint Rebecca Hoskins to this position.

Motion made by Councilmember Williams to appoint Rebecca Hoskins to the City Beautiful Commission; seconded by Councilmember Blevens.

Roll Call: Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Blevens, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes.; and Rowland, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Appointment confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

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 7:04 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk