

COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2022

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

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

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

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

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of December 13, 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 finance committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss three matters. 1) The NEA Regional Solid Waste Management District budget (item number four on tonight's agenda); 2) The purchase of real estate adjacent to City Hall. The committee approved for the Mayor to proceed with the an appraisal before making a decision; 3) The ARPA Budget.
Parks and Recreation	- Councilmember Williams stated that the committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss signing a contract with 2D Sports to facilitate five baseball tournaments at Bland Park and six softball tournaments at Rotary Park this spring. Motion made by Councilmember Camp to enter into a contract for 2D Sports to facilitate tournaments for the Paragould Parks and Recreation Department; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor.
Police	- Councilmember Camp called for a police committee meeting at 5:40 p.m. on January 24, 2022

Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that this ordinance is to set the rules and procedures for council meeting as required by law.

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-01)

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that this ordinance is to set the salaries for the city clerk and the city attorney as required by law.

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

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

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

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, 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: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, 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; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-02)

ITEM #3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES INCLUDING ORDINANCE 86-2 AND ORDINANCE 2000-15, AS THEY RELATE TO THE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained that this ordinance will change the membership composition of the board. Currently the commission contains 12 members and they are having trouble obtaining a quorum. This ordinance changes to seven members including one from each of the four wards and three at large with one at large to be a councilmember. This will make a quorum easier to obtain.

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2022-03)

ITEM #4

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE NE ARKANSAS REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee explained to the council that in the 2021 general session the legislature passed a law requiring cities to approve their landfill budgets. Since the NE Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District is a regional landfill and Mayor Agee is a member of the board of directors that can execute any document necessary to approve, ratify or amend the budget he is requesting the council approve the budget.

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

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-01)

ITEM #5

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR A 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 – LOCATION: 704 SOUTH 6TH STREET

Motion that the resolution be offered by owner's name, location and legal description made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented 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 Camp.

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-02)

ITEM #6

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR A 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 – LOCATION: 1103 EAST COURT STREET

Motion that the resolution be offered by owner's name, location and legal description made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented 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 Camp.

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-03)

ITEM #7

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR A 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 – LOCATION: 206 WEST BALDWIN

Motion that the resolution be offered by owner's name, location and legal description made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with documentation and photographs of the property. Tammy Pollock, daughter of owner Billy J.

Easley, appeared. Ms. Pollock stated that her father passed away October 27, 2021 and that she and her brother have filed a probate case. Ms. Pollock requested more time to decide if the house could be repaired or needed to be demolished. City Attorney, Robert Thompson, explained to Ms. Pollock that she would have 30 days after the house was condemned to either tear it down or make repairs and that if the city had to tear the house down the property would still belong to her and her brother, although a lien would be placed for the cost of demolition.

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

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-04)

ITEM #8

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR A 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 – LOCATION: 401 SOUTH 5TH AVENUE

Motion that the resolution be offered by owner's name, location and legal description made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented 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 Camp.

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-05)

ITEM #9

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 owner, parcel number and amount only; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

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

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, 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 Adams.

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-06)

ITEM #10

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Agee made the following recommendations:

A & P Commission: Reappoint Marilyn White, term to end December 31, 2023 and Joe Wessell, term to end December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve these appointments made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor.

Airport Commission: Reappoint Lynn Ratliff, term ending December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve this appointment made by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Baine. All in favor.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Reappoint Steve Adams, term ending December 31, 2024 and Mike Finch, term ending December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve these appointments made by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor – Councilmember Adams abstained.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Drake Wallace to fill Jacob Kellett's term, term ending December 31, 2023; Courtney Keuter to fill Angela McBride's term, term ending December 31, 2022; Reappoint Evan Seth Dearing, term ending December 31, 2021 and Jennilee Rogers, term ending December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve these appointments made by Councilmember Adams; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. All in favor.

City Beautiful Commission: Ward appointments – Susan Youngblood, Ward 1, term ending December 31, 2024; Jessie Blevins, Ward 2, term ending December 31, 2024; John White, Ward 3, term ending December 31, 2022; and Neal Adams, Ward 4, term ending December 31, 2024. Council position – Aaron Camp, Councilmember, term ending December 31, 2023. At large positions – Connie Whitman, term ending December 31, 2022; and Vickie Griggs, term ending December 31, 2023.

Motion to approve these appointments made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

ITEM #11

DELETION OF FIXED ASSETS

The council was presented with a list of fixed assets that were deleted from the 2021 fixed asset list maintained by the City Clerk. The following items were deleted:

2001 Freightliner sweeper, International 2003	\$159,536.00	Sold to Walnut Ridge (See Resolution # 2021-38)
1996 GMC gravel truck	\$105,475.00	Sold at auction 10/2/2021
1997 GMC gravel truck	\$49,259.00	Sold at auction 10/2/2021
1997 GMC gravel truck	\$45,444.00	Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2013 Ford Taurus	\$24,127.00	Crain Ford - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
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2009 Ford Crown Victoria	\$23,811.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2009 Ford Crown Victoria	\$23,811.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2009 Ford Crown Victoria	\$23,811.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2011 Crown Vic	\$23,128.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2011 Crown Vic	\$23,128.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2011 Crown Vic	\$23,128.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2010 Ford Crown Victoria	\$22,913.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2010 Ford Crown Victoria	\$22,913.00	Glen Sain, Inc. - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2007 Ford Crown Victoria	\$20,313.00	Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2007 Ford F-150	\$18,306.00	Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2013 Impala	\$17,675.00	Bale Chevrolet- Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2003 Ford Crown Victoria	\$13,500.00	Sold at auction 10/2/2021
2004 Ford Crown Victoria	\$12,750.00	Sold at auction 10/2/2021
Viking Snow Plow	\$9,585.00	Town & Country - Sold at auction 10/2/2021
Bushhog SM60 Mower	\$8,765.00	Heartland Equipment - Sold at auction 10/2/2021

Motion made to approve the deleted fixed assets made by Councilmember Camp; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Deleted assets approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Agee told the council that since the drainage work has been done on Bogil Road there have been no issues in that area with the last two big rains. Also, bigger tiles have been placed on North 5th Street and the ditches have been cleaned out to alleviate the drainage problems in that area.

Mayor Agee stated the painting is complete at the Community Center and should be completed soon at the Sr. Bees Center.

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 6:56 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk