

COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2021

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 25th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Pastor Blake Ligon of Central Baptist Church – Paragould campus.

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 William and Neal Adams

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of January 11, 2021 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Camp. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- None
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- Councilmember Camp called for a committee meeting Monday, February 8 th , 2021 at 5:45 p.m.
Public Health and Ordinances	- Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss several matters. Councilmember Biggs stated the committee has item number one on tonight's agenda and made the motion to amend tonight's agenda to add an ordinance to create the position of deputy city inspector for the city of Paragould, Arkansas, and for other purposes; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. All in favor.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None

Street/Cemetery

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CODE ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 10, BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the ordinance be offered 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.

Councilmember Biggs stated that the ordinance committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss this ordinance. Councilmember Biggs stated that this ordinance will insure that the construction of new homes will be safer and offer more protection to buyers.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed 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 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 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 Rowland; 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. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-04)

ITEM #2

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 700 WILSON STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered 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.

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with photographs and documentation of the property.

Motion made that the resolution 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. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-05)

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 BUILDING SEC 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 822 NORTH VANCE STREET

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and presented the council with photographs and documentation of the property.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; 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. 2021-06)

ITEM #4

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CITY INSPECTOR FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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.

Councilmember Biggs stated the ordinance committee discussed this issue at the meeting this evening. City Attorney, Allen Warmath, explained to the council that the way the current ordinance is worded it only gives the city inspector the authority to issue citations. This ordinance will give the deputy inspectors the authority to issue citations for violations and states in the event of a vacancy in the office of City Inspector, the deputy city inspector shall be subject to the direction of the mayor.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the first 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 second reading by Councilmember Camp; 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 third and final 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 that the ordinance be adopted 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. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2021-05)

ITEM # 5

PRESENTATION OF 2019 AUDIT FINDINGS

Mayor Agee presented the 2019 Audit from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee to the council for their review. Those responsible for compliance are Mayor Mike Gaskill, Treasurer Georgia Rogers, City Clerk Andrea Williams, Finance Director Teresa Stormes and Police Chief Todd Stovall. Mayor Agee stated there were no reportable findings with the 2019 audit.

ITEM #6

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Agee presented the following for appointment:

Parks and Recreation Commission (3 year term)

Angela McBride (term expires 12/31/2022)
Megan Pickney (term expires 12/31/2022)
Evan Seth Dearing (term expires 12/31/2021)

Motion to accept this appointment made by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor.

City Beautiful Commission (3 year term)

Aaron Camp (term expires 12/31/2021)
Jackie Branch (term expires 12/31/2021)
Linda Glickert (term expires 12/31/2022)

Motion to accept this appointment made by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Aden. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

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 6:23 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk