

PUBLIC HEARING

May 10, 2021

A public hearing was held at 5:45 p.m. in the Councilroom at Paragould City Hall for the final hearing of the Mission Outreach renovation grant. Approximately 23 people were in attendance. Mission Outreach Executive Director, Jana Burnett, was present and told the council that the renovations are complete and included a new sprinkler system, new flooring in the men and women’s dorms, new bathrooms, lighting, paint, and duct work. This renovation created room for 6 more beds in the men’s dorms.

Councilmember Baine applauded The Mission Outreach on their work and the service they provide to the community.

COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 2021

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Pastor Charles Stoddard of Southside Community Church.

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

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

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of April 26, 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 - None
- Public Health and

Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 623 WEST COURT STREET

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

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

Code Enforcement Officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay, were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the property.

Tommy Davis was present and stated that he is in the process of purchasing the property and would like an extension on the condemnation to look at the inside of the property, once all the contents are removed, to decide whether to renovate the property or tear it down.

Mr. Davis was told that once the building is condemned he can post a bond in the amount that it will cost to demolish the building if he would like to renovate the house. He stated that he did not want to post a bond on the house until the purchase was final. He is expecting to close on the property within 30-45 days.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-25)

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE, EXECUTE CLOSING

DOCUMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Agee stated that this resolution is needed to purchase the property located at 110 North 3 ½ Street, just west of the Police Department and City Hall. A purchase price of \$5,500 has been negotiated with the executor of the estate of Martha Leah Bledsoe.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-26)

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 411 NEWTON

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

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

Code enforcement officers, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the property. Property owner, Aundra Woods, was present to address the council. Mr. Woods stated that he purchased the house in August of 2020. Mr. Woods came to city hall to purchase a building permit to add rooms to the existing structure and was told by Deputy City Inspector, Greg Trout, that the house is in a A02Ft Flood Zone and to add an addition to the property the entire house would have to be raised four feet. Mr. Woods stated that he could not afford to raise the entire structure. Mr. Trout told Mr. Woods that he would do some research to see if there was some other way that he could add to the house without raising it. Mr. Woods has been waiting to hear back from Mr. Trout about his research to see if he could proceed. Mr. Woods stated that if cannot add an addition to the house that he would like some time to repair the property as it stands.

Motion made to table the resolution until June 14, 2021 to see if improvements have been made by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution tabled.

ITEM #3

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 owners name, address, parcel number and amount only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Camp.

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

Code enforcement officer, J.D. Stephenson and Omer Overbay were present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the properties.

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

Roll call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-27)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Agee invited everyone to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for the Eight Mile Creek Trail at 4:30 p.m. at Harmon Park.

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 6:43 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk