

COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2021

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Pastor Albert Camp of Calvary Baptist Church.

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

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

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

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of August 9, 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 committee met at 5:30 this evening regarding the contract with Vector Disease Control. Councilmember Rowland stated a resolution will be brought back at a later date.
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met Friday, September 10 th at 7 a.m. and have item number four on tonight's agenda.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

A RESOLUTION OF T CITY COUNCIL OF PARAGOULD, CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003) – APPLICATION OF ANCHOR PACKAGING.

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

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

Nicki Arnold, owner of GANT, Inc. was present to answer any questions the council may have. Councilmember Rowland stated this lease is to provide cell tower service for our police, fire and E-911 services. Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee met on July 26th to discuss this matter and recommends adoption of this resolution.

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-63)

ITEM #2

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, 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 Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-64)

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Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-65)

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Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-66)

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

Roll call: Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; and Boggs, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2021-67)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jon Williams, Chairman of the Greene County Republican Party, was present to address the council. The Greene County Republican Party is requesting the council reconsider Resolution No. 2015-22 which is a resolution to opt out of political party primaries for municipal officers

and opt into the default policy of the State of Arkansas for municipal officers to be independent candidates for election in the City of Paragould.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Camp moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk