

COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 2023

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

The following statement was read by Mayor Agee: As most of you are aware, Saturday we lost a friend, a colleague and what I think we would call a rock on this council. Randy Aden left us Saturday, but he has forever left his mark on our city. From all the research I can find Randy was probably the longest serving Paragould City Councilman in our 140-year history. Randy was a steady voice for the citizens of Ward 3 for 27 years and took this responsibility very seriously. Randy was a quiet man but when he spoke people took notice. When I think about Randy and old saying from Theodore Roosevelt comes to mind “keep quiet and carry a big stick”. Instead of words, Randy used his influence; the influence of his voice and the character of man he was. Randy was often recognized for his talent, from being honored as grand marshal of our Christmas parade to recently being nominated for steel guitar player of the year by the Arkansas Country Music Awards. Randy’s passing leaves a void, not only on this council, but throughout our entire community. Please continue to keep his wife Carolyn and the rest of the family in your prayer while they go through this difficult time.

Invocation was led by Councilmember Mark Rowland.

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

Those present were Pat Austin, Brad Baine, Jeremy Biggs, Jackie Branch, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams and Neal Adams. Randy Aden was absent.

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

Councilmember Williams moved the minutes from previous council meeting of January 9, 2023, be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Branch. All in favor.

Councilmember Rowland moved the financial statement

Councilmember Adams moved the financial statement for December 2022 be approved as presented; seconded by Councilmember Rowland. 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	- Councilmember Branch stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening and have item number four on tonight's agenda.
Committee of the Whole	- Mayor Agee stated the Committee of the Whole met tonight to discuss the Handicap Grievance policy and the Airport Commission (Item number three on tonight's agenda.)

Mayor Agee told the council that Human Resource Director, Tisha Baldwin, has updated the Americans with Disabilities Title II Grievance Procedure. Mrs. Baldwin was present and told the council that this policy outlines the procedures for filing a ADA grievance with the City.

Motion to accept the updated ADA grievance policy made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor.

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 Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

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

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Adams; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2023-01)

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 Adams; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, 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 Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Aden; seconded by Councilmember Austin.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2023-02)

ITEM #3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS; TO ABOLISH THE PARAGOULD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION AND TO CREATE THE ADVISORY AIRPORT BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

Mayor Agee explained that this ordinance changes the Airport Commission to the Airport Advisory Board. The airport is city owned and operated and the commission is currently operating in an advisory board capacity. The Airport Advisory Board is to provide advice and guidance to the Mayor, Airport Manager and City Council or airport management, operations, facilities, equipment, planning and other areas as needed for the efficient operations of the airport.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, 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: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2023-03)

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Emergency clause adopted.

ITEM #4

PRESENTATION OF STREET BIDS

The following bids were presented for approval:

ASPHALT

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DELTA

TYPE II (PER TON)

LAID \$106.28

PLANT \$69.25

TYPE III (PER TON)

LAID \$106.28

PLANT \$69.25

PRIME(PER S/Y)	\$0.00
RECONSTRUCTION(PER S/Y)	\$4.50
COLD MIX (PER TON)	\$130.00
BINDER	
LAI D	\$106.28
PLANT	\$67.50
CSS I OIL (PER GALLON)	\$4.25
MILLING	\$4.25

CHAT

CHAT (PER TON)	VULCAN
1/2"	\$9.50
SB2	\$7.75
RIP RAP	\$11.55
LIME	\$13.50
3" BALLAST	\$9.50
HAULING	\$7.50
SHOT ROCK	\$10.25
3/4" MINUS	\$9.50
"B" STONE	\$8.95

CONCRETE

TYPE	NEAR
3000 LB MIX	\$138.00
FIBER	\$9.00
1% CALCIUM	\$3.00
2% CALCIUM	\$6.00
PEA GRAVEL	\$153.00
60/40 MIX	\$0.00
3500 LB MIX	\$140.50

FIBER	\$9.00
1% CALCIUM	\$3.00
2% CALCIUM	\$6.00
PEA GRAVEL	\$155.50
60/40 MIX	\$0.00
FLOWABLE FILL	\$123.00
FIBER	\$9.00
1% CALCIUM	\$3.00
2% CALCIUM	\$6.00

**FUEL SURCHARGE MAY CHANGE WEEKLY, PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET

TILE

TILE	ADS	CONTECH
DIAMETER	POLYETHYLENE	METAL
	PER FOOT	PER FOOT
12"	\$7.06	\$14.00
15"	\$9.47	\$16.80
18"	\$13.14	\$21.00
24"	\$21.77	\$26.60
30"	\$31.52	\$33.60
36"	\$39.73	\$50.40
42"	\$58.62	\$58.80
48"	\$65.34	\$67.20
60"	\$108.33	

Motion made that the bids be accepted as presented by Councilmember Adams; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Bids accepted.

ITEM #5

PRESENTATION MUNICIPAL COMPLEX BIDS

Mayor Agee stated that the City has hired Tate General Contractors as the construction manager. Bids were opened at City Hall on December 15, 2022. After all bids were reviewed the maximum guaranteed price to build a new city hall/police department is \$6,679,874.08.

Motion made to approve the maximum guaranteed price of \$6,679,874.08 made by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Austin.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Bids accepted.

ITEM #6

APPROVAL OF FLEET CARD FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Clerk, Andrea Williams, explained to the council that each time a police officer has to transport a prisoner out of town and has to put gas in the patrol car they bring the receipt to the clerk's office for reimbursement out of petty cash. Captain McCain has requested to obtain a fleet card for the purpose of purchasing gas while on out-of-town trips. This will eliminate the officer having to pay for fuel out of pocket and the clerk's office having to reimburse for those purchases.

Motion made by Councilmember Rowland to allow the police department to procure a fleet card for the purpose of purchasing fuel on out of town trips; seconded by Councilmember Austin. All in favor.

ITEM # 7

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 410 NORTH 14TH AVENUE

Motion made to offer the resolution by name and address only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2023-01)

ITEM #8

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 to offer the resolutions by name, address and total only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present to answer any questions the council may have. This resolution is to recoup money the city has spent to clean up nuisance properties. The council was provided with documentation of the cost.

Motion made that the resolutions be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Austin, yes; Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolutions adopted. (Resolution No. 2023-02)

Motion to amend the agenda and add Item #9 Appointments To Boards made by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Branch. All in favor

ITEM #9

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

Mayor Agee made the following recommendations:

Airport Advisory Board: Dr. Mack Shotts (term to expire 12/31/2023); Rick Dickinson (term to expire 12/31/2024); Bryce Anderson replacing Tom Graber (term to expire 12/31/2025); Lynn

Ratliff and Jeremy Edgar (term to expire 12/31/2026); and Brock Atwill (term to expire 12/31/2027)

Paragould Housing Authority: Mitchell Smith to replace Karen Cooper (term to expire 2/24/2027)

Motion to approve these appointments made by Councilmember Rowland; 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 Branch. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:56 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk