

COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2022

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Councilmember Brad Baine.

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

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

City Attorney Robert Thompson and Deputy City Clerk Julia Davis were present. City Clerk Andrea Williams was absent.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of March 28, 2022, be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

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| Public Service | - None |
| Finance | - None |
| Parks and Recreation | - None |
| Police | - None |
| Public Health and Ordinances | - Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:20 this evening and will meet again on April 25, 2022 at 5:20 p.m. |
| Fire | - None |
| Sanitation | - Councilmember Adams stated the committee met at 5:50 this evening to discuss purchasing a boom truck. An ordinance will be brought back to the council on April 25, 2022. |
| Street/Cemetery | - None |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS – MF
BLOCK BLOCK PARTY**

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

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

Mayor Agee stated that MF Block insurance is wanting to close the north loop of Southpointe Drive on April 22, 2022 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to host a Block Party.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-26)

ITEM #2

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS –
REYNOLDS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

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

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

Mayor Agee stated Reynolds Park Baptist Church is hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022 and is needing to close South 7th Avenue from East Main to Highway 412 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-27)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO VACATE, CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF NORTH 3 ½ STREET

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

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

Mayor Agee stated resolution is to set a public hearing on April 25, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. regarding the closing of North 3 ½ Street to build a new Municipal Building/Police Department.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-28)

ITEM #4

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PARAGOULD TO OFFER AND OBTAIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND PROGRAMS

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

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

Mayor Agee stated this resolution will allow the Economic Development Corporation to apply for grant funds for workforce development programs and the city will be the application entity.

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

Roll call: Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Camp, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Baine, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-29)

ITEM #5

AUTHORIZE OPENING OF BANK ACCOUNT FOR MISSION OUTREACH GRANT

Mayor Agee explained that council approval is needed to open a bank account for the disbursement of funds obtained by the Mission Outreach from a grant from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

Motion made by Councilmember Adams to open a separate bank account for the Mission Outreach Grant; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

ITEM #6

PRESENTATION OF BIDS – BOOM TRUCK

Councilmember Adams stated that the committee met this evening to discuss bids received for a boom truck. Councilmember Adams stated an ordinance will be brought to the council on April 25, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Agee told the council that the baseball and softball tournaments this weekend brought in \$5100 and \$7900. The programs are expected to make \$70,000-\$80,000 for the season.

Mayor Agee stated we are also hosting an AAU tournament at the Community Center this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk