

COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 2022

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 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 Lindsey Boggs, Mark Rowland, Neal Adams, Randy Aden, Brad Baine and Jessie Blevens. Jeremy Biggs and Susan Williams were absent.

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

Councilmember Rowland moved the minutes from previous council meeting of July 25, 2022, be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Adams. All in favor.

Councilmember Adams moved the financial statements for July 2022, be approved as presented; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- Mayor Agee called for a public service committee meeting at 5 p.m. on August 22, 2022
Finance	- Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee met Friday, July 29, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. for a mid-year review of the 2022 budget. Councilmember Rowland stated that the budget is in good shape. The city has a \$5 million certificate of deposit invested that will be used to build a new city hall/justice complex. He stated the committee will meet again next quarter, if needed. Mayor Agee stated the department heads will be notified this week to turn in their projected 2023 budget the third week in September.
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and	

Ordinances	- Mayor Agee stated the committee has item number three on tonight's agenda.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

THIRD HOUSE ON A PRIVATE DRIVE – REQUEST OF ELMER PAUL AND MONOCO JONES

No one appeared. Item will be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FENCES WITHIN THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Boggs.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

Kevin Lang, Director of Planning and Development was present to answer any questions the council may have. He stated that this ordinance is needed to regulate fences being build on drainage easements and fences that are built in front of property that impair vision.

He stated that fences that are currently up will be grandfathered in. Fences that the city has to remove to correct drainage issues will be the responsibility of the owner to reconstruct according to the standards of this ordinance.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Blevens.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Motion carried six to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-31)

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Emergency clause adopted.

ITEM #2

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

Mayor Agee told the council that this truck was bid out in 2021. The original cost of the truck was \$119,000.00 but due to the wait and the cost of things going up and the surcharges the cost is now \$125,740.00. Tag is ready to deliver the truck once this is approved.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Blevens.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Motion carried six to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-32)

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Emergency clause adopted.

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS – NIGHT MOVES

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Adams; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

Leanna Johnson, with the Henry Wrinkles Foundation, was present to address the council. She stated that the event is a fundraiser for the foundation and has the support of the Paragould A & P Commission.

This event entitled “Night Moves” will be Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the 100-200 North and South blocks for Pruetts Street and will host a car show and art show.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-59)

ITEM #4

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 BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 –
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1710 PALM STREET**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by location, legal description and owner's name only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-60)

ITEM #5

**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 BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 –
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 512 WEST PARK STREET**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by location, legal description and owner's name only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

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

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-61)

ITEM #6

**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 BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 –
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1004 ROYAL STREET/ 409 BARD ROAD**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by location, legal description and owner's name only by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, Omer Overbay, was present and provided the council with photographs and documentation of the property. Tommy DeRoe, with Rentcorp Properties, LLC, was present to address the council. Mr. DeRoe stated the property burned in January, 2022 and he is wanting to rehab the property. Mayor Agee explained the policy of requiring the owner to place a bond, in this case \$7000, to stay the condemnation process and give him more time to rehab the property. If the property is not completed within one year of purchase of the building permit the bond will be cashed in and used to tear the property down. Mr. DeRoe asked for more time to speak with his business partner.

Councilmember Rowland made the motion to table this matter; seconded by Councilmember Blevens.

Item tabled until August 22, 2022

ITEM #7

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 that the resolution be offered by owner's name, address, parcel number and fee only made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, Omer Overbay, was present and provided the council with documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.
Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-62)

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 PROPOSE OF COLLECTING MONIES WHICH ARE OWED THE CITY OF PARAGOULD FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion that the resolution be offered by owner's name, address, parcel number and fee only made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, Omer Overbay, was present and provided the council with documentation of the properties. No one appeared in opposition.

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

Roll Call: Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Adams, yes; Aden, yes; Baine, yes; and Blevens, yes. Motion carried six to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-63)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Adams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:48 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk