

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Paris City Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. viewable on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/cityofparisky on February 13, 2024.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Plummer called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor, John Plummer; Commissioner, Wallis Brooks; Commissioner, Tim Gray; Commissioner, Sharon Fields; Commissioner, Mike Withrow.

Others in Attendance: City Attorney, Bryan Beaman; CPA, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve January 23, 2024 meeting minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Holli Hatmaker, President of the Farmers Market, provided an annual update. Stating that 120 vendors sold items at the market last year. A state senior citizen program was offered last year that included funds to spend at a farmers market. The market offered double dollars, with the combined dollars seniors citizens received a total of \$3,3000 to spend on food items.

ORDINANCES

First reading of Ordinance 2024-1 was read by Jamie Miller, approving a lease agreement for the financing of a project; providing for the payment of and security for the lease; affirming the maintenance of the existing sinking fund; and authorizing the execution of various documents related to the lease.

First reading of Ordinance 2024-2 was read by Jamie Miller, related to the rates and charges for disposal at the solid waste convenience center.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Tourism's request related to Artwalk for the street closure on April 19, 2024 between 8th Street and 2nd Street from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to include Police Department assistance.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the Chamber of Commerce's request related to Tour de Paris 5K on April 20th, 2024 for a temporary street closure at the crossing of Pleasant Street and 3rd Street., at the crossing of 2nd Street and Main Street, at the crossing of High Street and 8th Street. Putting cones out down Pleasant Street from Duncan to 2nd Street, on 2nd Street from Mt. Airy to Houston Ave, and on 8th Street from Houston Avenue to High Street and to include Police Department assistance.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-7 approving a lease of storage space with Fairway Farms LLC and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary contracts, and authorize the Mayor to execute renewals in accordance with the order.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving curbside pickup provided by Rumpke for heavy trash on Thursday, March 28th. The City of Paris will pick up brush and limbs curbside the week of March 25th through March 29th.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the full-time hire of Eric Puckett to the position of Field Operations Trainee, pay scale O2-12.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the full-time hire of Itia Bear to the position of Police Cadet, payscale P4-1 and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the employment contract.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$361,442.76 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$172,505.97.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving payment of an invoice from Local Government Corporation related to their annual service agreement for the amount of \$49,012.64 for the City's hardware and software general ledger system.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving payment of invoice to Layne Christensen Company for \$9,216.00 for high service pump number 2 at the Water Treatment plant.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to the execute all necessary documents for Change Order #1 is for the amount of \$188,800 and for field changes and the City for waterline damages that are required for house repairs for approximately \$3,000 related to the US-460 project.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve Municipal Order 2024-8 authorizing a lease renewal with the Commonwealth of Kentucky and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

By: Fields
Seconded: Withrow

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving November Utility Fund financial reports as presented reporting revenues of \$4,450,081 with expenses of \$4,876,377 with expenses exceeding revenues by \$426,296. Operating cash at the end of November totaled \$1,056,297.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving December Utility Fund financial reports as presented reporting revenues of \$5,444,767 with expenses of \$5,597,352 with expenses exceeding revenues by \$152,585. Operating cash at the end of November totaled \$1,108,165.

Motion: Move to approve Resolution 2024-3 and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute all required documents.

By: Brooks
Seconded: Withrow

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Resolution 2024-4 approving the filing of the letter of intent to request funding through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute all necessary documents.

By: Fields
Seconded: Withrow

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Resolution 2024-5 approving funding for certificates of deposits and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

By: Withrow
Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Resolution 2024-6 approving the filing of an application to request funding through FY23 for assistance to Firefighters grant and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute all required documents.

By: Fields
Seconded: Withrow

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow
No: None
Abstain: None

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism
- Artwalk is April 19, 2024 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce
- Provided an update related to retail strategies.
- Tour de Paris 5K is April 20, 2024

Dalton Belcher, Planning and Zoning
- Compliance and citations have been issued.

Jamie Miller, City Manager
- A proclamation is in process for recognition of Garrett Morgan
- Staff is working on quarterly calculation reviews and reconciliation of utility accounts. Some accounts may require credit to be issued to their account due to a classification error.
- Lexington/Fayette County will be discussing a regional sustainability plan that is a six-county initiative. Citizens can attend the virtual meeting at The Paris-Bourbon County Public Library.

Commissioner Brooks
- 40 applications were received for the Parks Director position, and have been narrowed down to 5 for interviews.

Commissioner Gray
- Requested a committee be formed for fundraising for a Garrett Morgan statue.
- Requested review of the city ordinances related to puppy mills.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles