

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 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 Tuesday, January 23, 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, Sharon Fields; Commissioner, Mike Withrow.

Absent: Commissioner, Tim Gray.

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 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Dalton Belcher, Planning and Zoning provided an update on the overlay district with revitalization of the West Side Neighborhood district. The overlay purpose is to preserve existing neighborhood characters such as front porch and window appearances for properties located at 619-623 Atlas Street; 788-795 Connelly’s Alley; 211-316 Curtis Avenue; 711-1200 Cypress Street; 211-316 Fields Avenue; 430-625 Gano Street; 507-610 Gorey Avenue; 303-543 Hanson Street; 714-751 Henderson Street; 502-694 Higgins Avenue; 803-863 Horton Drive; 310-616 Lilleston Avenue; 511-521 Lincoln Avenue; 810-875 Lylesville Street; 302-324 Marshall Heights; 314-621 Marshall Street; 301-326 Patterson Street; 508-520 Patton Street; 232-238 Pearl Street; 106-150 Pinecrest Avenue; 210-424 Short Street; 757-779 Singers Alley; 521-522 Spaulding Street; 301-316 Stearns Avenue; 506-717 Thomas Avenue; 227-560 West 7th Street; 200-585 West 8th Street; 702-1024 Walker Avenue; 602-606 Western Way; 411-744 Williams Street; 626-652 Windsor Way. No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-5 approving the Mayor’s appointment of Melissa Jurgensen to the Paris Pike Corridor Commission for a Term Ending November 8, 2026.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for the General Fund in the amount of \$208,698.55 and the Utility Fund in the amount of \$138,186.57.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Fields, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2024-2 Concerning Freedom of Speech at The Paris-Bourbon County Public Library.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the five-year contract with Qualus Services, LLC for yearly electric system infrared testing and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the contract once Legal has finalized any necessary terms.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the [QX](#) Networking & Design Inc. contract reassignment subject to the finalization of any contract terms by legal.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-6 related to Water Tap Fees.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving November General Fund financial reports as presented reflecting general fund revenues of \$4,978,292 with expenses of \$4,660,867 with revenues exceeding expenses by \$317,425. Operating cash at the end of November totaled \$10,292,955.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the December General Fund financial reports as presented reflecting general fund revenues of \$5,445,598 with expenses of \$5,373,959 with revenues exceeding expenses by \$71,639. Operating cash at the end of December totaled \$9,691,377.

REPORTS

Gordon Wilson, EDA

- AGTech building has been purchased, and an addition is planned for the building.
- Bluegrass Tool is considering Paris for a new location.
- Woodford Spears property purchase for a potential distillery.

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce

- Health and Human Services Group has begun a partnership with Bourbon County Health Department.
- Tour De Paris 5K is scheduled for April 20, 2024.
- February 8, 2024 will be the first podcast for the Chamber of Commerce. The podcast will be called "Lets talk Bourbon County."

Dalton Belcher, Planning and Zoning

- Reporting that permits are maintaining the same volume as 2021.

Brad Oberlander, CPA

- Documents were finalized today for the police car loan.
- Looking at investment options.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- Transfer Station bid opening is February 21, 2024.
- Capital Improvement Plan budgets are being drafted by department heads for the 2025-26 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles