

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 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 May 14, 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.

Absent: City Manager, Jamie Miller

Others in attendance: Assistant City Manager, Kevin Mayorn; City Attorney, Bryan Beaman; CPA, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving April 23, 2024 minutes as presented.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving May 7, 2024 Workshop session minutes as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Morgain Patterson, Director of Municipal Law with the Kentucky League of Cities, discussed Medical Cannabis Legislation set to take effect on January 1, 2025, for cultivating and dispensaries, stating that the district of Paris is composed of 11 cities and only 4 dispensary licenses will be issued for the total district. The commission agreed to move forward with implementing an ordinance, policies and procedures to allow for cannabis.

Doug Buresh, President and CEO of KYMEA asked the City Commission to consider investing in Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) that can efficiently produce energy to meet growing demands for a 30 year agreement. No action was taken.

Tom Ralston with Hinkle Contracting - Discussed the High and Main Street paving will begin once the weather cooperates. Hinkle is considering working in the evenings. Both Main and High Street will be worked on consecutively for approximately 6 weeks.

ORDINANCES

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-9 was read by Bryan Beaman. An ordinance amending the text of the city’s zoning ordinance addressing permitted uses in the B-2 general commercial business zone and accessory uses in the I-2 heavy industry zone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-26 for the promotion of Deanna Alford to the vacant position of Wastewater Pre-Treatment Laboratory Technician, pay scale O8-1.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-27 for the full-time hire of John Oliver to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic, pay scale F8-7. Further, move to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute necessary employment agreements.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-28 for a lease agreement with DirectCare Family Health and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to finalize the agreement and execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2024-8 pending KIA final approval and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute all other necessary documentation for the supplemental acceptance of grant funding for the Cleaner Water Program.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the Chamber's request related to Fridays on Main for the street closure of Main St between 8th Street and 4th Street from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to include Police Department assistance for dates in June, July, August, and September.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the Fiscal Courts's request related to the lighting of the eternal flame for the street closure of Main St around the courthouse from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 24, 2024. Conditional upon any applicable encroachment or other necessary permits through the State being approved.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving to ratify the proclamation for Dwayne Rice.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for the General Fund in the amount of \$346,059.11 and the Utility Fund in the amount of \$174,042.62.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve Municipal Order 2024-29 regarding an economic incentive for Send Cut Send.
By: Brooks
Seconded: Withrow

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

Motion: Move to authorize the electricity department to directly negotiate for the purchase of a used backyard machine within the allocated budget and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute all required documents.
By: Fields
Seconded: Withrow

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

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving additional fees requested by RFH PLLC's FY 2023 Audit and authorizing the City Attorney to review possible termination of the contract with RFH.

Motion: Motion to approve option 3B,subject to securing funding, for Millersburg Road Sewer and Pump Station Project
By: Withrow
Seconded: Plummer

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

Motion: Move to approve 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: Withrow
Seconded: Brooks

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

REPORTS

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce
- June 7th, is Friday's on Main first event of the year the theme is Backyard BBQ.
- Festival on 5th July 19th.
- August 29th, 2024 Chamber Awards Gala.
- Fall Meet Gala at Hill n Dale Farm October 11, 2024.

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism
- Working with Fox 56 for a segment Out and about with DeeAnn Stephens.
- Kentucky Heritage and Tourism department filing the African American Heritage trail in Paris.

Dalton Belcher, Planning and Zoning

- Next Planning meeting is Thursday.
- BOA meeting is on Tuesday.
- They have had one hearing for the Code Board. Citations are going out for tall grass.

Sharon Fields

- Block Party for African American Heritage Day block party was sucessful.
- A film crew was in Paris related to the African American Trail across the State of Kentucky. The film is expected to be completed sometime next year.

Kevin Mayhorn, Assistant City Manager

- Last week was public service week, and recognized staff for their hard work and dedication to the City of Paris.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles