

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 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 June 25, 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 Manager, Jamie Miller; City Attorney, Bryan Beaman; CPA, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving the Regular Meeting minutes of June 11, 2024, as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tom Ralston provided an update related to Main and High Street, milling has begun on High Street during day time hours. Main Street will be milled in the evening hours. With no set backs, and weather concerns the projects are anticipated to be completed within a six week period.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-9, a text amendment to the B2 and I Zones.

By: Withrow
Seconded: Brooks

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

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-10 FY'25 fiscal year July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025 annual budget as presented.

By: Fields
Seconded: Withrow

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

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2024-11 Amendment to the Compensation Scale as presented.

By: Withrow
Seconded: Brooks

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

Public comment was held related to the proposed utility rate increases for municipality-owned utilities. The hearing met the requirements of KRS 96.534.

Motion Withrow, Second by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to enter into a public hearing related to the proposed utility rates for Water, Sewer, and Electricity at 9:19 a.m.

One public comment was heard:
Danny Hudnall a resident of Bourbon County, made a comment related to electricity. Comment was suggesting the City of Paris use some of the budget to purchase land and install a solar farm. Stating the entire city would benefit from that purchase and the entire city would give back to the budget, increasing the budget by 15-20 % percent by saving money on their electricity bill.

With no other written or verbal comments received Motion by Fields, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 9:21 a.m.

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2024-12 Water Rates as presented.
By: Brooks
Seconded: Withrow

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

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-13 Sewer Rates as presented.
By: Plummer
Seconded: Fields

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

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2024-14 Electric Rates as presented.
By: Withrow
Seconded: Brooks

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

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-15 relating to E911 meter fees as presented.
By: Brooks
Seconded: Plummer

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

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-16 Amendment to the FY'24 Annual Budget as presented.
By: Withrow
Seconded: Brooks

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

First Reading: Ordinance 2024-17; Amendment to Compensation Scale - Creation of a role of a Purchasing and Grants position with a pay grade of an A10 was read by Jamie Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Brooks , seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-37 for the appointment of a Ralph Quillin to the Architectural Review Board for a term ending February 14, 2027.
- Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-38 for a lease agreement with Watson Law Firm, PLLC and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.
- Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-39 for the acceptance of utility infrastructure and Wisteria Way as a Street.
- Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-40 for internal transfer of Merissa Williamson to the position of Executive Assistant, pay scale A4-15.
- Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2024-10 related to the House Bill 1 (HB1) Appropriation and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents related to the award.
- Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields , the motion unanimously carried approving the FY'25 funding agreement with CASA of Lexington authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to finalize and execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the FY'25 funding agreement with Paris-Bourbon County Chamber of Commerce authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to finalize and execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Books, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the FY'25 funding agreement with Paris-Bourbon County Economic Development Authority "EDA" authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to finalize and execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the FY'25 funding agreement with Paris-Bourbon County Hopewell Museum and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to finalize and execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the FY'25 funding agreement with Paris-Bourbon County Recreation, Tourist, and Convention Commission authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to finalize and execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the FY'25 funding agreement with Paris-Bourbon County Senior Citizen Center and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to finalize and execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving establishing a FY'25 funding agreement with Bourbon County Health Department, subject to confirmed use of opioid funds under Statute, and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to create, finalize, and execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the Chamber of Commerce request related to Festival on Fifth for the street closure of Fifth Street between Main and Pleasant and for Police department assistance.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$194,069.17 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$95,322.85.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-41 to enter into an agreement with Citco Water.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-41 approving an Administrative Guideline on Grants Administration.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the City Manager's Agreement and authorizing the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried authorizing the audit committee and or two board of commissioners to review and approve the award of a bid for the 10th Street water tank valve replacement project due to the sensitivity of urgency of the project.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving May financials as presented reflecting general fund revenues of \$11,279,394 with expenses of \$10,223,742 and utility fund revenues of \$16,713,325 with expenses of \$14,049,049.

REPORTS

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce

- Continuing to explore the possibility of a Splash pad location and funding sources.

Mike Smith, Public Works

-Transfer Station - Concrete will be poured today.

-Invitation to Bid for the FY'25 Street Paving has been published.

-The possibility of closure of 3rd Street between Stone and Pleasant Street for vehicles, However, leave open for foot traffic. The discussion of closing the street is due to safety concerns.

Brad Oberlander

- Audit RFP has been published, and a recommendation is expected for the July 23rd meeting.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- Reminder the first meeting in July was canceled.

- July 8th and 9th - ICMA, and contractors with EPA Brownfield will be on a site visit at the current transfer station site.

Mayor, Plummer

- Extended his appreciation to the citizens for their patients during the on-going street paving projects.

Sharon Fields, Commissioner

- Requested the City to work with the Fiscal Court to bring another nursing home to Bourbon County, and the possibility of adding an assisted living facility stating Bourbon Heights has a long wait list.

Tim Gray, Commissioner

- Optimistic of creating a Splash pad for Paris, noting that building a splash pad took 4 years for Cynthiana just to achieve a grant, the grand did not cover all costs. Reiterating to the public a project like this is a process, and it takes time and will not be built within a year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles