

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
August 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 August 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 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 to approve July 23, 2024 minutes as presented.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-19 Zoning Map Amendment for 1510 South Main Street.
By: Withrow
Seconded: Fields

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

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-18, an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances.
By: Brooks
Seconded: Withrow

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

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-24 addressing Medical Cannabis and new Kentucky law was ready by Bryan Beaman.

Levy of 2024-2025 Ad Valorem Taxes and Discount is adopted annually. The City is required to levy local property tax rates that generate revenue to fund General Fund services such as Police/Dispatch, Fire/EMS, Public Works, and General Administration. The City of Paris does not determine the value of a property. The Bourbon County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA), determines property value and is a separate entity from the City, the City does not have authority over the PVA.

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-20 Levying AD Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 on Real Property was read by Bryan Beaman.

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-21 levying Ad Valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 on Personal Property was read by Bryan Beaman.

First reading of Ordinance 2024-22 levying Ad Valorem taxes for the Calendar Year 2025 on Motor Vehicles and Water Craft was read by Bryan Beaman.

First reading of Ordinance 2024-23 providing a discount on Real Property tax was read by Bryan Beaman.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields the motion unanimously carried setting a public hearing for the Levy of Real, Personal, Motor Vehicle, and Watercraft tax rates for 2024-2025, and for a 2% early pay discount for Real Property on September 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-47 for the full time hire of Zachary West to the position of Field Operations Trainee, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-48 for the full-time conversion of David Litteral to the position of Public Works Laborer I, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-49 for the full time hire of Vincent O'Connor to the position of Field Operations Trainee, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow , the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-52 for the full time hire of Carrie Prell to the position of E911 Dispatcher, pay scale P3-4.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-53 for the full time hire of Jason Kelley to the position of Water Treatment Operator Trainee, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-51 regarding a revised contract with Paris Independent School Board and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the contract and authorize Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Staff recommends purchasing a Kubota KX 40-4 straight blade mini excavator with a breaker from Holbrook Equipment for \$70,500.00 and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving FY24-25 funding agreement with Bourbon County Health Department and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$339,554.18 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$881,475.99.

REGULAR AGENDA

The commission authorized the City attorney to move forward with writing an agreement with Bluegrass Disc Golf Association to work towards the installation of a Disc Golf Course at Garrard Park. The agreement will be brought forward at a future meeting for approval.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, approving Municipal Order 2024-50 organizational chart update.

REPORTS

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce

- Taste of Paris September 6th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.
- Street closure request for Legends of Bourbon County for 2 days will be brought forward soon.
- A 5K and 10K will be held to celebrate the horse Curlin at Hill N Dale farm.

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism

- Positive feedback has been received related to the Paris commercials and advertisements on Channel 18.
- Will attend the State Fair on Friday for the Bluegrass Regional tourism group.
- September 6th, Paris tourism will host the regional tourism group at Hartfield Distillery.
- September 21st, is the Pumpkin Festival.

Mike Smith, Public Works

- 700 yards of concrete has been poured for the new Transfer Stration. The building slab will be poured on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024. Plumbing is roughed in, the project is on time and moving forward.
- Hinkle will begin milling on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- August 16, 2024 the windows for the utility billing and city clerks' offices will be closed for upgrade of new software.
- August 20, 2024 repairs on 10th Street tank will begin.
- Three staff members completed paramedic training, expressing appreciation for their continued professional development.
- Planning Director recruitment is ongoing and Bluegrass ADD has been contacted for interim assistance.
- Continuing to work on an Entertainment District.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles