

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
November 26, 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 November 26, 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 Beauman; CPA, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 12, 2024.

SPECIAL PRESENATIONS

Paul Gibson discussed the fundraising of the Citizens Police Academy noting that the academy has collected approximately \$1,200 and will have a formal presentation ceremony prior to the Christmas Parade and present the check to Todd Mayle for Shop with Hero.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-31 Adopting a 2024 supplement to the code of ordinances.
By: Withrow
Seconded: Plummer

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

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-32 related to bid openings.
By: Fields
Seconded: Withrow

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

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-33 related to Flood Damage Prevention
By: Withrow
Seconded: Plummer

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

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-34 related to Cannabis license fees was read by Jamie Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2024-89 for the full-time hire of Robert Mcdowell as a Firefighter/EMT at the grade/step of F6-9.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$132,824.45 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$787,182.14.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion: Approve Municipal Order 2024-90 approving the creation of the City Telephone System Upgrade project 24AD01 and providing the expedited approval of items related to the project.
By: Withrow
Seconded: Plummer

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

Jamie Miller discussed a few of the 2025 legislative priorities identified by Kentucky League of Cities.

- Modernizing and changing laws related to revenue, including the distribution of gas tax, restaurant revenues, revenue diversification, EMS collections, rules surrounding transient room taxes, and areas where direct funding distribution is limited by the state.
- Legislation related to employees and boards, such as introducing programs for utility and dispatch worker incentives, adjusting training requirements, and regulations related to pension spiking.
- Legislation to allow the expansion of the use of Opioid Funds.
- Legislation to limit unfunded mandates such as increasing the cost of incarceration for cities.
- Legislation that would allow cities with their own Emergency Response Agencies to receive state funds directly from KYEM.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the financial reports as presented reflecting General Fund revenues of \$4,435,069 with expenses of \$5,219,738 and Utility Fund revenues of \$6,792,486 with expenses of \$6,485,816.

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism
- Small Business Saturday is November 30, 2024.

Sabrina Gordon, YMCA
- The YMCA will have a meet and greet reception on December 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce
- Stated her last day will be December 7, 2024, after the Christmas parade, and will be assisting on as needed basis until a new director is hired.

Mike Smith, Public Works
-The transfer station is moving forward, electricity is currently being installed.

Brad Oberlander, Finance Director
- The Investment Committee had their first meeting, and have arranged to meet monthly until the committee is established.

Jamie Miller, City Manager
- Public comment will be held on December 3, 2024, related to the Entertainment District to discuss what the district will do.
- Joint Fiscal Court meeting will be on January 28, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. following the City Commission meeting.
- Review of the Ethics Policy will take place in January, with a planned virtual meeting.

Tim Gray, Commissioner
- Expressed his appreciation to Jamie Miller for the coordination of the Thanksgiving meal arranged for staff and her continued support of Paris, expressing a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Mayor, John A. Plummer

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles