

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025

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 January 14, 2025.

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, Stan Galbraith.

Others in attendance: City Manager, Jamie Miller; City Attorney, Bryan Beaman; CPA, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Brook , seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving December 10, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Galbraith abstained from the vote.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2024-35 related to the establishment of an Entertainment Destination Center.
By: Fields
Seconded: Brooks

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

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2024-36 Text Amendment related to a neighborhood revitalization design character overlay zone.
By: Fields
Seconded: Plummer

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

Ordinance 2025-1 Zoning Map Amendment request for Westridge Lane was read by Bryan Beaman, a public hearing and second reading will be at the next regular scheduled meeting on January 28, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-1 for the appointment of Mark Offutt to the Joint Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-2 for the appointment of the Floodplain Administrator.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-3 for the full time hire of Christina Humphries to the position of Paramedic, pay scale F7-6.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$421,024.39 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$2,040,280.88.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving and ratify the listed contracts and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Vendor	Contractual Item	Amount
CornerStone Protection	Security Camera Upgrade and Monitoring (CIP	Installation \$10,590.00
	Project 24PW01)	Monitoring \$139.45/Month

REGULAR AGENDA

Chris and Darrell Poynter presented their new project Hotel Thoroughbred, requesting dedication of downtown parking spaces for the Hotel projected to open in 2026. The commission took the request under advisement, no action was taken.

Motion: Move to approve a FY'25 funding agreement of \$ 10,000 with Paris-Bourbon County YMCA and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute documents as necessary related to the agreement.

By: Brooks

Seconded: Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion by Fields, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the 2025 city commission regular meeting schedule in accordance with adopted ordinance § 20.150, to include the cancelation of the July 8, 2025, and December 23, 2025, meetings, and to move November 11, 2025 meeting to a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, due to observance of Veterans Day.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the traffic pattern change for Locust Drive to right turn only onto the Bypass.

Commission did not agree to the price increase proposed by USIC, staff will move forward with the contract termination process.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving to ratify the purchase and approve payment of L&W Emergency Equipment (L&W) invoice with additional costs of \$ 8,500.00 associated with up fit of two (2) police vehicles purchased in August 2024.

The commission discussed creating a Mission and Vision statement for the Strategic Plan suggestions and ideas are requested to be submitted to Jamie by January 24, 2025.

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving November financial reports as presented reflecting General Fund revenues of \$ 5,743,373 with expenses of \$ 6,122,082 and Utility Fund revenues of \$9,088,839 with expenses of \$ 8,075,927.

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism

- "THRACK" meeting was held at Mustard Seed Hill in December.
- Downtown merchant meeting is scheduled for early February.
- February 13th mystery excursion guests are expected in Paris.

Michelle Thornsburg, Planning and Zoning

- Presented December report of 8 Building permits, 11 electrical permits, 1 street cut permit, 3 water/sewer taps, and 13 code enforcement violations were issued.

Mike Smith, Public Works

- Transfer Station is making progress spite of the weather conditions. Painting has begun; lighting is being installed, and the project is moving forward on schedule.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- Offices closed on Monday, January 20th.
- January 28th will be the joint meeting with the Fiscal Court following the city commission meeting.
- Strategic planning workshop January 29th and 30th.
- Clearing of four of the nine areas for disc golf has begun and the project is moving forward.

Sharon Fields, Commissioner

- Vehicle fire at Fairview raised concern with having one way in and out of the subdivision.

Stan Galbraith, Commissioner

- Extended his appreciation to all city staff for the removal of snow and winter storm preparations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles