

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 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 March 25, 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 Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving March 11, 2025 minutes as presented.

ORDINANCES

Motion by Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to enter into a public hearing where the public was provided the opportunity to address the City Commission related to the proposed Ordinance 2025-7 establishing a Carbon Free Choice Program for the City of Paris electric customers at 9:02 a.m.

The Carbon-Free Choice Program allows City of Paris electric customers to voluntarily buy 100% carbon-free energy from solar and hydroelectric sources. Available on a first-come, first-served basis, the energy is sold in blocks, tracked, and certified through a system called M-RETS. Customers pay \$5.00 per block per month, plus a \$1.50 administrative fee to the City. The program requires a one-year commitment, and rates may change annually.

No written or verbal comments were received regarding the proposed rate establishment. This public hearing provided an opportunity for discussion on the proposed rate establishment before the Second Reading of the Ordinance. The hearing was conducted in accordance with KRS 96.534 and all other applicable laws.

Motion by Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to exit the public hearing and resume regular session at 9:04 a.m.

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2025-7 related to Carbon-free Choice Rate

By: Fields

Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2028-8 related to pedestrian safety and solicitation in high-traffic roadways.

By: Plummer

Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

First reading of Ordinance 2025-9 Snow Emergency and Parking Prohibition was read by Jamie Miller.

First Reading of Ordinance 2025-10 Parking Fines was read by Jamie Miller.

First reading of Ordinance 2025-11 Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances was read by Jamie Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried, approving Municipal Order 2025-23 for the reappointment of Kyle Sullivan to the Ethics Board.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-24 for Change Order #3 to W. Principles and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents for a total increase in the contracted amount of \$4,537.90.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-21 for Change Order #3 to Akins Excavating and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents for a total increase of \$56,944.31.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-22 for Change Order #2 to Judy Construction and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents for a total increase in the contracted amount of \$16,513.00

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2025-4 for an application to the Law Enforcement Protection Program and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute any necessary documents.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the proposed proclamation for National Day of Prayer and authorizing the Mayor to execute the document.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$240,061.91 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$556,903.34.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Galbriath, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried, approving a net increase of the Planning and Zoning budget of \$1,198.00 they will utilize fund balance to cover the increase.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried to reject bids received related to the purchase of police vehicles and allow the Police Chief, City Manager, and Finance Director to enter into negotiations with bidder to purchase vehicles for the Police Department.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving February financial reports as presented reflecting General Fund revenues of \$9,868,194 with expenses of \$9,040,353 and Utility Fund revenues of \$13,037,879 with expenses of \$13,030,014.

REPORTS

Allyson Wellman, Chamber of Commerce

- Eleven new members have recently joined the Chamber.
- The Youth Leadership program is wrapping up in the coming weeks, with a focus on small businesses next week.
- Upcoming events: Chamber Golf Scramble – May 30th; Tour De Paris – June 21st; Horses on Main - Paris is for Horse Lovers – April 1st to May 15th.

Mike Smith, Public Works

- The memorial plaque for the Transfer Station will cost approximately \$2,400, requiring a change order for the project. The request will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
- Rumpke’s heavy trash pick-up is scheduled for Thursday.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- Recognized Michelle Thornsburg, Planning Director for Planning and Zoning, for earning her zoning inspector certification.
- On Friday, April 4th, at 9:30 a.m., University of Kentucky students will revisit the Solid Waste and Recycling Convenience Center for project review and reflection.
- Working with the State Transportation Cabinet on a footbridge project. Engineers are assessing options to either relocate a major service water line or redesign the bridge, with all costs covered by the state.
- Due to administrative oversight, the increased Electric Meter fee for the 2024-2025 electric rates was not applied for a period of six months.

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks the motion unanimously carried to commence billing the adjusted base electric meter fee beginning with the April 1st utility bill; no retroactive billing will be applied for the undercharged amount.

Chad Smart, Water Treatment Department

- Addressed the recent precautionary boil water advisories, attributing them to mechanical and telemetry failures. He clarified that while the City issues boil water advisories, the State is responsible for lifting them, as the process is dependent on water testing and regulatory approval. The City has no control over the timeframe for lifting an advisory. Commissioner Gray requested that the City provide periodic updates throughout the duration of any future boil water advisory.

Sharon Fields, Commissioner
- Commissioner Fields expressed concern about trash cans remaining on curbs from Thursday to Thursday and requested action to address the issue. Jamie noted that this constitutes a code violation and advised that the addresses should be reported to Planning and Zoning for enforcement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Executive session was deemed unnecessary, and was not held.

POTENTIAL ACTION

An executive session was not held, and no potential action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Attest:

Mayor, John A. Plummer

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles