

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. viewable on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofParisKY> on June 24, 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: Interim City Manager, Mike Withrow; City Attorney, Bryan Beauman; Finance Director, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving June 10, 2025 minutes as presented.

Motion by Fields, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving special meeting minutes of June 18, 2025 as presented.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2025-16 approving the 2025 fourth quarter budget amendment as presented.

By: Plummer

Seconded: Galbraith

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2025-14 related to the 911 emergency telephone service provided to the residents of the City of Paris and amend the monthly water meter fee to \$10.00 in the city.

By: Brooks

Seconded: Fields

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the full-time hire of Jorrell Flora to the position of Human Resources Manager, pay scale A12-9.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving municipal order 2025-44 related to Rumpke of Kentucky, Inc. for solid waste and sludge hauling services for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030, with an annual escalation of 3% as outlined in their proposal. Authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney to finalize contract terms between the City and Rumpke of Kentucky Inc. for Waste Hauling & Sludge Disposal and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-45 approving an Economic Incentive for AccTran Industries Inc. & Protect for occupational tax withholding beginning July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2031.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-46 related to a real estate conveyance agreement with Bourbon County Fiscal Court for property located at 1004 Stewart Street. Further, authorizing the Mayor, City Attorney, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving a budget amendment for Paris-Bourbon County E-911 services.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving a budget amendment for Paris-Bourbon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Motion by Gray , seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the recommended chemicals and suppliers for FY'25-26 budget for the water and wastewater plants, and approve administration corrections.
Brenntag Mid-South - Chlorine - \$0.844 per pound;
Brenntag Mid-South - Anhydrous Ammonia - \$2.90 per pound;

Further, authorize the use of the next lowest available bidder if a chemical is not available from the selected provider within an acceptable duration of time.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to award the bid to Herrick Company Inc. in the amount of \$205,000 for the conversion of the Woodmont Lift station from a top side to a submersible, including necessary associated purchases. Further, authorize the Mayor, City Manager and Clerk to execute any necessary related documents.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to award bid of a used 2022 Atlas Copco 6" sound-attenuated diesel bypass pump and accessories from Allied Pumps for an amount of \$37,239.36 to include additional freight costs, as part of the total purchase, if any. Further, authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving signing the engagement letter with BHM CPA Group, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2025 financial statement audit. Further authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary paperwork.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the updated street closure request, and rain contingency plan from the Chamber of Commerce related to the Festival on Fifth, requesting the closure of Fifth Street between Main and Pleasant Streets from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with Police Department assistance as needed.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to approve and ratify the issuance of a proclamation in observance of Jamie Miller Day.

Motion by Gay, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$267,499.55 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$346,797.21.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Fields, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the purchase and installation of a replacement water distribution pump from AHP (Air Hydro Power) for the amount of \$22,986.00, which includes \$16,878.00 for the pump and \$6,108.00 for installation. Further, authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase and installation of the replacement pump.

Motion: Move to approve May financial reports as presented reflecting General Fund revenues of \$13,715,789 with expenses of \$12,077,815 and Utility Fund revenues of \$17,100,520 with expenses of \$17,157,169.
By: Galbraith
Seconded: Gray

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

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism
The Festival on Fifth was deemed a success, despite being moved indoors due to inclement weather.
Noted that the Bourbon County Fair is currently taking place this week.
Announced an upcoming jazz concert benefiting the Hopewell Museum.

Allyson Wellman, Chamber of Commerce
DAC Games, located at 604 Main Street – Ribbon cutting scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.
Greenhouse Project at Paris City Schools – Ribbon cutting set for July 1st at 10:00 a.m.
New car wash – Ribbon cutting scheduled for July 11th at 12:00 p.m.It was noted that the Festival on Fifth has been placed on hold. The next two planned installments of the event have been canceled and will not take place.

Festival on Fifth placed on hold. The next two events will not be taking place.

Mike Withrow, Interim City Manager
Reported that the Power Plant is currently generating electricity today, from approximately 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on July 22nd, followed immediately by a joint meeting.

Vanessa Logan, West Side Community
Addressed concerns regarding the unauthorized discharge of fireworks within the city limits. Police Chief Thomas stated the Police Department will be increasing patrols and actively enforcing the fireworks ordinance.

Announced that she will participate with a Brownfield Conference on August 8th, where the roadmap for the Transfer Station project will be presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving the Board of Commissioners to exit open session and enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for discussions of proposed litigation on behalf of the public agency at 9:33 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session. Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to exit executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) discussion of proposed litigation on behalf of the public agency and resume open session at 9:46 a.m.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried authorizing Sturgill, Turner, Barker, & Moloney PLLC to file suit under the Kentucky Mass Foreclosure Act, KRS 91.450, et seq. on eight parcels of real property located at: 316 Stearns Avenue; Stearns Avenue Lot # 37; 321 Hanson Street; 505 Gano Street; 505 Higgins Avenue; 431 Williams Street; 541 Williams Street; and 715 Williams Street and against any persons or entities who may hold any interest in the properties now or later discovered and for the attorneys to take all measures as needed to pursue the civil action.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving the Board of Commissioners to exit open session and enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussion which might lead to the appointment of an individual employee at 9:48 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session. Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving to exit executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussion which might lead to the appointment of an individual employee and resume open session.

With no other business discussed, the meeting proceeded to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

Stephanie Settles, City Clerk