

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. viewable on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofParisKY> on Tuesday, August 26, 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, Matt Belcher; City Attorney, Bryan Beaman; Finance Director, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Mayor, the motion unanimously carried to approve August 12, 2025 minutes as presented.

Motion by Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve Special Meeting minutes of August 22, 2025.

ORDINANCES

First Reading of Ordinance 2025-23 related to the closing of a proposed street located between 1475 and 1483 Cypress Street was read by Bryan Beaman.

First Reading of ordinance 2025-24 related to closing a alley located near 1475 Cypress Street was read by Bryan Beaman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving municipal order 2025-57 appointing Matt Belcher and Aaron Sparkman to the KYMEA Board of Directors.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-58 designating Matt Belcher as ABC Administrator.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-59 appointing alcohol beverage control deputies.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal order 2025-60 appointing Matt Belcher to the Paris-Bourbon County EMS Board.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-61 accepting Dogwood Drive as a city street.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving a contract with Hinkle Contracting Company, LLC for the annual street paving.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2025-16 approving authorized bank signatories for the City of Paris.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2025-17 to finance the purchase of a backhoe for the Field Operations Department through Wilson Equipment Company and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director, and the City Clerk to execute documents as necessary related to financing.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried to reject bid received from.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving street closure request of 7th Street, from High Street to Ferguson Street, on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM for the Paris-Bourbon County Public Library Carnival.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving to surplus of old water plant and water tank valves and spool pieces and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute any necessary documents relating to the surplus of these valves and spool pieces.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving a street lighting contract with Kentucky Utilities for outdoor lighting service on Cleveland Drive.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$416,187.70 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$229,609.70.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried, approving June financial reports as presented, reflecting General Fund revenues of \$1,638,171 with expenses of \$936,971 and Utility Fund revenues of \$1,196,121 with expenses of \$1,021,235.

REPORTS

Commissioner, Sharon Fields, requested a review of Rumpke rates, noting that citizens are being charged different amounts.

City Manager Matt Belcher, Commissioner Gray, and Commissioner Galbraith expressed their appreciation to Chief Duffy for his dedicated years of service to the City and extended their congratulations on his retirement.

City Attorney Bryan Beauman reported that a parking lot agreement for 6th Street will be drafted and presented at the next meeting for use by Hotel Thoroughbred.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

Stephanie Settles, City Clerk