

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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 September 9th, 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 Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2025 meeting as presented.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2025-23 Closing a proposed street located between 1475 and 1483 Cypress Street.

By: Plummer

Seconded: Fields

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approved Ordinance 2025-24 related to closing an alley located near 1475 Cypress Street.

By: Brooks

Seconded: Galbraith

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-63 for the full-time hire of Nathan Wells to the position of Laborer I with the Public Works department without Certification, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-64 for the full-time hire of Elijah Curtis to the position of Public Works without Certification, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-65 for the full-time hire of Nicholas Griffett to the position of Field Operations trainee, pay scale O2-2.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-66 appointing Aaron Sparkman as representative and Matt Belcher as alternate representative of the KYMEA Board of Directors.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-67 for the acceptance of utility infrastructure related to Magnolia Trace Phase 3A.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-68 approving a contract for street resurfacing of Springhill Dr. to Hinkle Contracting for the amount of \$81,620.00 authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney to finalize contract terms between the City and Hinkle Contracting and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2025-20 approving an agreement with BGADD to administer the Cleaner Water Round 1 Grant Funds in the amount of \$726,735 (21CWS160) and Cleaner Water Program Round 2 Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,230,201 (22CWS187) authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2025-18 accepting the Cleaner Water Grant Assistance Agreement in the amount of \$726,735.00, approval of the opinion of legal counsel be signed by the City Attorney, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Grant Agreement for the Fords Mill Road project KIA Grant number 21CWS160, WRIS Project SX21017023, and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2025-19 accepting the Cleaner Water Grant Assistance Agreement in the amount of \$1,230,201 approval of the opinion of legal counsel be signed by the City Attorney, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Grant Agreement for the Fords Mill Road project, KIA Grant Number 22CWS187, WRIS Project Number SX21017023, and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried granting permission for Turn The Towns Teal® volunteers to place and remove ribbons within designated areas of the City between September 1 and September 30, 2025.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving to reject all bids related to engine 7 repairs at the City's power plant and authorize direct negotiations with a contractor, authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director, and City Clerk to execute documents as necessary related to the repair of engine 7.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$141,451.58 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$830,683.02.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Gray, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2025-69 related to designation of parking within the 6th Street Parking Lot.

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism
Reported on the growing online interest in the Pumpkin Festival.
Provided the Commission with a list of scheduled downtown events from September through November.
Noting that artist Jamie Corum is currently painting a new mural downtown.

Allyson Wellman, Chamber of Commerce
Shared that new members have recently joined the Chamber.
Reported that the latest Coffee and Commerce was held at Hopewell Museum.
Announced upcoming events, including Bright View’s 5-year anniversary celebration (Friday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.) and September’s Hometown Health and Wellness event.
Stated that the Christmas Parade Committee will soon begin work, with Jamie Corum named as Grand Marshal.
Provided an update on America’s 250th celebration planning: two meetings have been held, with the next scheduled for September 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Hopewell Museum.

Michelle Thornsburg, Planning & Zoning
Provided an update on permits issued within the City of Paris.
Reported ongoing work to update building permit fees.

Sabrina Gordon, YMCA
Noted the pool closed after Labor Day.
Shared that 2nd grade swim lessons have begun and youth fall sports are underway.
Announced a YMCA Benefit event scheduled for November 1.

Mike Smith, Public Works
Reported that bids have been issued for replacement of the cooling tower.

Chad Smart, Water Treatment
In response to Commissioner Galbraith's inquiry about upgrades at the water plant, Chad reported that the project is approximately 70% complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to enter executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussion which might lead to the appointment of an individual employee at 9:32 a.m.

With no action taken during executive session Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to exit executive session and resume regular session at 9: 54 a.m

POTENTIAL ACTION

With no other action taken or discussed, the meeting moved to adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, to motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

Stephanie Settles, City Clerk