

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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 October 28, 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 Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the regular meeting minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2025-25 amending the compensation scale.

By: Gray

Seconded: Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving municipal order 2025-79 for the creation of a new GIS Coordinator position.

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2025-26 ordinance relating to building inspection permits and fees.

By: Fields

Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2025-27 amending a section within the utility billing ordinance related to late fees.

By: Brooks

Seconded: Galbraith

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

First reading of ordinance 2025-28 was read by Bryan Beaman Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinance.

First reading of ordinance 2025-29 was read by Brad Oberlander, related to the First Quarter fiscal year 2026 budget amendment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the street closure of Main St. from Bourbon County High School to the Courthouse on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from approximately 5:30 p.m. until the conclusion of the parade for the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade. Further move to approve the use of police and other staff to assist with the event.

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for the period October 7 through October 17, 2025, totaling \$49,192.19 for the General Fund and \$36,941.54 for the Utility Fund.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving June financial reports as presented reflecting General Fund revenues of \$2,998,336 with expenses of \$3,017,106 and Utility Fund revenues of \$4,199,904 with expenses of \$3,792,098.

REPORTS

Allyson Wellman, Chamber of Commerce
As of February 10, 2025, she has recruited 52 new Chamber members.
Attendance at Coffee and Commerce meetings continues to increase.
Día de los Muertos will take place this coming weekend.
New business programs, titled “Level Up Local”, will begin in January. The series will include courses on topics such as creating online content and preparing business budgets.

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism
The Trunk or Treat event had an estimated attendance of 1,000 people.
WTVQ will be filming a holiday commercial downtown soon.
The Mustard Seed Hill Gingerbread Contest is scheduled for November 21, 2025.
The Holiday Hop Downtown will take place on November 22, 2025.
Shop Small Saturday is scheduled for November 29, 2025.

Matt Belcher, City Manager
Announced that the Chief of Police will retire effective January 1, 2026.
Reported that the Paris Independent Board has approved installation of the Western School Monument on school grounds.

Commissioner, Tim Gray
Inquired about the turn lanes on the Bypass. Mike Withrow responded that KYTC is consulting with traffic engineering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for discussions of pending litigation on behalf of the public agency at 10:00 a.m.

With no action taken during the executive session, a motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried to exit the executive session and resume regular session at 10:22 p.m.

City Manager Belcher discussed that the next meeting will be a special meeting on Wednesday, November 12th due to the observance of Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

Stephanie Settles, City Clerk