

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026

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, February 24, 2026.

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 February 10, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Fields, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the February 10, 2026, joint meeting minutes as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Plummer read and presented a proclamation honoring The Paris Three, officially declaring March 1, 2026, as “The Paris Three Day.” The proclamation was presented to Wieda Allen.

Claire Hilbrecht presented a proposal regarding the Stoner Creek Park project, requesting that the City assume ownership of the property and invest \$650,000 toward park development. Brian Storz Kentucky Division of Water, expressed his opinion of the uniqueness of the property and its potential.

The Commission expressed interest in supporting the park project. However, the commission indicated uncertainty regarding the extent of the City’s potential involvement and expressed no interest in assuming ownership of the property.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-19 appointing Tonya Park to the Paris Pike Corridor Commission to full-fill an unexpired term ending November 8, 2026.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-20 for the full-time hire of Adam Burns to the position of Police Officer with certification, pay scale P10-15.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-21 for the full-time hire of Julius Sacol to the position of Police Officer with certification, pay scale P5-6.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-22 for the full-time hire of Scott Thomas to the position of Police Officer with certification, pay scale P5-12.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-23 for the full-time hire of Kyle Bucknell to the position of Police Cadet, pay scale P5-6.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-24 for the full-time hire of Matthew Fugate to the position of Laborer I pay scale O2-4.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-25 for the full-time hire of Brett Wilson to the position of Field Operations Laborer I, pay scale O2-3.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-26 for the full-time re-hire of Jarred Lasorsa to the position of Field Operations Laborer I, pay scale O2-2.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-27 for the full-time re-hire of Nick Harris to the position of Sanitation Laborer I, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving the surplus of Fire Hydrants and other metal items for sale, recycling, or scrap and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

CITY OF PARIS - NOTICE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

As authorized by KRS 82.083(3)(a) and other applicable law, the City of Paris declares the following miscellaneous equipment as surplus property:

ITEM:	OBTAINED THROUGH:	DISPOSAL METHOD:
Fire Hydrants	Purchase for Field Operations/Fire Department.	Sell for Scrap
Other Metals	Purchase for Field Operations/Fire Department.	Sell for Scrap

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for the period February 6 through February 13, 2026, totaling \$223,923.34 for the General Fund and \$117,462.18 for the Utility Fund.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Phase I of the Fire Department Standard Operating Procedure Manual as presented.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the closure of Main Street between 8th Street to 2nd Street from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm, along with activation of the Entertainment District on April 17, 2026 for Artwalk.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving curbside pickup provided by Rumpke for heavy trash on Thursday, April 23rd. The City of Paris will pick up brush and limbs the week of April 20th through April 24th.

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving financial reports as presented reflecting general fund revenues of \$7,596,194 with expenses of \$7,598,314 and utility fund revenues of \$9,397,456 with expenses of \$9,102,663.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving to award bid of real property located at 219 E. 19th Street to William Shaw in the amount of \$2,500. Further, authorize the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to transfer the deed of the property and other related documents.

REPORTS

Sharon Fields, Commissioner
- Provided an update related to the successful events for Black History month.

Betty Ann Allen
- 250th Celebration Meeting will be on March 11th, 2025. She provided an update of scheduled events throughout the year.

Stan Galbraith, Commissioner
- State of the City County meeting hosted by the Rotary Club is scheduled for 8:00 am at the First Christian Church on Wednesday, February 25th.

Matt Belcher, City Manager
-March 17, 2026 will be a Department and Commission Budget Workshop meeting from 9am to 9pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

Stephanie Settles, City Clerk