

Paris City Commission  
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361  
Commission Chambers – Room 121  
Meeting Minutes  
March 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 March 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 to approve March 10, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Fields, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried to approve budget meeting minutes of March 17, 2026, as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-33 for the full-time hire of Austin Lizer to the position of Battalion Chief, pay scale F13-3.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-34 for the full-time hire Ben Gnau to the position of Battalion Chief, pay scale F13-8.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-35 for the full-time hire of Chad Land to the position of Lieutenant, pay scale F9-4.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-36 for the full-time hire of Tyler Kitchen to the position of Lieutenant, pay scale F9-2.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-37 for the full-time hire of Kyle Barnett to the position of Lieutenant, pay scale F10-1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-38 for the full-time hire of Tony Fields to the position of Police Officer, pay scale P5-10.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-39 for the full-time hire of Justin Williams to the position of Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator III, pay scale O6-8.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the surplus of 6 vehicles using GovDeals and authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

ITEM:	QNTY:	OBTAINED	ID #:	DISPOSAL METHOD:
2019 Dodge Charger - 141	1	Police Department	1C4SDJFT3KC677033	Sold by Auction
2020 Dodge Charger - 101	1	Police Department	2C3CDXKTXLH200597	Sold by Auction
2019 Dodge Charger - 147	1	Police Department	2C3CDCKT1KH600691	Sold by Auction
2019 Dodge Charger - 145	1	Police Department	2C3CDXKT1KH600689	Sold by Auction
2019 Dodge Charger - 144	1	Police Department	2C3CDXKTXKH600688	Sold by Auction

2019 Dodge 1 Police 2C3CDXKT8KH600690 Sold by Auction  
Charger - 146 Department

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving a proclamation recognizing National Vietnam War Veterans Day, including a second proclamation recognizing James Harrison Purvis.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for the period March 7 through March 13, 2026, totaling \$41,951.47 for the General Fund and \$99,410.53 for the Utility Fund.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the Drug Task Force contract for the period of April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$39,139. This funding is provided through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and is allocated to the HCSO Bluegrass Narcotics Task Force.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving a temporary street closure at 8th and Main Street on April 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. the street will reopen once all runners have left the Eiffel Tower parking lot.

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving financial reports as presented reflecting general fund revenues of \$8,847,321 with expenses of \$8,469,817 and utility fund revenues of \$11,038,384 with expenses of \$9,958,734.

## **REPORTS**

Michelle Thornsburg, Planning & Zoning

- Presented the annual report covering code enforcement calls, inspections, and related activities.
- Commissioner Fields inquired about trash and receptacles staying on the street too long. It was determined the Ordinance would be reviewed.

Vanessa Logan, Westside Neighborhood

- Prodigal House Church event is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at Chief Reed Park.

Allyson Wellman, Chamber of Commerce

- Currently attending the Citizens Police Academy.
- Tour de Paris is scheduled for April 11.
- Festival on the 5th is planned for June, July, and August.

Mike Smith, Public Works

- Provided KYTC Updates:
  - Locust Drive & Bypass: Plan to restrict left turns.
  - Cypress & Bypass: No changes planned.
  - US 27 & Bypass: Reviewed under the Highway Safety Program; no recommended changes.

Michael Mynear, GIS

- Fords Mill Road project will go out to bid beginning April 2 for a duration of three weeks.

Matt Belcher, City Manager

- Budget requests have been received, and currently working on the annual budget.

Angelica Lawson, Executive Assistant

- Provided an update on the Liberty tree America 250 project. Planning to plant before July 4; seeking suggestions for planting location.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

- Ribbon cutting was held on Saturday for the Disc Golf course. First tournament had 88 participants.

Wallis Brooks, Commissioner

- Attended the Disc Golf event in the afternoon and reported a strong attendance from various counties. Highlighted the course as unique, wooded, and engaging.
- Parks & Recreation is currently seeking a Park Director; a job description has been posted.

Tim Gray, Commissioner

- Raised concerns regarding trash issues at Pinecrest dumpster. Michelle Thornsburg stated the property owners have agreed to implement improvements, including fencing and possibly adding a second dumpster.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

