

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 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, April 14, 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; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving March 24, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving April 2nd Joint Meeting Minutes as presented by the Bourbon County Fiscal Court.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Plummer read a proclamation recognizing Anna Vance for her retirement and honoring her 35 years of dedicated service to the Paris Housing Authority.

ORDINANCES

First Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 Amending the Employee PayScale and Classification Ranges. The second reading will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-40 pole attachment agreement related to Spectrum Mid-America, LLC.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-41 for the reappointment of Ronald Carter to the Board of Architectural Review for a term ending February 14, 2029.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-42 related to the reappointment of Melissa Jurgensen to the Board of Architectural Review for a term ending February 14, 2029.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-43 for the full-time lateral hire of Jonathan Tucker to the position of police officer, pay scale P5-14.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried to approve Municipal Order 2026-44 authorizing the full-time hire of Dwayne Ison to the position of Assistant Chief at Pay Scale P13-16.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-45 for the full-time hire of William Davis to the position of Field Operations Laborer I, pay scale O2-2.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving an amendment to the Woodmont Lift Station contract with Herrick Company Inc and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute change order #1 with Dynamic Air Solutions.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving a temporary street closure of 9th Street between the YMCA and the auto repair shop on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for the period March 20 through April 3, 2026, totaling \$259,006.85 for the General Fund and \$365,808.92 for the Utility Fund.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the downtown public parking plan.

The plan includes making 6th Street and 9th Street one-way, adding 24 new public parking spaces on downtown side streets, and adding 2 additional public spaces on 4th Street. And adding 2 loading zones, one in front of Hotel Thoroughbred and the other in front of Lils Coffee House. All new spaces will be publicly accessible. In addition, the City proposes naming its city-owned parking lots to create a cohesive, recognizable downtown parking system. The recommended names are:

- The Homestretch Lot
- The Paddock Plaza Lot
- Founders Row Lot
- Trifecta Terrace Lot
- Winners Circle Way Lot
- Furlong Field Lot

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen

A movie crew was in town last week, bringing a lot of excitement downtown.

Another film is scheduled for June at Houston Dale Farm.

The Chamber of Commerce 5K had approximately 100 participants.

Art Walk is this Friday.

Legends of Bourbon County event: May 9 in Lexington.

Legends of Bourbon County will also be at Rough Inn (Philly) on September 26–27.

A love lock gate will be installed this week.

Sheriff Asbury

Today is the final day for tax collection.

Samuel Harney

Hydrant flushing will begin May 4 and continue for 2–3 weeks.

Matt Belcher, City Manager

Employee Appreciation Day is April 22, 2026, with lunch at Legion Park.

Youth Baseball Opening Day is this Saturday at the new park.

Commissioner, Sharon Fields

Request for an update on the distillery project on Main Street.

Asking representatives to attend the next meeting.

Tim Gray, Commissioner

It is National Telecommunications Week.

Appreciation was expressed to E911 employees for their excellent work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Gray the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

Stephanie Settles, City Clerk