

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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 28, 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 Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the regular meeting minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting as presented.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried to approve the workshop meeting minutes for the April 14, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the special meeting minutes of the April 24, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-2 amending the Compensation Schedule to create a new job title and approving the associated job description.

By: Brooks

Seconded: Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-46 for the full-time hire of William Lindon to the position of Captain, pay scale P10-19.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried, approving Resolution 2026-5 for authorization of the Mayor signature for letters requesting funding in the amount of \$8,000,000.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the 500 block of Main Street from 4:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m. on May 9, 2026.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the surplus of the recycling commodities collected at the Paris Waste and Recycling Depot.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried, approving the proclamation for Public Service Recognition week.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried authorizing the mayor to sign the renewal Blue Cross and Blue Shield agreement for 2026-2027 employee benefits.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$232,500.83 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$114,666.16.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-47 authorizing HMB Engineering Work Order for Hydraulic Water System Model. Further authorize the Mayor, City Manager or City Clerk to execute necessary documents related to this project.

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen, Chamber of Commerce

Reported increased visitor activity this week related to the Kentucky Derby.

Shared that the recent ArtWalk was successful, featuring 40 vendors, including 13 artists.

Reported that Tourism secured a media opportunity with Southern Living Magazine, for a full-page placement ad for a cost of \$2,300, which is normally \$15,000.

Announced the city will host a regional tourism group in Paris on May 8, 2026.

Reported the Love Lock Gate has been installed and is receiving positive feedback on social media; extended thanks to Public Works.

Announced upcoming events: Storytelling Festival, May 8–10. Movie filming will begin at Houston Dale Farm, May 6.

Vanessa Logan, Westside Association

Reported updates involving the National Park Service regarding a new road connection from Stewart Street to 460 from the old Transfer Station.

Announced receipt of a \$500,000 grant from EPA Region 4.

Mike Smith, Public Works

Reported issues at Bypass and Millerburg Road where District 7 traffic detection equipment was damaged during the Kentucky American Water project. Stating the KYTC efforts are underway to work with Kentucky American Water to repair the equipment. City Manager stated that he and Commissioner Gray will reach out to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding the matter, and other pending matters.

Stated that street paving projects from last year, including Springhill Drive, will begin soon.

Aaron Sparkman, Electric Department

Commented on the recent weather event, he expressed appreciation for the Hometown Grid program as it is a tremendous asset during the storm improving response times.

Noted the system immediately links reports through the city system, with access links available on the city website.

Reported full power was restored within a couple of hours.

Matt Belcher, City Manager

Extended appreciation to the Employee Appreciation Committee for organizing Employee Appreciation Day.

Mike Smith, Public Works

Provided an update on the Fords Mill Road project, bids have been received. Bid award is anticipated to be presented at the first meeting in May with construction expected to begin within the next few weeks following approval.

Stan Galbraith, Commissioner

Asked when the next budget meeting will be held. Discussion indicated possible dates of the week of May 18 or May 25, with a preference to schedule the meeting as early as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Gray, to go into executive session for deliberations on a potential future acquisition of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) at 9:31 a.m.

With no action taken during executive session. Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, to exit executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) and resume regular session at 10:15 a.m.

POTENTIAL ACTION

Motion by Gray, Seconded by Fields, to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to enter discussions with Chain Breaker Hospitality Group for acquisition of potential property interests in real property located in Paris.

With no other business discussed, the meeting proceeded to adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gray, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m.