

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. ET and viewable on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofParisKY> on May 26, 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.

Absent: Commissioner, Sharon Fields

Others in attendance: City Manager, Matt Belcher; City Attorney, Bryan Beaman; Finance Director, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving May 12, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving May 20, 2026 budget workshop minutes as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving employee benefits and working to provide services with Direct Care Family Health for all employees.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2026-7 intent to apply for a CDBG Economic Development Grant.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2026-3 Amending the Wastewater Surcharge Rates.

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 2026-50 for the full-time hire of Heath Harney to the position of E-911 Dispatch, pay scale P3-1.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried, approving Resolution 2026-8 authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to sign supplemental agreement No.1 with the Transportation Cabinet for a sidewalk project funded by Safe Routes to School and Transportation Alternative Program.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried, approving the Drug Task Force Director job description.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the updated Fire Captain Job Description as presented.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the E-911 Communications Director Position as presented.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving a purchase of a 3/4-1 ton truck in the amount of \$59,489 from Freedom Dodge. Further, authorize the Mayor, City Manager or City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the purchase of a Barnes Lift Station Pump in the amount of \$24,744 from Service Specialties.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the surplus of electronic items for recycling, or scrap and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute any necessary documents.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the updated street closure request from the Chamber of Commerce related to the Festival on Fifth, requesting the closure of Fifth Street between Main and Pleasant Streets from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with Police Department assistance as needed for June 12, July 10, and August 7.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$241,967.29 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$238,155.34.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Gray, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried, approving the City Manager FY26-27 Budget Message as presented.

REPORTS

Allyson Wellman, Chamber Director, reported that the Festival on Fifth monthly concert series is scheduled to begin on June 12.

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism Director, reported that efforts are underway to reactivate the downtown merchant group. She also announced that the Fox 56 Summer Series will visit Paris on June 5 and that the Flag Day ceremony will be held on June 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Bourbon County High School.

Vanessa Logan, representing the Westside Neighborhood, reported that additional EPA testing has been completed at the Old Transfer Station site. She advised that demolition of the incinerator building is scheduled to begin on June 22, 2026, and is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete. Ms. Logan also shared that a new website for the Westside Community launched on May 17 and announced that the Juneteenth celebration will be held on June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church on 8th Street.

Brad Oberlander, CPA, announced that a workshop is scheduled for June 9, 2026, immediately following the regular Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

John A. Plummer, Mayor

Stephanie Settles, City Clerk