

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 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, June 9, 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, 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 Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried to approve May 26, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Motion: Move to approve municipal order 2026-59 related to a purchase of real property located at East Main Street.

By: Gray

Seconded: Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving a proclamation for David Downey commemorating his 100th Birthday.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving a Flag Day proclamation as presented.

ORDINANCES

First reading of Ordinance 2026-4 related to purchasing procedures was read by Bryan Beaman and Brad Oberlander.

First Reading of Ordinance 2026-5 related to fourth quarter budget amendment was read by Brad Oberlander.

First reading of ordinance 2026-6 adoption of the FY26-27 annual budget was read by Brad Oberlander.

First Reading of Ordinance 2026-7 related to the meter fees for E-911 was read by Bryan Beaman.

First Reading of Ordinance 2026-8 related to amending the compensation scale and classification ranges was read by Bryan Beaman, and Matt Belcher.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-51 for the full-time hire of Xavier Riley to the position of Firefighter/EMT, pay scale F6-2.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-52 for the full-time hire of William Haddix to the position of Firefighter/EMT, pay scale F6-2.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-53 for the full-time hire of Taylor Hazlewood to the position of Firefighter/EMT, pay scale F6-2.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-54 for the full-time hire of Spencer Gibson to the position of Firefighter/EMT, pay scale F6-2.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-55 for the full-time hire of Jeremy Hamilton to the position of police officer, pay scale P5-10.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-56 for the full-time hire of Sedrick Rugwiro to the position of police officer, pay scale P5-7.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-58 for the full-time hire of Jarred Lasorsa to the position of Equipment Operator, pay scale O4-3.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-61 for the full-time hire of Jessica Riggs to the position of Executive Assistant, pay scale A4-5.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving a revised contract with Paris Independent School Board and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the contract and authorize Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the filing of an application to request funding through FY27 for Assistance to Firefighters Grant and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute all required documents. If awarded, further move to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute all required reporting documents.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving to authorize a funding withdrawal request for Flood Mitigation at 1870 Rio Vista Dr. Further, authorize the Mayor, City Manager or City Clerk to execute related necessary documents.

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

Motion by Brooks, 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 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with Police Department assistance as needed for June 12, July 10, and August 7.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$56,330.34 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$430,398.25.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-62 for the full-time hire of Kimberly Mills to the position of Assistant City Manager pay scale A18-1.

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the final draft of the FY 2025 audit as presented.

REPORTS

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism
Reported that FOX 56 was in town on Friday.
Announced that the ribbon cutting for the new park was covered by three local television stations.
Recognized the June 13 DAV Flag Day event.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the street closure of Audrey Place between high to Main Street on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Allyson Wellman, Chamber of Commerce
Announced that Festival on Fifth will begin on Friday.
Invited the Leadership Bourbon County class to attend the June 23, 2026, City Commission meeting.
Provided an update on the America 250 Parade scheduled for July 3, 2026.

Michelle Thornsburg, Planning & Zoning
Provided a department update for May.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve EC 1 and EC3 ambulance repairs upon the request of the EMS Board.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the Cardiac Monitor & Mechanical CPR equipment lease agreement upon the request of the EMS Board.

Brad Oberlander, Finance Director
Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued for audit firms for the upcoming fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn at 10:18 a.m.