

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 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 June 23, 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 approving June 9, 2206 meeting minutes as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENATIONS

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving a proclamation as presented for Leadership Bourbon County Day.

ORDINANCES

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2026-4 related to purchasing procedures.

By: Fields

Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2026-5 FY26 Fourth Quarter Budget Amendment.

By: Plummer

Seconded: Galbraith

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 20226-6 Adoption of FY26-27 Annual Budget.

By: Galbraith

Seconded: Gray

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2026-7 Meter Fees for E911.

By: Brooks

Seconded: Gray

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2026-8 Amending the Compensation Scale and Classification Ranges.

By: Fields

Seconded: Galbraith

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Galbraith

No: None
Abstain: None

Motion by Galbraith, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried, approving Municipal Order 2026-63 approving job descriptions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-64 for the full-time hire of Eric Howard to the position of Finance Specialist, new pay scale A5-3.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-65 for the full-time hire of Larry Barrett to the position of police officer, pay scale P5-11.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-66 for the full-time hire of Branson Leach to the position of operator trainee, pay scale O2-1.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-67 an Appointment to the Paris-Bourbon County E-911 Board.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-68 for the full-time hire of Addison Caudill to the position of E-911 Dispatcher, pay scale P3-1.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the surplus of 2 high service motors and 2 low service motors through GovDeals and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute necessary documents.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to request sealed bids for current recycling commodities.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of invoices for General Fund in the amount of \$420,096.65 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$48,884.89.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the contract documents, accept the performance and payment bonds, certificates of insurance, and letter of engagement, and authorize the City Manager, Mayor, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents and issue the Notice to Proceed for the Ford’s Mill Pump Station and Houston Creek Interceptor, Contract 1-2026, with Lagco, Inc., in the amount of \$3,990,390.00.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving Municipal Order 2026-69 related to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund Conditional Commitment Letter (B25-009) Millersburg Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director, and City Clerk to execute documents as necessary related to the loan.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried approving the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Paris and the Bluegrass Area Development District for project administration services associated with the Millersburg Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project (SX21017022), funded through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Fund B program, in the amount of \$30,000, and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute necessary documents.

REPORTS

Allyson Wellman, Chamber of Commerce
Introduced the Leadership Bourbon County program.
Provided an Economic Development Authority (EDA) community update.
EDA Community Update meeting scheduled for tomorrow at Mustard Seed Hill.
Ribbon cutting for Stock Yards Bank on Lexington Road scheduled for July 2, 2026.
America 250th Parade planning remains on track for July 4.

Vanessa Logan, Westside Neighborhood Association
Demolition of the old Transfer Station building will begin once the gas service has been disconnected.

Michelle Thornsburg, Planning & Zoning
Bobby Ritchie has been hired as the Building Inspector. The Code Enforcement position is open.

Brad Oberlander, Finance Director
Currently working on the March through May financial statements. Financials will be presented at the next meeting.

Sharon Fields, Commissioner
Two to three companies have expressed interest in developing senior living facilities. Discussions will continue.

Mike Smith, Public Works

Continuing work in the Woodmont area, including excavation and ordering concrete.
Preparing another letter regarding the Bypass traffic lights. Engineer Baker will be visiting town.

Tim Gray, Commissioner
Received a request from restaurant owners regarding extended hours for Sunday alcohol sales.

Stan Galbraith, Commissioner
Reminded everyone of the EDA countywide agencies meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at Mustard Seed Hill.

Mark Burden, Chief of Police
Jeremy Hamilton has been hired and has access to a fully trained, younger K-9. The city has the opportunity to purchase the K-9 for \$5,000.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Stan, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.