

Paris City Commission  
525 High Street  
Paris, KY 40361  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2023

The Paris City Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. the meeting was not viewable on Facebook live due to technical difficulties on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Mayor Plummer called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Stephanie Settles conducted roll call.

Present: Mayor, John Plummer; Commissioner, Wallis Brooks; Commissioner, Tim Gray; Commissioner, Sharon Fields; Commissioner, Mike Withrow.

Others in Attendance: City Manager, Jamie Miller; City Attorney, Todd Osterloh; CPA, Brad Oberlander.

Upon determining a quorum was present for the transaction of business, City Manager Jamie Miller proceeded to conduct the meeting.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of July 25, 2023, regular meeting.

#### **Ordinances**

Second reading of ordinance 2023-8 was read by Jamie Miller. Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, approving ordinance 2023-8 adopting supplement S-17 to the code of ordinances. Motion carried by roll call vote with Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, and Withrow voting Aye.

First reading of ordinance 2023-9 related to the city financial administration procurement process was read by Jamie Miller.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the full-time hire of Jordan Sparkman as a Firefighter/Paramedic, F8-6.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the full-time hire of Eric Puckett to Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator, Class III, at a rate of O6-12.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the purchase of seven 2023 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles from Bachman Commercial and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents required for the purchase. Further, authorize staff to issue an RFP for the up-fit of the vehicles.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving payment of invoices as presented reflecting general fund claims of \$ 244,406.42, and utility fund claims of \$ 110,097.19.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving municipal order 2023-27 authorizing a partial waiver of sewer tap fees for 47 lots as an economic development incentive for phase I of the Magnolia Trace residential housing development.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the publishing of an RFP for a replacement dump truck for the Public Works Department.

#### **Regular Agenda**

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried to approve the emergency certification and ratify the emergency purchases related to the fuel for the Power Plant and approve the purchase of diesel fuel for the FY23-24 budget year, not to exceed the bidding threshold per load and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute documents as necessary.

Dalton Belcher Code Enforcement – Issued 1,033 code violation notices with 841 within the City of Paris over the last year.

Grass violation notices, Junk Cars, Abandoned properties, condemning property has a formal process that may take 4 to 5 months. The rules will be enforced consistently, and due process will be followed.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried approving the payment of \$ 20,000.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for year 3 of the agreement with Retail Strategies.

#### **Reports**

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism

- November 11, 2023, is the Secretariat Park dedication.
- September 15, 2023, is ArtWalk, September 16 2023, is Pumpkin Festival.
- A new Tourism website is in the process of being created and will be published soon.

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce

- Legends of Bourbon County plans are in process, a proposal may be submitted at a future meeting.
- Leadership Bourbon County is next week, they will be reviewing the new park project.
- Chamber of Commerce Gala nominations close on August 14, 2023.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve a street closure from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. of Williams Street between Marshall and Lilleston for neighborhood block party and fundraiser fish fry on September 3<sup>rd</sup> in lieu of previously approved September 2<sup>nd</sup> request.

- Knock down cones – Are good for 10 hits and would require to be replaced. Approximately \$1,000 due to the cost knock down cones are not the option.
- Discussed the recent power outage, the outage was due to a downed transmission line that is maintained by Kentucky Utilities. An informational photo was provided to show how electricity is supplied to Paris. Also, discussion was held relating to purchasing a backup generator for the Water Treatment plant costs are estimated up to \$ 250,000.00 the department is currently writing an SOP for future preparations of power outage situations, and looking into options if the power plant could generate power for the water plant during an outage.

Wallis Brooks, Commissioner

- The City Manager review is completed, and a recommendation will be brought to the commission at the next meeting.

Tim Gray, Commissioner

- Discussed an area of town that needs attention on 19<sup>th</sup> Street possibly add lighting and clear out trees and bushes, trespassing is happening to homeowners.

With no other business discussed the meeting moved to adjourn.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles