

Paris City Commission
525 High Street
Paris, KY 40361
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023

The Paris City Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. viewable on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/cityofparisky on Tuesday, April 25, 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 Attorney, Bryan Beaman; 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 Fields, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2023, regular meeting.

Notice of Public Hearing for use of Municipal Road Aid Funds

The hearing opened at 9:00 a.m. with no written or verbal comments received, the hearing closed at 9:02 a.m. The hearing met the requirements of city ordinance's § 41.300 thru 41.304.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, to approve resolution 2023-4 adopting and approving the execution of a municipal road aid co-op program contract between the City of Paris and the commonwealth of Kentucky, transportation cabinet, department of rural and municipal aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, as provided in the Kentucky revised statutes and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are a part of the City of Paris. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5-0 Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, and Withrow voting Aye.

Special Presentation

Magnolia Trace representatives David Soper and Mike Johnson discussed the development of Magnolia Trace. Requesting incentives for the construction. Requesting consideration to lower the sewer tap fee and improvements with ornate street lighting. The commission directed the City Attorney to draft a policy for incentives. All incentive requests will be included within the budget discussions.

Ordinance

First reading of ordinance 2023-3 was read by Bryan Beaman. An ordinance relating to code enforcement whereas, the city has recently entered an interlocal cooperative agreement for a joint code enforcement board and desires to follow KRS 65.8805, the city of Paris city commission that a new chapter of the code of ordinances be added.

First reading of ordinance 2023-4 was read by Jamie Miller related to personnel policy ordinance approving changes to the personnel policy related to holidays and accruals.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, approve request for road closure on Saturday June 17th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Approval contingent upon approval of KYTC District 7 Encroachment Permit application and request of the Bourbon County Fiscal Court for use of the Courthouse grounds.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to award the bid to Dan Cummins to purchase a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 for \$41,300 and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute any necessary documents associated with the purchase.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve the full-time hire of James Sexton to the Police Department as a Police Officer, P6-10.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve the full-time hire of Kimberly Fooks, to be a dispatcher, with the Police Department, P3, Step 1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve the full-time hire of Elizabeth Buckles, to be a dispatcher, with the Police Department, P3, Step 1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve the full-time hire of Robert Walker, to Collections and Distributions position, O-1, Step 1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve the full-time hire of Michael Johnson, to Collections and Distributions position, O-1, Step 1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve the publishing of an RFQ for ROW tree trimming of the City of Paris electric distribution system.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve the recommendation to surplus all dumpsters for metal recycling and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to hire the full-time hire of Laura Hammonds, to the position on Utility Specialist I / Cashier, Grade A1, Step 1.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, to approve payment of invoices as presented reflecting payment of \$ 129,446.88 for General Fund and \$ 166,083.44 for Utility Fund.

Regular Agenda

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving March Financials reflecting General Fund Revenues of \$8,956,334.00 and Expenses of \$6,705,730.00 as reported. And Utility Fund Revenues of \$ 8,490,728.00 and Expenses of \$6,659,459.00.

Reports

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism

- Artwalk was successful.
- First Fridays will begin in June and go thru July and August.
- The Story Telling Festival is May 12-14th.

Planning and Zoning, Andrea Pompeii

- Officially submitted a 5-year report to the National Flood insurance program. Paris is currently classified as 8, which results in a 10% discount.
- Open house on June 7th to review the flood insurance maps.
- Announced resignation as planning director effective July 1, 2023.

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce

- Denise Brown- Meet and Greet at the Hopewell Museum Thursday April 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
- Conducting a wage survey for Paris-Bourbon County.

Bryan Beaman, City Attorney

- FEMA properties have three different types of deeds and restrictions. Some deeds require preapproval from FEMA before making any changes to those properties.
- Paris Independent school new Pre-School new construction will change the easement of the current water and

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Plummer, authorizing the city attorney Bryan Beauman to work on the easement locations and maps that will shift due to the construction of the new Paris Independent Pre-school.

CPA, Brad Oberlander

City Manager, Jamie Miller

- Read a note of appreciation received for the Fire Department
- EPA led and Copper project and identification has begun.
- The city of Lexington is applying for EPA grant to for air pollution for planning services only. They requested a letter of support, with no financial support.
 - The commission supports the air pollution, requesting the city attorney to review the language in the letter before signing.
- Citizen Surveys are at the utility window.

Mayor Plummer

- Expressed his condolences to the family of Dickie Brunner.

With no other business discussed the meeting moved to adjourn.

Adjourn

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles