

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Paris City Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. viewable Facebook live at www.facebook.com/cityofparisky on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

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, Mike Withrow.

Others in attendance: City Attorney, Bryan Beaman; CPA, Brad Oberlander; City Clerk & Treasurer, Stephanie Settles

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Fields, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the meeting minutes of October 24, 2023 regular meeting.

ORDINANCES

First reading of ordinance 2023-14 was read by Jamie Miller; awarding a five-year gas distribution franchise to Columbia Gas of Kentucky for the operation of natural and artificial gas pipeline within the confines of the City of Paris.

First reading of ordinance 2023-15 was ready by Bryan Beaman; amending the zoning map for property owned by C. Cleveland Gambill, located at 2250 Fords Mill Road, from light Residential (R-3 and R-5) to business (B-2), for purposes of commercial development, consisting of 51.14 acres, as the existing zoning is inappropriate and the proposed zoning is appropriate, and pursuant to the recommendation of the Joint Planning Commission after a public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve the full-time hire Joanna Lovelace to the position of Utility Cashier, A1-1.

By:Withrow

Seconded:Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize an agreement between the City of Paris and Luttrell Staffing, Inc and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

By:Withrow

Seconded:Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the Maintenance Agreement between the City of Paris and Standard Business Machines and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

By:Withrow

Seconded:Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve the payment of invoices for General Fund invoices totaling \$ 256,470.04 and Utility Fund totaling \$ 176,320.40.

By: Withrow

Seconded:Plummer

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

REGULAR AGENDA

City Manager Jamie Miller discussed the Waste and Recycling Center project bids received were above the estimated budget by \$ 2.1M. The commission was provided options, all options had pros and cons.

Option 1 - Reduce the scope of the project. Potential changes include reducing the size of the building, reducing the paving requirements, etc. There are also options to install items at a later phase or through direct contracting, such as the cameras and fencing.

Option 2 - The bid document provides that if all bids exceed the funds available to finance the contract once all bids and all deductive alternatives have been applied, the City may enter negotiations with the three (3) lowest bidders.

Option 3 - The City may be able to pursue additional grant funding or appropriations. Possible grants include funding.

Option 4 - The City may seek to secure additional funding through financing, noting the rate impact on the current Transfer Station net position under the current rate structure is currently not sustainable.

	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FYTD thru October
Revenue	\$79,208	\$131,638	\$153,328	\$170,593	\$51,781
Expense	\$272,221	\$335,109	\$363,428	\$400,830*	\$165,381*
Net Position	-\$193,013	-\$203,471	-\$210,100	-\$230,238	-\$113,600

Option 5 - The City may determine that moving forward on the project is not financially feasible. The City may still wish to consider the possibility of closing the current Transfer Station. Research will need to be completed on how this impacts the County wide Waste Management Plan.

Motion: Move to reject all bids received for the Transfer Station Waste and Recycling Convenience Center and to reduce the scope of the project and rebid.

By: Withrow

Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Approve Municipal Order 2023-35 approving creation of the utility billing system upgrade project and providing the expedited approval of items related to such project.

By: Withrow

Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

REPORTS

Lauren Biddle, Chamber of Commerce

- Christmas Parade is December 2nd, 2023.

- Legends of Bourbon County Festival was well attended with approximately 2,000 in attendance over the course of the weekend.

Dalton Belcher, Planning and Zoning

- 10 building permits issued and 9 code enforcement violations issued within the City limits of Paris during the month of October.

Aaron Sparkman, Electric Department

- Claysville transformer has been installed, final work in the area is still in progress.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- Reminder that the second meeting in December was canceled due to the holidays. December 12, 2023 will be the only regular scheduled meeting for the month.

- Extended her appreciation to everyone for their efforts and hard work on the Legends of Bourbon County Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 10:20 a.m.

By: Withrow

Seconded: Gray

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles