

Paris City Commission
525 High Street Paris, KY 40361
Commission Chambers – Room 121
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Paris City Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. viewable on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/cityofparisky on November 28, 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 Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving November 14, 2023 minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

State Representative Matthew Koch discussed the 2024 legislative priorities.

ORDINANCES

First reading of Ordinance 2023-16 related to an amendment to the compensation pay scale was read. The ordinance and related exhibit of the compensation schedules moves the Administrative, Electric, and Operation compensation schedule by approximately 2.5%. Employees whose positions are on these schedules would be placed within the new scales at their current step and receive an adjustment.

The Police and Fire Compensation Schedules are part of the exhibit to keep the document complete, but they did not change. Dispatch employees and the Police Safety Office are part of the police schedule, but not sworn personnel impacted by the Hazardous Duty retirement. The staff recommend that even though their scale is not moving, employees within the dispatch and public safety officer positions move a step within the scale. This would allow them to receive a similar estimated increase as other non-police and fire personnel.

Motion: Move to approve ordinance 2023-14; awarding a five-year gas distribution franchise to Columbia Gas of Kentucky for the operation of a natural and artificial gas pipeline within the confines of the City of Paris, Kentucky.

By: Withrow

Seconded: Fields

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 2023-15; 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.

By: Gray

Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow

No: None

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Move to approve the street closure request for the Christmas Parade on December 2, 2023.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Move to approve the payment of invoices for the General in the amount of \$64,188.00 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$101,441.78.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Move to approve the full-time hire Christina Runk to the position of E-911 Dispatcher, P3-3.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Move to approve the full-time hire Christopher Barretta to the position of Field Operations Trainee, pay scale O2-1.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the agreement for Technical Services with Strand Associates, Inc. and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the final document.

By: Withrow
Seconded: Brooks

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion: Approve Municipal Order 2023-36 a Municipal Order establishing a Lien Notification System for The City of Paris.

By: Withrow
Seconded: Fields

Yes: Plummer, Brooks, Fields, Gray, Withrow
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving the financials as presented reflecting general fund revenues of \$3,432,765 with expenses of \$3,374,520 and utility fund revenues of \$3,560,850 with expenses of \$3,946,905.

REPORTS

Mike Smith, Public Works

- Continuing working with the engineer for the downsizing of the Transfer Station project and leaving room for future expansion.

Brad Oberlander, CPA

- Auditors will be on site December 11th, 2023.

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- Columbia Gas will be placing the Scott Avenue project on hold until January.
- In process of scheduling a Joint City/County meeting before the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously carried approving to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles