

Paris City Commission  
525 High Street  
Paris, KY 40361  
Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2023

The Paris City Commission met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. viewable on Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/cityofparisky](http://www.facebook.com/cityofparisky) on Tuesday, March 14, 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.

Absent: Commissioner, Tim Gray.

Others in Attendance: City Attorney, Bryan Beauman; 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 Withrow, seconded by Fields, the motion unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of February 28, 2023, regular meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

Bryan Bailey discussed concerns with his rental property sidewalk located at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> Street stating it is being destroyed by the semis turning onto the sidewalk. Asking for the city to repair the sidewalk.

#### **Special Presentation**

Nadia Hutsell and Gerri Botts with the YMCA discussed the Waypoint Center, the program connects you with local resources and assistance Employment, Housing, Food Assistance, Budgeting and Financial Education, GED and College mentoring.

RSA Financial Advisors Brian Skinner and Joe Lakofka discussed consolidation of bonds, and bonding capacity.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving municipal order 2023-13 relating to participation in the national opioid settlement.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving street closure requests from Main Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for Art Walk on April 14 and September 16, between 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and First Friday events from May to August.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the publishing of an RFP for a new vehicle at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving the fulltime hire of Heather Ramsay as E911 Dispatcher, in Grade P3, Step 1.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute necessary documents approving the implementation of software and service agreement for the management of the City Commission Agendas, Meeting Packets, and Minutes.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried approving Payment of invoices as presented reflecting General Fund \$ 563,493.57, utility fund \$ 157,729.54.

#### **Regular Agenda**

Strategic plan workshop meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to follow the regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. the meeting will set the commissions priorities. A citizen and public survey could be sent asking the community what their priorities are. Commission agreed to move forward with community input.

#### **Reports**

Tourism, Betty Ann Allen

- Keeneland magazine has a seven-page article on Garrett Morgan.
- March 30, 2023, kick off to Secretariat Park Brick Campaign. Citizens will have the opportunity to sponsor a brick within the park with their name on it.

Planning and Zoning, Andrea Pompeii

- Today Administrative appeal hearing for Thwaites property on 17<sup>th</sup> street. 5:30 today
- Thursday Planning Commission hearing
- Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 Westside Neighborhood meeting. UK students will be attending and discussing the vision for the brownfield and vision of the current transfer station site.

Bryan Beauman

- Code enforcement the goal is to have the same procedure, however the code will look different from city vs county such as noise etc..

CPA, Brad Oberlander

- March 28, 2023, meeting will have the draft audit.

City Manager, Jamie Miller

- Bourbon Hospital donated a wheelchair for accessibility in the Municipal Building.
- Storytelling Festival sent a thank you card for the contribution to the festival. The festival is May 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Joint meeting today at 5:30 with the Fiscal Court to hear budget presentations for entities that are joint agencies with the City and County.
- Will be applying for grant funding thru the governor's office. Projects have been identified. The County will be requesting funding as well for the new park and requested a letter of support from the city.
- Moratorium for Annexations is currently being proposed to legislatures, the language changes suggested by KLC was rejected by KACO this legislation may require the city to appear in Frankfort if an agreement is not met.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Fields, to approve overtime, reimbursements, and all incurred expenses for the mutual aid emergency response and to bill the City of Frankfort for those expenses. Motion carried by roll call vote of 4-0 with Plummer, Brooks, Fields, and Withrow voting Aye.

Moving forward with future mutual aid expenses the staff will adhere to the city policy of the per diem reimbursement as outlined by GSA.

Commissioner Fields

- Paris Independent Elementary School on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the groundbreaking from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

With no other business discussed the meeting moved to adjourn.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles