

Paris City Commission  
525 High Street  
Paris, KY 40361  
Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 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, August 22, 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, Mike Withrow

Absent: Commissioner, Sharon Fields

Others in Attendance: City Manager, Jamie Miller; 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 Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of August 8, 2023, regular meeting.

#### **Ordinances**

Second reading of ordinance 2023-9 related to the city financial administration procurement process was read by Jamie Miller. Motion by Withrow, seconded by Gray, approving ordinance 2023-9, an ordinance relating to city financial administration. Motion carried by roll call vote of 4-0 with Plummer, Brooks, Gray and Withrow voting Aye.

First reading of ordinance 2023-10 levying City of Paris ad valorem taxes for general municipal purposes for the fiscal year of 2023-2024 on real property within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Paris shall be at the rate of \$ .1070 per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation. Levy of rate is based on the July 25, 2023 certified tax roll.

First reading of ordinance 2023-11 levying City of Paris ad valorem taxes for general municipal purposes for the fiscal year of 2023-2024 on personal property, other than motor vehicles and watercraft, within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Paris shall be at the rate of \$ .1806 per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation. Levy of rate is based on the July 25, 2023 certified tax roll.

First reading of ordinance 2023-12 levying City of Paris ad valorem taxes for general municipal purposes for the calendar year of 2024 on motor vehicles and watercraft within the taxing jurisdiction of the city of Paris shall be the rate of \$0.17 per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of assessed valuation.

First reading of ordinance 2023-13 an ordinance providing discount to real property tax of 2% for 2023 tax bills payments received by 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2023.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving MSTN for the rewinding of 13 transformers for a cost of \$ 21,279.10.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving October as fall clean up month. Free drop off month for city residents at the transfer station limited to 2 loads per household with no construction debris included. Contractors and businesses are exempt from free drop off. Paints, tires, batteries, and chemicals will not be collected. Curbside pickup for heavy trash items will be provided by Rumpke for free on Thursday, October 26. The City of Paris will pick up brushes and limbs curbside the week of October 23-27 limited to city residents only, whole trees will not be accepted curbside.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving the full-time hire Anthony Link to the role of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Class III – O6-14.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving Resolution 2023-9 designating September 2023 as City Government month.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving General Fund payables of \$ 261,244.33, and Utility Fund payables of \$ 221,969.61.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving the full-time hire Bobby Smith to the role of Water Plant Operator Trainee, O3-1.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Withrow, the motion unanimously carried approving the repair of Engine 1 and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to sign documents to proceed with the repair in the amount of \$25,296.93. Insurance paid \$22,796.93, which is the amount of the estimate, less deductible.

#### **Regular Agenda**

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, approving Municipal Order 2023-28 the solicitation of bids for the sale of a natural gas franchise. Motion carried by roll call vote of 4-0 with Plummer, Brooks, Gray and Withrow voting Aye.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and Finance to review and enter into a professional service agreement based on the attached proposal with NewGen Strategies & Solutions.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving July financials reflecting General Fund Revenues of \$ 1,051,540.00 and Expenses of \$ 841,106.00 as reported. And Utility Fund Revenues of \$ 823,153.00 and Expenses of \$ 855,034.00.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried approving a 3 year at 5.53% interest financing with Pinnacle Financial Partners, and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, Financial Director, and City Clerk to execute documents as necessary related to the financing.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously carried authorizing the publication of a bid for Residential & Commercial Solid Waste/Recycling Collection & Disposal Services and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate any terms and conditions before bringing back a recommendation for a bid award.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by Gray, the motion unanimously approving the amended City Manager contract.

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Plummer, the motion unanimously approving the closure of Main Street starting at 8th Street to 2nd Street, and closure from Bank Row to 7th Street to be closed from November 9th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. through Sunday November 12th, 2023, at 9:00 p.m. Street closure, and Festival permitting is contingent upon obtaining State closure approvals, and providing proof of insurance.

#### **Reports**

Betty Ann Allen, Tourism

- Artwalk is September 15th, 2023

Jamie Miller, City Manager

- Recognized Chad Smart for obtaining a certification in Utility Management.
- Recognized Stephanie Settles for obtaining a Municipal Clerk Master's Certification through International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She is one of 20 clerks in the State of Kentucky with this certification.
- The power plant is expected to generate power Tuesday through Thursday this week due to high demand with the extreme heat temperatures.

John Plummer, Mayor

- Expressed his appreciation to City employees, stating he is proud to be a resident of Paris.

Tim Gray, Commissioner

- Echoed the Mayors sentiments, stating that when items arise, they are handled promptly and properly.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(C) for discussion of pending litigation (*John Vance, et al., vs. City of Paris, et al.*) for which disclosure of details might compromise litigation posture. Time being 10:18 a.m.

With no action taken during executive session. Motion by Withrow, seconded by Brooks, the motion unanimously carried to exit executive session and resume regular session. Time being 10:30 a.m.

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 10:30 a.m.

Mayor, John A. Plummer

Attest:

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles