

Paris City Commission
525 High Street
Paris, KY 40361
Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2021

Pursuant to KRS 61.826 and OAG 20-05, the state of emergency regarding the threats to public health presented by the novel corona virus (covid-19) pandemic and municipal order. This meeting of the Paris city commission was conducted by video conference. All city commission meetings may be attended by the public by viewing the video conference at the city’s Facebook page online.

The Paris City Commission met in special session at 2:00 p.m. viewable on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/cityofparisky on Monday, March 29, 2021.

Mayor Plummer called the meeting to order, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles conducted roll call.

Present: Mayor Plummer, Commissioner, Wallis Brooks; Commissioner, Stan Galbraith; Commissioner, Angela Roberts, Commissioner, Holli Gibson.

Others in Attendance: City Manager, Daron Jordan; Assistant City Manager, Mike Withrow; City Attorney Todd Osterloh, Finance Director, Brad Oberlander.

Upon determining a quorum was present for the transaction of business, City Manager, Daron Jordan proceeded to conduct the meeting.

Executive Session

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Roberts, to go into executive session for deliberations on a potential future acquisition of real property located along 137 – 147 West 7th Street in the City of Paris and also known as Bourbon Laundry because the publicity surrounding a discussion in open session would likely affect the value of the property to be potentially acquired, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) at 2:03 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5-0 with Plummer, Gibson, Galbraith, Roberts, and Brooks voting Aye.

With no action taken during executive session. Motion by Plummer, seconded by Galbraith, the motion unanimously carried to exit executive session and resume regular session at 2:57 p.m.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Galbraith, authorizing Mayor John A. Plummer and or Mike Withrow to participate with the master commissioner sale as purchasing agents for the City of Paris to purchase 137-147 W 7th Street Paris, KY 40361 consistent with guidance in closed session. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5-0 with Plummer, Gibson, Galbraith, Roberts, and Brooks voting Aye.

Presentation

Brown Thornton, Director of Newgen Strategies, and solutions provided a combined utility rate study and financial review.

Provided a synopsis of the 2020 revenues for each utility department.

Combined Utility Financial Review (2020)				
Utility	Number of Customers	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Margin
Water	5,019	\$1,582,000	\$2,013,000	(\$431,000)
Wastewater	4,212	\$1,666,000	\$2,010,000	(\$344,000)
Electric	3,109	\$6,088,000	\$4,705,000	\$1,383,000
Total	12,340	\$9,336,000	\$8,728,000	\$608,000

Recommendation was a 3-year phase in rate increase for Water and Wastewater departments and a decrease on electric rates for residential and commercial accounts.

Example Bill				
Utility Service	Current	Year 1 Monthly Bill	Year 2 Monthly Bill	Year 3 Monthly Bill
Water	\$12.62	\$13.25	\$14.11	\$14.90
Wastewater	\$18.66	\$20.15	\$20.63	\$23.30
Electric	\$111.70	\$110.32	\$108.08	\$105.89
Total Utilities	\$142.97	\$143.72	\$142.81	\$144.09
Change (\$)		\$0.75	(\$0.91)	\$1.28

Brown Thornton recommended to begin year 1. After year 1 review the proposed rates for year 2 before acting as the recommendation can change over the course of a year either by decreasing or increasing.

Todd Osterloh stated if the city commission wishes to move forward with the recommendations an ordinance would be typed and would require a first and second reading to enact.

Adjourn

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 pm. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5-0 with Plummer, Gibson, Galbraith, Roberts, and Brooks voting Aye.

Attest:

Mayor, John A. Plummer

City Clerk, Stephanie Settles