

CARLTON GERRELL, MAYOR  
KIM FOSTER, CITY MANAGER  
FRED MCLEAN, ATTORNEY



JACKIE JONES, VICE MAYOR  
GAYLE GRIFFITH, COMMISSIONER  
SAM THARPE, COMMISSIONER  
JOHN ETHERIDGE, COMMISSIONER

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PARIS, TENNESSEE  
March 30, 2022  
2:00 P.M.**

Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee held a Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, in the Paris City Hall Courtroom.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carlton Gerrell with the following roll call:

- Present:** Mayor Carlton Gerrell  
Vice Mayor Jackie Jones  
Commissioner John Etheridge  
Commissioner Gayle Griffith  
Commissioner Sam Tharpe
- Also Present:** City Attorney Fred McLean  
City Manager Kim Foster  
Community Development Director Jennifer Morris  
Administrative Assistant Jessica Crouch  
Finance Director Traci Shannon  
Building Inspector / Codes Lowell Schrader  
Fire Chief Michael Williams  
Police Chief Ricky Watson  
Public Works Director Phillip Jessie  
Parks and Recreation Director Tony Lawrence
- Absent:** Animal Control Officer Mark Mead  
Landfill Superintendent Bobby Swayne
- Media:** Ken Walker, Paris Post Intelligencer

Commissioner John Etheridge led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer led by Vice Mayor Jackie Jones.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:** None

**SERVICE RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

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#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.1**

#### **Financial Update**

#### **Review of Spending Recommendations for ARPA / SLFRF Funds**

**DISCUSSION:** City Manager, Kim Foster explained that ARPA is the American Rescue Plan Act. She stated that this is the legislation that put the money into place. The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds is what the money is called when in terms of spending. City Manager, Kim Foster stated that the City of Paris received half the allotment of money in November 2021 and that the City of Paris is scheduled to receive the other allotment of money in November 2022. With feedback from staff and commissioners, Ms. Foster compiled the following list of spending recommendations. She explained that the first item is a top priority for our community as the City of Paris cannot move forward with the development of a new industrial park until the property is purchased. She then explained that the next two items line up with the top two priorities identified during the strategic planning session that was held last month. The remainder of the items come from department heads and represent things they would like, but which have been pushed behind things that are more urgently needed. Ms. Foster said that this does not account for all of the money the City of Paris is scheduled to receive under the ARPA. She explained that 34% remains unplanned at this time. Ms. Foster stated "We will not immediately start purchasing all items on the list. We would like to wait and see how the TDEC Water Infrastructure Investment grants will be administered before committing all of our SLFRF funds. If the TDEC money, which is planned to be used for drainage projects, does not get distributed as originally indicated we may have to move that priority back to the SLFRF "pot"." Ms. Foster then opened the floor for any discussion regarding the list of spending recommendations presented.

Commissioner John Etheridge stated that he was in support of the balanced approach to not only take care of the City of Paris employees with a bonus but also to take care of each department and their needs.

Commissioner Sam Tharpe thanked Ms. Foster for the process of the review of the spending recommendations and the Board of Commissioners for being behind the spending approach.

Vice Mayor Jackie Jones expressed her support for the spending of funds for each department.

Ms. Foster stated that if the spending recommendations were approved that the employee bonuses would be given out on Friday, April 1, 2022.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Sam Tharpe made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackie Jones to approve the spending recommendations presented for ARPA / SLFRF Funds.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

		<u>Received</u>				
ARPA SLFRF =	\$1,491,875.29	11/02/21				
	<u>\$1,491,875.29</u>	to be received				
	\$2,983,750.58					
<u>Spending Commitments</u>						
Property Purchase	\$375,000					
Employee Bonuses	\$240,000					
Facilities Study	\$13,600					
Facilities Concept Designs	\$100,000	This item will be better defined once the study is complete				
Pave Parking Lot	\$175,000	Public Works				
Resurface Indoor Pool	\$89,860	Parks / CC				
Internet Service	\$21,000	Landfill & An Shelter				
Tasers	\$50,000	Police				
Conex container for training	\$30,000	Fire				
Wash rack for sanitation trucks	\$70,000	Stormwater				
Electric Gates	\$34,500	Public Works & Animal Shelter				
Sign at entrance to E.T. Park	\$50,000	Parks / CC (high side estimate)				
E-citations (hard & software)	\$45,500	Police				
Brush Truck	\$42,000	Fire				
Wash rack for fire trucks	\$25,000	Stormwater				
Pole Barn	\$100,000	Public Works				
New Welcome to Paris signs	\$100,000	4 - Hwy 641 N & S and Hwy 79 E & W				
Slide-in salt spreaders (4)	\$100,000	Public Works				
Digital Marquee for KPAC	\$33,500	Parks / CC				
Outdoor exercise run	\$6,800	Animal Shelter				
Batwing mower	\$22,000	Landfill				
Electric bike	\$5,500	Police				
Resurface skatepark concrete	\$40,000	Parks / CC				
New brine system & building	\$150,000	Public Works (includes hydraulic doors)				
Replace remaining obsolete traffic signals	\$30,000	at E. Wood / Lake and W. Wood / Irvin				
Mill & pave parking lot	\$15,000	Animal Shelter				
Total Expenditures	\$1,964,260					
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$1,019,490.58</b>					

**Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner Sam Tharpe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner John Etheridge to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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Finance Director