

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting  
Parker Community Building  
432 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas  
**October 9, 2025**

Mayor Jason Webber called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE AND PRAYER:** The pledge was given, and Kathy Harrison offered the prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Lisa Leach, City Clerk, took the Roll.

Jason Webber, Mayor	<b>Present</b>
Kari Brandt, President	<b>Present</b>
Kandice Higgins, Council Member	<b>Absent</b>
Gary Earley, Council Member	<b>Present</b>
Joe Godfrey, Council Member	<b>Present</b>
Meranda Ellison, Council Member	<b>Absent</b>

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Webber asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, and if any discussion was needed.

**Kari Brandt motioned to approve the consent agenda. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Linn County News reporter, Tony Furse, announced this evening would be his last covering the City of Parker's council meetings. He introduced his replacement, Brian King.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Webber asked if there were any additions to be made to the agenda.

**Kari Brandt made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Gary Earley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Oath of Office:** Clerk Leach administered the Oath of Office to the new Municipal Judge, John Purvis.

**Executive Session:**

**Kari Brandt moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mark Denman for 15 minutes at 7:07 p.m. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Kari Brandt moved to come out of executive session at 7:22 p.m. with no action taken. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Kari Brandt moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 7:23 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Kathy Harrison and Lisa Leach to join. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Kari Brandt moved to come out of executive session at 7:38 p.m. with no action taken. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Kari Brandt moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mark Denman at 7:39 p.m. for two minutes. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Kari Brandt moved to come out of executive session at 7:41 p.m. with no action taken. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Attorney** was not present.

**City Treasurer Kathy Harrison** gave the monthly treasurer's report.

**City Clerk Lisa Leach**

- Informed the council that the RFP for the work to be done on the city buildings has been completed, and the ad has been placed. The due date for bids is November 12th.
- Gave an overview of the Night Out Against Crime event. Sheriff Akes and two dispatch representatives gave presentations on several scams affecting local communities and advised residents to be on the lookout. Asked the council for approval to donate extra food items from the meal to Safe Halloween. Approval was given.
- Announced Safe Halloween will be on Halloween night at the Community Building from 5 to 8 p.m. Chili, hot dogs, and cinnamon rolls will be provided by P.A.L.S.
- Informed the council that the Christmas decorations will need to be put up soon, and she will be looking for volunteers.
- Reminded everyone that the City Council Election will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building, and there are three seats up for election with four candidates running.

**Chief of Police Chris Lee:**

- Reported the Police Department handled 14 calls for service and is actively working on one case.
- There were several traffic stops, one of which resulted in a minor drug seizure.
- There were several warrant attempts and one residential search.
- The ORI (Originating Agency Identifier) has been reinstated.

**Maintenance James Hazelet** complimented the Parker Days crew for doing a great job cleaning up after the event. He added that Parker Lake looked even better than it had the previous week.

**Water and Sewer Contractor Chad Page** was not present.

**Compactor Operator Al Kerr** stated the compactor is working without issues. He is asking the City for its support with a bike collection and donation project. He stated that if we collect the bikes at that compactor location, a group will come pick them up to be rebuilt by prisoners, and then the bikes are typically returned to the area of donation. He proposed placing a collection area between the compactor building and the porta-potty. He asked for a load of gravel and two cattle panels. The council approved the idea.

**Park Board:** no report.

**Planning and Zoning:** no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Drainage on Park Street:** Councilman Earley expressed his frustration with no progress being made toward resolving this issue. Mayor Webber reminded the council that the county offered to let the City of Parker place an order for culverts with their order in an effort to reduce costs, but that won't happen until the spring. It was discussed that the city will have street work done in coordination with the county, but a specific timeline is unknown. Mayor Webber expressed his hope to get the ditches repaired before the streets are worked on. The discussion went into having contractors make bids for what is needed to make everything drain properly.

**Gary Earley motioned to ask for bids to resolve the drainage issues throughout town. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Lighting Replacement Cost for City Hall:** Clerk Leach read a bid to replace the lighting at City Hall, which was \$1663.00. The council declined to proceed with the bid due to concerns about the bidder's insurance coverage.

**Gary Earley motioned to allow up to \$1900 to install the lighting in City Hall and to go with the original installation offer from ROI Energy. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Park – Electrical Work:** Mayor Webber noted that potential electrical problems were identified last year, before Parker Days. He also mentioned that wiring runs into the shelter house and is looped through tree limbs. Maintenance worker Hazelet is uncomfortable working on the trees until this issue is addressed. Mayor Webber believes it needs to be made safe. He prefers to meet with all bidders onsite at the same time so everyone receives the same information for bidding purposes.

**Kari Brandt motioned to go out for bids to make the electrical system safe at Heritage Park. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

**Police Department Workshop:** Chief Lee gave the council several dates he would be available for the workshop. The council settled on October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

**CPI Technologies Proposal:** Clerk Leach presented a proposal for a computer security package. The proposal would cover up to 5 computers for the city for \$595 per month. The council declined to accept the proposal and suggested finding a lower-cost alternative.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Depot Building:** John Stahl asked if any decision had been made regarding the Old Depot Building. Clerk Leach stated it was her understanding that the Park Board was attempting to find a way to get it moved, and he should reach out to Park Board member Chad Page, who may have more information.

**Kari Brandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk**