

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Parker Community Building
432 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
July 9, 2026

Council President Kari Brandt called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Clerk Leach took the Roll.

Jason Webber, Mayor	Absent
Kari Brandt, Council Member	Present
Meranda Ellison, Council Member	Present
Joe Godfrey, Council Member	Absent
Stacia Minden, Council Member	Present
Carrie Sewell, Council Member	Present

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Council President Brandt asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Meranda Ellison moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Stacia Minden seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlotte Earley asked the Council some questions regarding the ongoing drainage issue. Some questions involved alternative advertising, whether the city needed to pursue the full engineering route, and whether the Council was ready to take any action. Mrs. Earley was told no action is taken during public comments.

Roger Sims stated he was present during the rain to see the issue at Main and Park Streets. He reported that the water runs all into Earley's yard. He gave his opinion about the whistle placement, and he felt it could be easily fixed. He then said there are many plugged culverts and driveways with no culverts. He feels the city should focus on fixing and replacing whistles.

James Hazelet stated he has driven around the city during the rain. The culvert in front of the Community Building could be replaced, but the entire ditch needs to be cleaned to the corner. This led to further discussion regarding ditch maintenance.

Al Kerr stated the Methodist Church owns the parking lot used by the Community Building. It needs gravel and he is asking if the city will supply it. Council Member Carrie Sewell asked who paid for the gravel previously. Mr. Kerr stated the church did, but it gets torn up. James Hazelet, Maintenance Supervisor, keeps the weeds sprayed in the parking lot.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Council President Brandt asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Stacia Minden moved to approve the agenda as written. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Attorney, Lindsey Kolisch: Not present.

City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison:

- Gave the treasurer's report.
- Informed the Council she met with David Lamb to go over the budget for next year. The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing will be held on September 10 because the proposed budget exceeds the Revenue Neutral Rate. The mill levy will decrease slightly, and each mill will generate approximately \$1,911.00 in property tax revenue.

City Clerk, Lisa Leach:

- Informed the Council of a compliment received regarding our newest police officer, Officer Schneider.
- Shared a request from Vera Borum. Mrs. Borum described an ongoing issue of Community Building renters using part of her yard over the years. It has created difficulties and she is wondering if the Council would be able to take some sort of action to assist with this.

Chief of Police, Chris Lee: No report.

Maintenance, James Hazelet: No report.

Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page: Not present.

Compactor Operator, Al Kerr:

- Reported a hydraulic hose burst last week but was repaired by the county the following day.
- Informed the Council that several people have reported the Western Ave. and 2200 Rd. sign is knocked down.

Park Board: No report.

Planning and Zoning: The Planning and Zoning Board will have a meeting on July 30, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

Workshop for Ordinances and Enforcement: The Council agreed to table planning a workshop until August.

Lake Issues: There were reports of trash from fireworks in the water. People have been riding personal watercraft on the lake. There is clear damage from people backing up to the lake's edge. Discussion among the Council included questions about adding something to the lake ordinance. The current ordinance does not address fireworks at the lake. The Council consensus was to work on it during the ordinance workshops.

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee Reviews: The Council will discuss the topic in executive session.

UTV For Maintenance: The topic of purchasing a UTV for the maintenance department was discussed. The UTV would have multiple uses, including spraying weeds and assisting with maintenance tasks throughout the city. Council Member Sewell asked for some options to review. Clerk Leach will present them at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Carrie Sewell moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel at 7:33 p.m. for 20 minutes. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Stacia Minden moved to come out of executive session with action taken at 7:53 p.m. Carrie Sewell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Stacia Minden moved to increase city employee salaries as follows:

- Al Kerr: from \$13.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour.
- Kathy Harrison: from \$800.00 per month to \$900.00 per month.
- James Hazelet: from \$20.00 per hour to \$23.00 per hour.
- Lisa Leach: from \$18.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour.
- Police Department salaries will remain unchanged due to recent hire dates.

Meranda Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Carrie Sewell moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Lisa Leach at 7:59 p.m. for 5 minutes. Stacia Minden seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Carrie Sewell moved to come out of executive session with no action taken at 8:04 p.m. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Meranda Ellison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Stacia Minden seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk