

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Parker Community Building
432 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
August 14, 2025

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

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

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

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

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. Gary Earley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Webber asked to add the Police Chief position to the agenda.

Kari Brandt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Police Chief position. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

PROCLAMATION: Renee Slinkard, representative of Daughters of the American Revolution, made a presentation to inform about and celebrate the annual Constitution Week. Mayor Webber signed the Proclamation.

LIGHTING PRESENTATION: Christian Keane, a representative of ROI Energy, which partners with Everygy to help incentivize lighting updates, gave a presentation about the potential lighting replacement at City Hall/Barn. After questions and discussion, he stated the materials would cost the city zero dollars, and the installation would cost \$786.

Gary Earley motioned to accept the bid of \$786 to have ROI install the replacement lighting at City Hall/Barn. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Attorney Lindsey Kolisch didn't have anything to report.

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

City Clerk Lisa Leach

- Reported to the council that she had received an update regarding the mowing of yards and handed the discussion over to the city attorney. Kolisch stated the city must first give notice to the homeowner by mailing/posting. The homeowner can then consent, or the city must go to court and obtain an administrative search warrant to mow the lawn.
- Informed the council of the cost quotes to install internet at the Senior Center.

Joe Godfrey motioned to sign the 36-month contract with Kwikom for \$155 per month. Gary Earley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

- Informed the council of the quotes for propane. Kari Brandt asked Leach to see if D&D would price-match.
- Read a thank you letter from the library for the summer reading donation.
- Gave a thank you to Councilman Gary Earley for volunteering his time to repair an outlet at City Hall.
- Informed the council that the fees from the League of Kansas Municipalities will be changing for the upcoming year, but is not sure what that will be yet.
- Gave the council a proposal from TextMyGov for a community communication service. The council declined to proceed with the proposal and asked Leach to look into a possible service provided by the county.
- Reported to the council that the Night Out Against Crime will be held on October 3rd. She said she will talk more about it at the next meeting.
- Reminded the council about the upcoming budget hearing in September.

Maintenance James Hazelet had nothing to report. Mayor Webber asked if the lake damage had been repaired. Hazelet stated he would check the next day.

Water and Sewer Contractor Chad Page informed the council that he had installed a new pump at the lift station that had been previously purchased by the city. He stated the lift station is down to one good pump, and usually 2 pumps are run together so they can cycle off and on. He had been quoted \$6500 in June from Enviroline for a new pump. He had a quote from Hanes for \$5000. Each one would take 3-4 weeks to arrive when ordered. Mayor Webber observed that ideally 2 need to be ordered. Page agreed with him. He had inquired about possibly rebuilding and had been told the pump had to be hauled to Sunrise Beach, Missouri, and maybe they could do it.

Gary Earley motioned to purchase 2 pumps to enable the city to have a spare, up to \$13,000. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Page stated he would try to get the least expensive, if possible.

Compactor Operator Al Kerr reported that the compactor is currently being repaired. Mayor Webber added that the pump was replaced, and within a week, it was down again. The county pulled a tank, the new pump, and is doing other various repairs. They hope to have it completed by the 15th.

Al would like to have metal signs to hang on the gate to communicate with citizens when the compactor is full.

Park Board: Chad Page reported they are trying to get the concrete squares poured.

Planning and Zoning: Planning and Zoning Administrator Leach reported that the Board would like to recommend revoking the Conditional Use Permit granted to Ross Hendrickson. She read the original conditions to the council. Gary Earley asked if there were complaints about the property. Leach stated no, there weren't.

Gary Earley motioned to extend the CUP granted to Ross Hendrickson for 6 more months to allow him to take care of the issues. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion. Kari Brandt dissented. It passed 2-1.

PWWSD#13: no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Stahl asked the city council if they are interested in purchasing the old depot that is currently on Mr. Hendrickson's property. He felt it could be placed in the park and used as an activity center. He stated he thinks it is solid and could be jacked up and moved. It was donated to the museum, but they don't have the resources to move it. It was stated that it is one of the last remaining monuments of Parker. There was much discussion, and Councilman Earley stated he would like to look at it. The council agreed to discuss it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 487 – Codification of City Code 2025: Clerk Leach let the council know this is an update to the city code. It has not been completed since 2016.

Kari Brandt motioned to accept Ordinance 487. Gary Earley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Lake: Potential Motor Size Limit for Boats/Motorized Craft Ordinance: The council discussed keeping the current no-wake ordinance, changing to a motor-size limit, or having both. They agreed to have a new ordinance drafted to amend the old one, adding a 5-hp motor size limit and keeping the no-wake rule. If passed, the city will have signs made and posted at the lake to reflect the ordinance.

Lake: All-Terrain Vehicles Use at the Park: The current ordinance states that all-terrain vehicles can be driven on established roads and paths. The council decided to keep the ordinance as it is.

Senior Center Building Name: The council has previously discussed the name of the building and whether to change it or not.

Kari Brandt motioned to change the name of the building from Parker Senior Center to Parker Community Building. Gary Earley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Senior Center: Review of updated application forms and rules sheet. The council reviewed options for updated forms provided by Clerk Leach.

Kari Brandt motioned to accept the updated rental agreement with the name change. Gary Earley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Gary Earley motioned to accept format 2 of the updated rules sheet with the name change. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Senior Center: Building Ideas Discussion:

It was mentioned that previously, when the power was out, the building had no lighting.

- Installing exit and emergency lights at the doors was discussed. Gary Earley volunteered to install them, if needed.
- Mayor Webber said Randy Hegwald, Linn County Emergency Management, wants to know if the city will still be using the Community Building as a warming/cooling center if needed.

Kari Brandt motioned to keep the Parker Community Center a warming/cooling center. Gary Earley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

- It was suggested to ask Randy if he is willing to walk through both city buildings and see what is needed.
- The council asked Clerk Leach to look at wood slats or 2" PVC blinds for the windows.
- It was suggested that the mechanical room be locked in the future. The cleaning tools can be moved to the closet in the main room.

Trailer Purchase: Mayor Webber obtained 3 quotes for trailers for the council to look at. The council discussed the decision at length and decided to move forward with the purchase.

Gary Earley motioned to purchase the 16k Texas Pride Trailer for \$11,213.75. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Dogs at Large Issue: The council discussed the issue and the many complaints about the issue. Joe Godfrey asked if we could reach back out to the City of LaCygne about the previous dog agreement. Mayor Webber said he will reach out to them. Gary Earley said he feels a special meeting is needed regarding this issue. It was decided to table the issue until a special meeting is planned.

Park Street Drainage Issue: Mayor Webber asked Chad Page if he could meet with Gary Earley to discuss the issue that's occurring. Chad said he could.

NEW BUSINESS

Parker Days Donation: Clerk Leach reported the city had donated \$300 to Parker Days in 2024 and wanted to know if the council would like to donate again this year.

Gary Earley made a motion to donate \$300 to Parker Days. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Pole Flags of Local Military Servicepeople and Veterans: Clerk Leach presented information received from the City of Garnett regarding costs and presentation. Roger Sims noted that Parker Elementary may have additional information to share. It was suggested that a poll be put on Facebook and that a mailer be included with the water bills to gauge community interest. The estimated cost is \$200-\$300 per flag. The matter was tabled pending further information and public input.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Army Worms Pest Control: Mayor Webber had been in contact with a pest control company to spray the city properties. The company also wanted to know if the city currently has a contract for quarterly pest control. Joe Godfrey expressed concern that the chemicals used also kill honeybees. He has information on some safer alternatives. It was discussed that it could be put out for bids. The matter was tabled.

Police Chief: Mayor Webber had been in contact with the City of LaCygne about contracting police coverage, but said it would not be cheap. Gary Earley feels the city needs a codes official more than a police officer. There was discussion about the pros/cons of having a police officer in the city. Mayor Webber said showing the wage in an ad will help, and he has been told that it would be more like \$25 minimum to attract applicants. Previous ads have had zero responses. Combining roles with officer and codes official was discussed.

Joe Godfrey motioned to run an ad for a Police Chief with pay up to \$25 an hour and a Codes Official with pay up to \$20 per hour. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Joe Godfrey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Kari Brandt seconded the motion. It passed 3-0.

Submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk