

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Parker Community Building
432 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
November 13, 2025

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

PLEDGE AND PRAYER: The pledge was given, and Jason Webber offered the prayer.

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

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

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

Meranda Ellison motioned to approve the consent agenda. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

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. Meranda Ellison 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 of her intention to install the Christmas pole lights before Thanksgiving and would need some volunteers to assist.
- Informed the council that the Christmas Lighting Contest will be judged on December 12th and reminded the council of the prizes awarded each year, which are 1st Place receiving \$50 off their utility bill for 2 months, 2nd Place receiving \$50 off their utility bill for 1 month, and 3rd Place receiving \$25 off their utility bill for 1 month.

- There is a rate change for Rural Water District #3. The water rate per 1,000 gallons is increasing from \$10.00 to \$11.50. The service fee per month will decrease from \$22.00 to \$16.00. This is Parker's backup water service, and the city currently pays \$32.00 per month. This will change to \$27.50 per month.

Chief of Police Chris Lee: Chief Lee reported he had made several traffic stops in town.

Maintenance James Hazelet

- Reported to the council that the engine block heater on the city dump truck is not working. He is currently using a portable heater that takes roughly 40 minutes to warm it up, and he is not comfortable leaving it on overnight. He would like to get the core replaced. He got three bids for repairs, which were: Bob Allen Ford for \$745, H&H Diesel for \$300, and Ty Page for \$200.

Joe Godfrey moved to accept Ty Page's bid for \$200. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

- Informed the council that the burn pile is getting big and the conditions are currently very dry. He said he may need assistance from the fire department if it stays dry. Mayor Webber said to reach out when he is ready.
- Councilperson Ellison let James know the lake is looking great.

Water and Sewer Contractor Chad Page was not present.

Compactor Operator Al Kerr stated the compactor is working great. It is currently going approximately 6 days between container changes.

Park Board: no report.

Planning and Zoning: no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids for Community Building and City Hall Repairs: The bids were read aloud as follows:

- T & T Metal (Centerville) – Estimated timeline: 14 days for all repairs.
 - Community Building:
 - Without insulation (roof, siding, porch): \$22,200
 - With insulation: \$30,360
 - City Hall: No charge to fill in screw holes.
- B & T Construction (Topeka) – Provided two estimates for each building.
 - City Hall:
 - Repair with coating: \$11,050
 - Remove and install new materials: \$42,948
 - Community Building:
 - Wainscot siding and roof coating: \$63,083
 - Install all new materials: \$114,848

- Trusted Roofing (Lee's Summit) – Provided repair and new material options.
 - City Hall:
 - New materials: \$15,640
 - Repairs: \$13,114
 - Community Building:
 - Roof with new materials: \$16,900
 - Roof repairs with coating: \$12,700
 - Siding (new materials only): \$15,500
 - Optional gutters: \$1,500 per building
- H & S Roofing (Mapleton) – Combined estimate for both buildings using new materials: \$26,750, with \$950 of that cost covering City Hall if done together with the Community Building.

The council scheduled a workshop for November 18th at 6:30 p.m. to review and discuss the bids in more detail.

Bikes at the Compactor: Mayor Webber stated he had spoken with staff from the county, and due to additional permitting required to accept bikes at the compactor, the county does not want Parker to accept bike donations at this time.

Code Enforcement Official:

Kari Brandt moved to hire Mark Denman as the Code Enforcement Official at \$20 per hour for 15 hours per month, with 1 tank of gas provided by the city each month. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Code Enforcement Official Equipment: Clerk Leach stated that the council had previously agreed to purchase the necessary equipment when a new code enforcement official was hired. Mr. Denman indicated he is comfortable using a tablet rather than a laptop and a camera. Clerk Leach also recommended that the new code enforcement official be provided with a city-issued cell phone to conduct city business with residents. It was suggested that the extra police cell phone be used if possible. Clerk Leach will look into this option and, if it is not feasible, will obtain a different phone for his use. Three tablets were presented to the council for review and consideration.

Kari Brandt moved to purchase the Munbyn Rugged Tablet for \$674.99. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Denman also recommended the OnX app for the tablet, which provides property line and ownership information to assist with his duties. The app costs \$99 per year. Mayor Webber requested that the city first look into any property information that may already be available from the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

Santa Comes to Parker Donation: Clerk Leach shared with the council that the previous year, the council had voted to donate \$1,000 to the Santa Comes to Parker event. She is asking for a donation for this year's event.

Kari Brandt moved to donate \$1,000 to the Santa Comes to Parker event. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

GPS Subscription for Trailer: Clerk Leach related to the council, the GPS subscription that came with the trailer has run out of its trial period. The company offers a monthly subscription for \$9.99 per device and extended the trial period until the council could meet and decide whether to purchase or not. It was suggested that if the city has insurance on the trailer, a monthly subscription is not really necessary. Treasurer Harrison suggested that Clerk Leach check into the insurance coverage to be sure. The council agreed not to purchase the subscription.

Radio Encryption for PD: Chief Lee informed the council that all the police radios in the county run on the same radio encryption, which enables them to reach out to other departments at need. If he does not have the same encryption, no one can hear him when he speaks. He let the council know the total cost for Parker would be \$726.04, which includes the radios.

Meranda Ellison moved to approve the encryption of Parker PD's Police radio system to match the county. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed 3=0.

Sound/Audio System for Community Building: Mayor Webber presented a bid from the county IT person to install a sound and audio system in the community building. The council expressed concern about running wires during the same possible timeframe as repairs on the exterior of the building. Mayor Webber observed the bid did not include video equipment, which was an original want. The council tabled the topic for consideration at a later date.

Christmas Parade: Clerk Leach shared a request for a short road closure on December 13th, to have the Christmas Parade on Main Street at 4:30 p.m. She stated the request was for an hour and only along the parade route, which starts on Short Street and ends at Center and Main. The council agreed to allow the road closure.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kari Brandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk