

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Parker Community Building
432 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
December 11, 2025

Council President Kari Brandt 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: City Clerk Lisa Leach took the Roll.

Jason Webber, Mayor	Absent
Kari Brandt, President	Present
Kandice Higgins, Council Member	Absent
Gary Earley, Council Member	Present
Joe Godfrey, Council Member	Present
Meranda Ellison, 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. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

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

Meranda Ellison made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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 an issue with a light pole in the center of the library's new parking lot. The librarian has contacted Evergy to determine who is responsible for relocating the pole to a safer location. Council will be updated once a response is received.
- Reported that ROI, the company that installed the new lighting at City Hall, followed up to see if the Council would still like an estimate for lighting upgrades at the Community Building. The Council decided to hold off for the time being.

- Reported Linn County News notified her that the City of Parker received three *Best of the Best 2025* awards: City Park, City Playground, and City Employee, awarded to James Hazelet. Official results will be published soon.
- Informed the Council that Christmas Light judging will take place on Friday, December 12th.
- Reminded everyone of the “Santa Comes to Parker” event on Saturday, December 13th.
- Informed the Council that popcorn from Lauber Law Firm is available in the office for all to share.
- Reported that Gary Earley volunteered to install the emergency lights in the Community Building. He provided a supply list, and Diversified Supply is checking availability.

Joe Godfrey moved to allow up to \$300 for the cost of installing the emergency lights. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0, with Gary Earley abstaining.

Chief of Police Chris Lee: not present.

Maintenance James Hazelet

- Suggested the City thank Chad Page for the use of his telehandler to install and remove Christmas lighting around town.
- He thanked Gary Earley for his assistance with installing the lights in the Community Building.

Water and Sewer Contractor Chad Page was not present.

Compactor Operator Al Kerr stated the compactor is working well.

Park Board: no report.

Planning and Zoning: no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids for Community Building and City Hall Repairs: Council President Brandt discussed the workshop held the previous week and stated that two preferred bids were identified from T & T Metal and H & S Roofing. She asked if the Council wished to proceed with any motions at this time. Gary Earley requested that the Council take no action until the new members have taken office and have a chance to review the information. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Bonus for Employees: Clerk Leach stated that employees received \$250 bonuses last year based on their dates of employment.

Gary Earley moved to give Kathy Harrison, James Hazelet, Al Kerr, and Lisa Leach each a \$250 Christmas bonus. Police Chief Chris Lee is to receive \$125

due to his length of employment with the city. Joe Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CMB License Renewal: Clerk Leach informed the Council that One Stop's CMB License expires at the end of December. Sue Page has applied for renewal, which requires Council approval.

Gary Earley moved to approve the CMB licenses for One Stop for 2026. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council President Kari Brandt presented Gary Earley with a plaque in recognition of his 18 years of service as a City Council Member for the City of Parker.

Meranda Ellison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Gary Earley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk