

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL  
Parker Senior Center  
432 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas  
**March 13, 2025**

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

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

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b> Jason Webber, Mayor	<b>Present</b>
Kari Brandt, President	<b>Present</b>
Kandice Higgins, Council Member	<b>Absent, Arrived @ 7:02 pm</b>
Gary Earley, Council Member	<b>Present</b>
Joe Godfrey, Council Member	<b>Present</b>
Meranda Ellison, Council Member	<b>Present</b>

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

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Webber inquired if the council had reviewed the minutes from the February 13, 2025, meeting, the February 26, 2025, special meeting, and the March bills. He then asked if there were any additions or corrections.

**Kari Brandt motioned to approve consent agenda with the addition of the 1-Stop bill of \$141.92. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Webber asked for any additions to the agenda and approval.

**Meranda Ellison motioned to approve the agenda. Kari Brandt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Attorney,**

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

**City Clerk, Lisa Leach**

- Reported three city council seats are up for election this year and if anyone would like an election packet, they are available at City Hall or by email. The deadline to file is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon.
- The ad for a new city attorney had been placed with both the Linn County News and the Linn County Journal for two weeks. We have received no replies yet.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Heritage Park.

- The Citywide Cleanup will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The county has made a change and will not allow us to accept hazardous materials during the cleanup. Those materials will need to be taken directly to Prescott. We need volunteers. If we do not get volunteers, we may not be able to continue this program provided to the city. Clerk Leach asked the council if they would be interested in providing lunch to the volunteers as a thank you from the city.
- The Pet Clinic is on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the City Barn. The Osawatomie Pet Clinic will be providing the services.
- Clerk Leach wanted to verify the ages of summer help the city usually employs to prepare an ad. They said they look for 16–18-year-olds. Mayor Webber suggested verifying with insurance this will be covered.
- Clerk Leach let the council know she would like to get some workshops on the calendar before the council left for the night.

**Maintenance, James Hazelet,** reported the burn pile is getting out of control. It seems others are coming in a dumping from out of the area. It's been difficult to find a day to light it due to the wind. Boards and furniture have been dumped, which will cause the city to get fined by the state. He is asking if the gate can be shut and have the key available from Al during the hours of compactor operation while it's dry outside and he is unable to burn the pile.

**Kari Brandt motioned to close the brush pile gate until it can be burned safely. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.**

**Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page,** Mike Page came in Chad's place. There were no questions for him, and he had nothing to report.

**Compactor Operator, Al Kerr,** reports all is well except the brush pile. He stated he feels there needs to be a sign that states the brush pile is for city residents' use only. He also asked for a sign to hang when the compactor is full.

**Park Board:** no report.

**Planning and Zoning:** no report.

**PWWSD#13:** no report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Peggy Chambers wanted to know if there is anything the city can do to help keep the kids safe that are riding 4-wheelers and stuff through town. Some are driving at night without lights. She wants them to have fun but is concerned for their safety.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**County Compactor Agreement – Updated Version:** Clerk Leach noted the city had previously signed an agreement with the county for the compactor, but there is a new version the county sent out with more detailed information. She read through the new contract, highlighting the changes that were made from the previous contract.

**Kari Brandt motioned to approve the compactor agreement between the City of Parker and Linn County. Meranda Ellison seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**After-Prom Donation:** Clerk Leach said City Hall received a donation request for After-Prom at Prairie View. She stated Parker is part of the Prairie View district and most people have or have had children attending this event. The council asked what the city has previously donated. Treasurer Harrison stated the city has donated \$100.

**Gary Earley motioned to donate \$200 to the After-Prom. Kandice Higgins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Scholarship Deadline Review:** Clerk Leach stated the City of Parker, and the Heritage Park Board provide two \$400 scholarships each year to students at Prairie View. The counselor called to verify the deadline for applications. Clerk Leach asked if the council would be willing to push the deadline to May 1<sup>st</sup> to enable more students to apply. The council and Park Board could make their selections at the May 8<sup>th</sup> city council meeting. She also asked if anyone on the council would be interested in presenting the scholarships to the students at the award ceremony at Prairie View on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Webber stated he will do so. The council agreed to the new May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Clerk Leach stated she will inform the school counselor of the new information.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Workshops:** The council agreed to have the Departmental Workshop on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and the Stormwater Drainage/Water Lines Workshop on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Kari Brandt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Gary Earley seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.**

**Submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk**