

CITY OF PARKER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT 1001 W. PARK ST, September 1, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Mayor Andrew Kelly called the meeting to order with Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present: Mayor Kelly, Council Members Tonya Barrow, Katy Bodiford, Mark Rega, Ron Chaple and City Clerk Rachelle Stanley. City Attorney Tim Sloan was absent.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda)

1. **Anna Morrison – 129 N. Lakewood Drive** – VFW Post on Bob Little Rd will have their annual Trunk or Treat on 10/31/26 from 4 pm – 6:30 pm. If you would like to pass out candy, please be there by 3:00 pm so you may be parked. Hot dogs and drinks will be served.
2. **Charles Walsh – 6505 Oak Shore Drive** – Mr. Walsh has properties in Springfield and Panama City, and garbage is included on the monthly water and sewer bill. Suggested looking into possibly having it done for the city of Parker. Mayor Kelly explained that it was costly to start up, buy trucks and hire employees. Council member Barrow liked the idea of being able to choose what waste management company to use. Council member Rega suggested it's worth looking at if the job can be shared by a few vendors.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of minutes for 8/18/26** – Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Barrow, seconded by Council member Bodiford. Motion was carried with all voting in favor, 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Kelly

1. Encouraged everyone to educate themselves on Amendment 3 and review what will happen if it passes. Government, city and tax laws will change dramatically.
2. Applications for the Police Chief position have been narrowed down and interviews will begin soon.
3. Projects such as the repair of Donalson Point boat landing and roads will begin soon.
4. Car show on October 3rd begins at 8 am. Vendors and local businesses will be present; some will be bringing their equipment/merchandise for purchase/observation.

Council Member Chaple

1. Suggested that a percentage off be offered on the water bill if the customer enrolls in ACH for payment.
2. Suggested that the city consider having the Sheriff Department take charge of the police department.

Council Member Rega

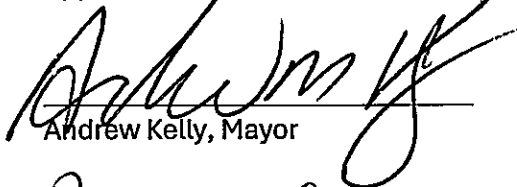
1. Presented an informational presentation (taken from My Town View) on Parker's position if Amendment 3 passes. Parker is positioned demographically to weather the storm. There are more people working in the city than the number of citizens.

Council Member Barrow

1. Disagreed with Council Member Chaple on the idea of Sheriff's Department taking over the city's police department.
2. John Haney's father's funeral will be Saturday, September 5th at 2:00 pm at Heritage Funeral in Callaway.
3. Inquired about the Ethics webinar class that will be held October 14, 10 am – 3:30 pm for all elected officials and department heads. The webinar will be held in the council room.
4. Addressed the \$1 per hour raise for all employees for the next budget year and possibility of raising firefighters' hourly pay to match police department. Fire Chief Erich Higgins was asked about the pay for his department but stated he would have to check the numbers. Mayor Kelly stated that any employee that has not been here a year (probation period) would not get the raise until they reach their probation.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

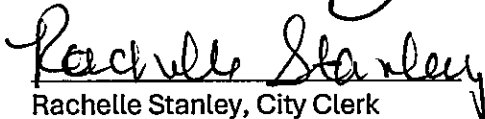
Approved this 16th day of Sept., 2026.



Andrew Kelly, Mayor

9/16/26

Date



Rachelle Stanley, City Clerk

9/16/26

Date