

# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2024

**Attending In-Person:** Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Frank Fulcher, Don Gibson, Sara Hines, and David Holmes; Police Chief Jeff Sherrard and Asst. Police Chief Tony Denham; City Administrator and Clerk John S. Carter

**Absent:** City Attorney F. Chris Gorman.

**Participating Remotely:** Director of Public Works Ron Cundiff

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Farnsley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

- Council Member Evans moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Clark moved to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2024 special council meeting, seconded by Council Member Hines, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Comments from Citizens**

- Residents Carolyn Embry and John Shelby spoke in support of the first reading and passage of Ordinance No. 643, Series 2024, amending and modifying Chapter 162: Solar Installations of the City of Prospect Code of Ordinances.

## **Mayor's Report**

- The city recently hosted a well-attended concert by The Rumors at the John Evan Pavilion on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Several more concerts are scheduled throughout the summer.
- On June 15<sup>th</sup> the city held an informative Flag Day celebration that featured the Sons of the American Revolution color guard.
- This coming Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> the city will hold its first "Kidz Fest" in Little Hunting Creek Park, that will include face painting, balloon figures, crafts, games and other activities.
- This evening's agenda includes the council's consideration of an amended solar ordinance. Mr. Steve Ricketts, chairperson for the Kentucky Solar Energy Society, is in attendance this evening and will make remarks and answer questions about the proposed revisions to the city's solar installation ordinance.

## **Financial Reports**

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances through May 2024.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.8 million.

- Revenue has exceeded the budget and expenditures are on target with one month remaining in the fiscal year.
- The total restricted road aid fund is approximately \$288K.

### **Commission and Board Reports**

On behalf of the Forestation Board, Board Chair Linda Knox presented a written and oral report on the following:

- A joint meeting of the Forestation Board and Council Committee was recently held to review and reconcile the two proposed versions of the amended Forestation ordinance. The group agreed to make two minor changes to 'version A' and submit it to the full council for adoption.
- The board reviewed several tree cases currently under evaluation, and proposed a new report form that will include pertinent information needed for code enforcement. The mayor agreed to schedule a meeting with the Police Chief and Code Enforcement Officer to review the new form and discuss its implementation.
- The board will partner with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to man a informational table at the upcoming Fourth of July celebration.

### **Other Reports**

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Committee Chair Linda Wardell presented a written and oral report on the following:

- Site preparation for the Harrods Creek Stream bridge is ongoing.
- Representatives of the Kentuckiana Regional Development Authority (KIDPA) are to soon meet with city officials to discuss applying for a Recreational Trails Grant to fund the Putney Pond Boardwalk project.
- New directional trail markers have been installed in Putney Pond Park and Woodlands.
- The city's public works department has removed all fallen trees that had obstructed park paths after the recent storms.
- The Rumors Band concert held on June 9<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The next concert will feature The Don Krekel Orchestra on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The city's first 'Kidz Fest' is scheduled to take place in Little Hunting Creek Park on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to noon.
- Other upcoming events sponsored by the committee include an 'Adopt-a-Highway' cleanup along US 42 in July, and the Harrods Creek Trail Bash scheduled for this coming November.

Council Member Gibson updated the council on the past meeting of the Jefferson County League of Cities [JCLC] meeting. JCLC's sponsored a "City's Night" at a Louisville Bat's game on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Prospect had the best attendance of all cities with 21 representatives attending the game.

### **Police Report:**

Police Chief Sherrard reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- The city has a recurring problem with thefts and break-ins related to unlocked vehicles. The Chief urged residents to always lock their vehicles, and to never leave valuables or weapons in an unoccupied vehicle.

### Old Business

- Council Member Evans moved for a second reading of **Ordinance 638, Series 2024**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Clark.
  - Council Member Fulcher moved to amend **Ordinance 638, Series 2024** by amending the ad valorem tax rate to \$0.171 per \$100 of valuation. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A roll call vote was held on second reading of **Ordinance 638, Series 2024**: Yea: Clark, Evans, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: Fulcher. The motion passed 5 -1

- Council Member Evans moved for a second reading of **Ordinance 639, Series 2024**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Gibson.
  - Council Member Holmes moved to amend **Ordinance 639, Series 2024** by increasing revenue under Existing Surplus to \$48,707 and increasing expenditures under City Administration to \$970,392, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Fulcher, Evans, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0

A roll call vote was held on second reading of **Ordinance 639, Series 2024**, as amended: Yea: Clark, Evans, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: Fulcher. The motion passed 5 -1.

- Council Member Clark moved for a second reading of **Ordinance 640, Series 2024**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JULY 1, 2025, seconded by Council Member Fulcher. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.
- Council Member Gibson moved for a second reading of **Ordinance 641, Series, 2024**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, seconded by Council Member Hines. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.
- Council Member Hines moved for a second reading of **Ordinance 642, Series 2024**, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, seconded by Council Member Evans. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.

### New Business

- Council Member Fulcher moved to adopt **Resolution No. 1, Series 2024**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT ("CITY") REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO RELOCATE LOCAL POST OFFICE WITHIN CITY LIMITS, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.

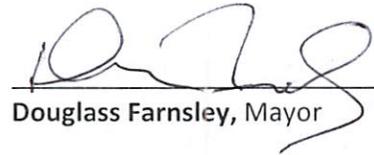
- Council Member Gibson moved to approve **Municipal Order No. 3, Series 2024**, AN ORDER CONSENTING TO THE NOMINATIONS BY THE MAYOR OF CITIZENS OF THE CITY TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, seconded by Council Member Holmes. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.
- Council Member Holmes moved for a first reading of **Ordinance No. 637, Series, 2024**, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 97: TREES AND FORESTATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT. The motion failed for lack of a second.
- Council Member Gibson moved for the first reading of **Ordinance 643, Series 2024**, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 162: SOLAR INSTALLATIONS OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THAT PURPOSE, seconded by Council Member Hines. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. Abstention: Evans. The motion passed 6 -0

**Adjournment:** Mayor Farnsley declared the council meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
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John S. Carter, City Clerk

Approved:

  
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Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

*This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.*