<u>CITY COUNCIL</u> SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2024

<u>Attending In-Person</u>: Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Don Gibson, Sara Hines, and David Holmes; Police Chief Jeff Sherrard; C.A.O and City Clerk John S. Carter

Participating Remotely: Director of Public Works Ron Cundiff

Absent: Council Member Frank Fulcher

Call to Order

Mayor Farnsley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Comments from Citizens

Dr. Robert Jacob commended the operations of the Prospect Police Department under the direction of Chief Sherrard and recommended that the city council appoint Assistant Police Chief Tony Denham as its new Police Chief upon Chief Sherrard's retirement.

Mayor's Report

- The city will host a reception at the Hunting Creek Country Club on Thursday, October 24th at 7 pm to honor and thank retiring Police Chief Jeff Sherrard.
- The Jefferson County League of Cities has invited all city officials to its annual dinner on November 31, 2024, at the Jeffersonian on Taylorsville Road. The mayor urged all council members to attend.
- The city recently consulted with an audio-video vendor about updating or replacing the dated council chamber video and sound system in the first quarter of 2025.
- The mayor expressed complete confidence in appointing Assistant Police Chief Tony Denham as the new police chief, and Sergeant Michael McKeehan as the new assistant police chief.

New Business

- Assistant Police Chief Denham presented opening comments about his nomination as the next Prospect Police Chief.
- Sergeant McKeehan presented opening comments about his nomination as the next Prospect Assistant Police Chief.
- There was a question-and-answer session between the city council and the nominees about various police matters, including traffic law enforcement, community policing, the House Watch program, criminal activity, and crime statistics.

<u>Adjournment</u>: Council Clark moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hines, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Prepared by:

John S. Carter, City Clerk

Approved:

Douglass Farnsley, Mayor