

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 15, 2024**

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

**Absent:** Council Member Sara Hines

**Participating Remotely:** Director of Public Works Ron Cundiff, City Administrator and City Clerk John S. Carter

**Call to Order**

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

**Expression of Appreciation to Mr. Chrisler White and Proclamation Declaring July 14, 2024 to be Chrisler White Day in Prospect**

- Mayor Farnsley expressed the city's gratitude to Mr. Chrisler White for his participation and volunteer service to Prospect's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee member Tina Beavin thanked Mr. White for his year of service and presented him with a plaque commemorating Chrisler White Day in Prospect.
- Mr. White thanked the city for its recognition and prestigious award and expressed his gratitude for the experience of serving as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Council Member Holmes moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2024 special council meeting, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Gibson moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 special council meeting, seconded by Council Member Evans, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Citizens**

- Business operator Kent Gilpin spoke of his concern over the impending sale of the Prospect Point shopping center and closure of the United States Post Office.
- Resident Carolyn Embry spoke in support of Ordinance No. 643, Series 2024, amending and modifying Chapter 162: Solar Installations of the City of Prospect Code of Ordinances.
- Residents Linda Wardell and Herb Shulhafer spoke in support of version A of Ordinance No.637, Series 2024, amending and modifying Chapter 97: Trees and Forestation of the City of Prospect Code of Ordinances.

### **Mayor's Report**

- The city council will consider a first reading of two different versions of an ordinance amending the city's forestation ordinance. Major changes include increasing the size of the board and clarifying the limits of the board's authority.
- The city council will also consider a second reading and passage of an ordinance amending the city's solar installation regulations. The mayor thanked residents Carolyn Embry, John Shelby, Richard Reifsnider, Council Members Sara Hines and Don Gibson, and Mr. Steve Ricketts of the Kentucky Solar Energy Society for their work on improving the city's solar regulations.
- The mayor provided an update on the pending litigation with LDG development and indicated that their suit against the city is set for trial on September 17, 2024.
- The mayor highlighted several civic events held and scheduled for this summer, including the first annual Kidz Fest held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Art in City Hall exhibition that opened on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the city's annual Fourth of July celebration, and the upcoming concert featuring the Don Krekel Orchestra scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> at the John Evans Pavilion.

### **Financial Reports**

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances for the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.5 million.
- Revenue for the 2023/2024 fiscal year exceeded budget by approximately 1%, and expenditures were under budget by approximately 5%.
- The total restricted road aid fund is approximately \$267,000.

### **Commission and Board Reports**

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

### **Other Reports**

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

On behalf of the Investment Committee, Committee Chair Susan Nicholson presented a written and oral financial report. Since January 2024, the city's investments have earned more than \$87,000.

Council Member Gibson reported that the Jefferson County League of Cities has not held a recent meeting and had nothing new to report.

### **Police Report:**

Police Chief Sherrard reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- The rash of recent car burglaries and thefts has subsided since the recent arrests by the Louisville Metro Police Department.
- House Watches were down approximately 15% from the previous year.
- All officers are currently participating in annual police training.

**Old Business**

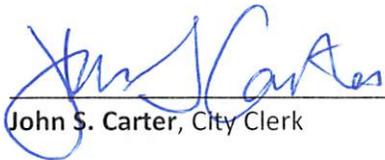
- Council Member Gibson moved for a second reading of **Ordinance 643, Series 2024**, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 162: SOLAR INSTALLATIONS OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THAT PURPOSE, seconded by Council Member Holmes. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 5 - 0.

**New Business**

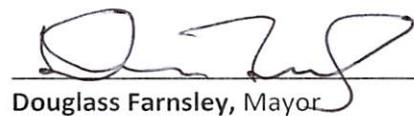
- Council Member Holmes moved for a first reading of **Ordinance No. 637, Series, 2024**, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 97: TREES AND FORESTATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT, VERSION A, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 5 - 0.
- Council Member Fulcher moved for a first reading of **Ordinance 644, Series 2024**, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE 2023 SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 5 - 0.
- Council Member Holmes moved to adopt **Municipal Order 4, Series 2024**: AN ORDER CONSENTING TO THE NOMINATION BY THE MAYOR OF STEVE PENNINGTON, ROBERT JACOB, M.D. AND DIANE GRAETER OF THE CITY TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF PROSPECT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND AFFIXING TERMS OF OFFICE THERETO, seconded by Council Member Fulcher. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 5 - 0.

**Adjournment:** Council Member Fulcher moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Evans, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the council meeting adjourned at 8:04 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.*