

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF PROSPECT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair: Mayor Doug Farnsley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes of the October 15, 2024 special council meeting, and the October 21, 2024 regular council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor's update on City matters.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Monthly financial update

COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS

- Forestation Board

OTHER REPORTS

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Jefferson County League of Cities

POLICE REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Second reading of **Ordinance 645, 2024**: A AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 114: REGULATING DISTANCE BETWEEN PACKAGE LIQUOR SALES. This ordinance repeals city regulations defining minimum distances between retail package liquor licenses.

NEW BUSINESS

- First reading of **Ordinance 646-2024**: AN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 32 OF THE PROSPECT, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT. This ordinance amends Chapter 32 to increase council member pay from \$250 to \$500 a month effective January 1, 2027.

ADJOURNMENT

Supporting documents for this meeting's agenda are archived on the city's website calendar:

<https://www.prospectky.us/>

This meeting will be conducted in part via WebEx and live-streamed to YouTube here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDMvzIGZUk_tpL2HXSagU7w

Members of the public may attend in person and see and hear all participating members at Prospect City Hall, 9200 US Hwy 42, Prospect, Kentucky.

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2024

Attending In-Person: 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 attend their annual dinner on November 31, 2024, at the Jeffersonian on Taylorsville Road. The mayor urged all council members to attend the dinner.
- 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.

Adjournment: 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:

Approved:

John S. Carter, City Clerk

Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 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; C.A.O and City Clerk John S. Carter

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 Clark moved to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Gibson, and the motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Citizens

- Mr. Mike Fisk, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer for Evergreen Liquors, addressed the council about the store's impending loss of its lease at Prospect Point on January 1, 2026. Mr. Fisk stated that the current Prospect ordinance requiring one-half mile distance between retail package liquor stores prevents Evergreen from relocating their store within the city limits. He asked that the city council approve the proposed ordinance that would eliminate the distance requirement so that Evergreen can stay in Prospect.
- Council Member David Holmes commended the mayor for his efforts to repair neighborhood sidewalks over the last two years. He requested that the city also pursue adding new sidewalks in areas without sidewalks, such as Deep Creek and Fox Harbor neighborhoods.

Mayor's Report

- The mayor invited the city council and all Prospect residents to a reception at Hunting Creek Country Club to honor retiring Police Chief Jeff Sherrard on October 15, 2024, at 5 pm.
- The mayor invited all council members and their spouses to attend the annual Jefferson County League of Cities dinner to be held on November 21, 2024, at The Jeffersonian.
- The new Art in City Hall exhibition opened on Sunday, October 13th and was attended by approximately 200 people. In conjunction with the opening, the Art Committee organized an Artists Market in the library on Saturday and Sunday where artists offered their works for sale.

- The mayor reminded candidates for city council to submit their promotional material for the city newsletter no later than October 22, 2024.
- The mayor spoke of his confidence and high regard for Asst. Police Chief Tony Denham and Sergeant Michael McKeehan. He thanked the council for their probative questions of both officers at the October 15, 2024 special council meeting and urged them to approve his nomination of Tony Denham as Prospect's new Police Chief.

Financial Reports

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances for September 2024.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.4 million.
- Interest earned on investments for the first three months of the fiscal year was approximately \$46K.
- Monthly revenue and expenditures met budgeted expectations.
- The restricted Road Aid Fund totaled approximately \$283K, however the city just made payment of approximately \$250K for this summer's paving.
- As of October 21, 2024, over 91% of all 2024 real estate tax bills had been paid. The city is now transferring excess operating funds into its investment portfolio.

Commission and Board Reports

On behalf of the Forestation Board, Board Member Herb Shulhafer presented an oral report.

- The Board's certified arborists, Andrea Hanlon, and Chase Bank had a productive meeting this past week wherein Chase agreed to and has planted four red point maples to replace the trees mistakenly removed during construction.
- The city's Canopy program typically held once each year was expanded to two times this year to give residents an opportunity to replace trees lost during April's tornadic storm.
- Arbor Fest was held this past Saturday and was expanded from 50 to 75 trees this year.

Other Reports

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Council Member Holmes presented an oral and written report.

- Accolades were given to committee member Sallie Schneider for organizing the kids' craft event for Prospect's 50th Birthday Party.
- The committee welcomed new student member, Abby Potter, who recently volunteered for the 50th Birthday Party and represented the city at the recent "Touch the Truck" event.
- Two Eagle Scout projects were recently completed. The first project was an information kiosk in Little Hunting Creek Park built by Harrison Red. The second project was information kiosk at the trailhead of Eagles Way Boardwalk that leads to Putney Pond built by Jacob Early. The city has been the beneficiary of 40 Eagle Scout projects in recent

years and there are plans to create plaques to honor the contributions of each Eagle Scout and identify their projects.

- Registration is currently open for the Harrods Creek Trail Bash scheduled for Sunday, November 24th.

On behalf of the Investment Committee, Committee Chair Susan Nicholson presented an oral and written report.

- The city's investments are all currently managed through the Kentucky League of Cities Investment program. The city is currently invested in a money market fund, an enhanced income fund, and an S&P 500 fund.
- The investment fund was down this past fiscal quarter due to withdrawals used to fund city operating expenses.
- The city is adding \$5,000 to the S&P 500 fund each month, which has been a successful strategy as that investment earned has \$4,700 rather than \$900 it would have earned had it remained invested in the other two funds.

Council Member Gibson reported regarding Jefferson County League of Cities [JCLC] activity.

- On September 19, 2024, JCLC met with guest speakers Alex Posorske of TARC and Jeff O'Brien, Executive Director of the Economic Development Cabinet for Louisville Metro Government. Mr. Posorske spoke of a significant drop in riders since 2021 and the subsequent 50% cut in its budget. Mr. O'Brien spoke on the need for increasing housing in the city, and of ideas on how to increase and reduce the cost of housing.
- On October 17, 2024, JCLC met with guest speaker Cindy Sullivan of TreesLouisville to discuss how to improve the city's tree canopy.
- The annual JCLC dinner is to be held on November 21, 2024, at The Jeffersonian with featured speaker Dr. Ryan Quarles, President of Kentucky Community & Technical College System.

Police Report:

Police Chief Sherrard reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- Housewatches have increased now that the department is nearly fully staffed.
- The department has received its three fully outfitted new police cruisers.
- The department has redesigned its logo and ordered new patches for officers' uniforms and decals for police vehicles.
- The Chief discussed his hire and work experience over the past 12 years. He expressed his appreciation to Prospect's residents, mayors, city councils, and city employees he has worked with during his tenure as Prospect's Police Chief. The chief also expressed his high confidence in Tony Denham and Michael McKeenan assuming the leadership of Prospect's police.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Mayor Farnsley nominated Tony Denham as Prospect’s Police Chief effective November 1, 2024. Council Member Evans moved to approve the nomination, seconded by Council Member Fulcher. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines and Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.
- Council Member Fulcher moved to approve first reading of **Ordinance 645, 2024**: A AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 114: REGULATING DISTANCE BETWEEN PACKAGE LIQUOR SALES, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines and Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 -0.

Adjournment: Council Holmes moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hines, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved:

John S. Carter, City Clerk

Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

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Prospect Police Department

Report Summary for OCTOBER 2024

❖ *Arrests*

- ◆ October 10: (179) Assault 4th Domestic

❖ *Call Response Reports*

- ◆ October 2: (172) Theft
- ◆ October 3: (173) Civil Incident
- ◆ October 4: (175) Theft
- ◆ October 8: (177) Excited Delerium
- ◆ October 9: (no #) Suspicious Subject
- ◆ October 17: (182) Shoplifting
- ◆ October 31: (189) Internet Fraud

❖ *Code Enforcement Reports*

Forty-Eight (48) permits were issued in October. Other October issues included:

- ◆ Unpermitted signs removed
- ◆ Trash around dumpsters

❖ *Felony Reports*

- ◆ 0

❖ *JC3 Reports*

- ◆ October 10: (178) Rose Island
- ◆ October 10: (179) Rose Island

❖ *KYIBRS Non-Criminal Reports*

- ◆ October 3: (174) Missing Person
 - ✧ Cancelled October 6
- ◆ October 17: (183) Death Investigation

❖ *Misdemeanor Reports*

- ◆ 0

❖ *Total Assists Outside of Prospect – 1*

❖ *Total Citations / Warnings other than Arrests – 74*

❖ *Total Collisions – 8 non-injury and 0 injury*

❖ *Total People Fingerprinted – 0 non-resident = \$20*



Prospect Police Department

Monthly Report of Police Activities OCTOBER 2024

ACTIVITY	2024	2023
House Checks:	1945	2087
Traffic Activity		
Citations/ Warnings Issued	74	9
Non- Injury Accidents	8	5
Injury Accidents	0	1
Citizen Assists	7	2
Reports		
Misdemeanor Reports	0	3
Felony Reports	0	0
Call Responses	7	9
Miscellaneous Reports	2	0
Arrests	1	2
Calls For Service		
Dispatched Runs	119	110
Officer Initiated Runs	154	107
Burglary/ Robbery, Fire Alarms Included False Alarms	13	18
Code Enforcement Citations	1	0

CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 645, SERIES 2024

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 114:
REGULATING DISTANCE BETWEEN PACKAGE LIQUOR SALES.

WHEREAS, certain language of Chapter 114 contravenes current Kentucky State Statutory and Case Law and Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Prospect City Council:

Section 1. Chapter 114 is hereby amended and modified as hereinafter set forth with old language struck through, changes, and new language being underlined and reading as follows:

~~§114.11 Regulating Distance Between Package Liquor Sales.~~

~~(A) No retail by the package liquor license shall be granted or issued to any licensee for any location within 2,640 feet of any existing premises licensed for such sales.~~

~~(B) All distances referred to in this section shall be measured along the right-of-way of existing public vehicular roadways from a point on any such right-of-way line nearest the entrance of any such existing premises licensed for such sales to a point on any such right-of-way line nearest the entrance of the proposed licensed premises. All intersecting right-of-way lines shall be measured at right angles and where it is necessary in such measurement to cross a right-of-way the measurement shall be made at right angles. In determining distances hereunder the assessor maps of Jefferson County shall be used and shall be presumed to be accurate by the Alcohol Beverage Control Administrator for the city. Applicants may, at their own expense, furnish a certified surveyed by any registered professional engineer or surveyor licensed in Jefferson County, and any such survey shall be given full consideration by the Administrator. For purposes of this section "public vehicular roadways" shall mean any "road open to general public travel and actually and substantially used for automotive travel;" unpaved rights of way and dead-end roadways shall not be considered in making measurements hereunder.~~

~~(C) The distance limitation prescribed by these regulations shall not affect any existing license location nor the right of the owner to transfer the license for such location. The location of any such existing license shall not be transferred to a new location in violation of this section, except:~~

~~(1) The location of any presently existing license or renewal thereof in case of destruction of property, or loss of lease through failure of the landlord to renew such lease; and~~

~~(2) The location of any presently existing license or renewal thereof which desires to expand its operations within the same shopping center or shopping area, may be transferred to a location which is not closer than one half the distance between an existing licensed premises and the nearest similar licensed premises.~~

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, signing, and publication as required by law.

First Reading this 21st day of October 2024.

Second Reading this ____ day of _____ 2024.

By a vote of ____ aye and ____ nay of the City Council.

APPROVE/VETO:

ATTEST:

Douglass Farnsley
Mayor, City of Prospect

John S. Carter
City Clerk

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**CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 646, SERIES 2024**

AN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 32 OF THE PROSPECT, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT

WHEREAS, the current compensation is dated and not in line with modern costs;

WHEREAS, other comparable and smaller Jefferson County cities are compensating council members at a higher rate;

WHEREAS, the current compensation of \$250 does not cover the cost of basic expenses to perform the duties of Council Member;

WHEREAS, the city ought to work to attract talent in the future to serve the city as Council Members and that the compensation be attractive and competitive to achieve this desired objective;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Prospect City Council:

Section 1. Chapter 32 is hereby amended and modified as hereinafter set forth with old language struck through, changes, and new language being underlined and reading as follows:

§32.01 (C) Compensation

(1) Members of the City Council shall be compensated for the performance of their duties by a salary at the rate of [~~\$250~~] \$500 per month.

Section II: The new rate of compensation shall begin January 1, 2027 in compliance with KRS 83A.070 (1).

First Reading this _____ day of November 2024.

Second Reading this _____ day of _____ 2024.

By a vote of _____ aye and _____ nay of the City Council.

APPROVE/VETO:

ATTEST:

Douglass Farnsley
Mayor, City of Prospect

John S. Carter
City Clerk