

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2024

Attending In-Person: Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Frank Fulcher, Don Gibson and David Holmes; Police Chief Tony Denham; C.A.O and City Clerk John S. Carter

Participating Remotely: Council Member Sara Hines; 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 Gibson moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Evans moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2024 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Citizens

- None

Mayor's Report

- The mayor congratulated all recently elected council members and expressed his gratitude to the two departing council members.
- The mayor thanked Janet Hayden for organizing the current art exhibition and reminded residents that the exhibit will continue through January 5, 2025.
- The Prospect-Goshen Rotary Club has awarded the city a \$5,000 grant to develop a program to increase the number of Prospect households that recycle.
- The Harrods Creek Trail Bash returns to Prospect Harrods Creek Park this year on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 8:30 am. The mayor thanked Tina Beavin and the Parks Committee for their work organizing this event.

Financial Reports

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

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$4.3 million. \$4.1 million of the funds are currently invested with KLC Investments.

- Interest earned on investments for the first four months of the fiscal year was approximately \$58K.
- The city has earned approximately 68% of its annual revenue and spent approximately 41% of budgeted expenditures.
- The capital project fund balance is \$132,500. The Harrod Creek Stream Bridge project budget of \$180K is expected to conclude under budget by approximately \$3,500.
- The restricted Road Aid Fund totaled approximately \$174K after an expenditure of \$120K for recent road paving.
- The City Administrator informed the council about the status of the employee handbook and emphasized the need to update it with current financial and compensation policies. He recommended completing the handbook to ensure clarity and enforceability, avoiding potential ambiguity.

Commission and Board Reports

On behalf of the Forestation Board, Board Chairperson Linda Knox presented an oral report.

- 2024 Arborfest was held on October 19th and a record number of 75 trees were provided to residents.
- The Canopy Tree Program where residents and the city share in the cost of planting trees is ongoing. A total of 18 trees were ordered, and they will be planted later this fall.

Other Reports

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Chairperson Linda Wardell presented an oral report.

- The concrete pads on either side of the new Harrods Creek Trail bridge are complete.
- The Harrods Creek Trail Bash is scheduled for this coming Sunday, November 24th at 8:30 a.m. Participants can sign up now through the day of the event.
- An 'Art for All' event was held in the library last Saturday, November 16th where participants decorated craft wreaths.
- The committee next meet in January 2025 to begin planning new events for the upcoming year.

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

- On October 23rd the JCLC Board met with Jeff O'Brien, Executive Director of the Economic Development Cabinet for Louisville Metro Government, regarding the middle housing concept. City leaders have asked Mr. O'Brien to develop a proposal by the end of 2024 and present it to the Planning and Development Board [PVB]. The PVB will have an opportunity to review and make modifications to the proposal before presenting it to the Louisville Metro Council for adoption around April 2025.

Police Report:

Police Chief Denham reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- Traffic enforcement has increased significantly over the past couple of months.
- The chief is actively seeking a federal grant to pay officers for overtime work.

Old Business

- Council Member Clark moved to approve the second reading and passage of **Ordinance 645, Series 2024**: A AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 114: REGULATING DISTANCE BETWEEN PACKAGE LIQUOR SALES, seconded by Council Member Holmes. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines and Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 - 0.

New Business

- Council Member Holmes moved for a first reading of **Ordinance 646, Series 2024**: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE PROSPECT, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Gibson, Hines and Fulcher. Nay: Fulcher. The motion passed 5 – 1.

Adjournment: Council Member Fulcher moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Prepared by:


John S. Carter, City Clerk

Approved:


Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.