

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

**August 19, 2024**

**Attending In-Person:** Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Evans, Frank Fulcher, Don Gibson, Sara Hines, and David Holmes; Police Chief Jeff Sherrard

**Participating Remotely:** Council Member John Clark, Director of Public Works Ron Cundiff, City Administrator/City Clerk John S. Carter

**Call to Order**

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

**Comments from Citizens**

None

**Mayor's Report**

- Police Chief Jeff Sherrard will retire at the end of October 2024. The mayor thanked the chief for his extraordinary performance over the last 12 years.
- The mayor announced his support for Ordinance 645, Series 2024 under consideration by the city council this evening that would increase council pay beginning next January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- LDG's lawsuit against Prospect is currently set for trial this coming September 17<sup>th</sup>. The city and its attorneys continue to believe that the suit lacks merit.
- The mayor has met with the developer of the planned renovation of the Prospect Point shopping center and is impressed with the new owner's building plans that includes adding a sidewalk along River Road. The developer has pledged to work closely with the city's Architectural Review Committee during the shopping center's renovation.
- The city's finances remain strong with cash on hand exceeding last year's figures by over \$250K. The city recently contracted with Lib Paving to spend \$241K on repaving several roads around the city.
- Other capital projects in progress include the nearly complete Harrods Creek Stream Bridge in Harrods Creek Park, the repair of neighborhood sidewalks, and the planning and design of the proposed Putney Pond Boardwalk.
- Upcoming city events include the Don Krekel Orchestra concert scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> and The Sheryl Rouse Band concert planned on the evening of September 15, 2024 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 \$3.2 million.

- Revenue for July totaled approximately \$243K and was primarily from insurance premium tax receipts. Expenditures for July were approximately \$511K. Expenditures were abnormally high due to renewing annual insurance premium, the purchase of two police vehicles, and tornado recovery expenses.

**Commission and Board Reports**

On behalf of the Ethics Commission, Commission Chair John Embry reminded candidates for city council and new members of the Code Enforcement Board to file their financial disclosure forms.

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

- The Board has ordered 75 trees for Arbor Fest this fall.
- Board members have been consulting with city code enforcement to clarify procedures and responsibilities for issuing tree-related code citations.
- The board is continuing to work with Chase Bank on an agreeable solution for replacing trees mistakenly cut down during the construction of the new bank.
- The board is supporting and encouraging residents to contribute funds for the planting of a memorial tree in memory of Mike Powers.

**Other Reports**

Council Member Gibson reported that the Jefferson County League of Cities has scheduled a virtual conference with suburban mayors and Louisville Metro Mayor Greenberg on August 26, 2024. At the next regularly scheduled member meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Louisville Metro Mayor David James will discuss ‘middle housing’ initiatives.

**Police Report:**

Police Chief Sherrard reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- House watches remain down this year compared to last year.
- The department expects to hire two new police officers within the next month.

**Old Business**

- Council Member Holmes moved for a second reading and approval 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 Gibson.
  - Council Member Fulcher moved to amend **Ordinance 637, Series 2024** by amending section 97.13 to delete “constituting a hazard to life or property” and inserting therein “constituting an imminent danger to the general public” and delete “fungus” from throughout the ordinance and insert therein “fungi”, seconded by Council Member Homes. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 - 0

A roll call vote was held on the second reading of **Ordinance 637, Series 2024**, as amended: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 - 0

- Council Member Fulcher moved for a second reading and approval 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 Gibson. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Fulcher, Gibson, Hines & Holmes. Nay: None. The motion passed 6 - 0

**New Business**

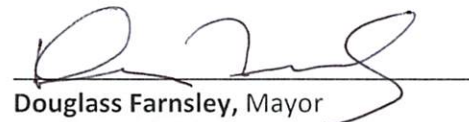
- Council Member Hines moved for a first reading of **Ordinance 645-2024: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE PROSPECT, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT**, seconded by Council Member Holmes. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Holmes & Hines. Nay: Evans, Fulcher & Gibson. Mayor Farnsley voted Aye to break the tie, and the motion passed 4 – 3.

**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 8:12 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
John S. Carter, City Clerk

Approved:

  
Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

*This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.*