

**CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 21, 2025**

**Attending In-Person:** Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Christian Furman, Don Gibson, David Holmes, and Sandra Leonard; Police Chief Tony Denham, Asst. Police Chief Michael McKeehan, 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 Furman moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Evans moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025 special council meeting, seconded by Council Member Leonard, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments**

- Resident John Simpson spoke about the history of accidents along U.S. Hwy 42 between the Gene Synder Freeway and Harrods Creek Bridge. Mr. Simpson asked for the city to help with implementing safety features proposed in the 2022 Highway Safety Study for this stretch of U.S. Hwy 42.

**Expression of Appreciation to Ms. Abigail Potter and Proclamation Declaring July 21, 2025 to be Abby Potter Day in Prospect**

- Mayor Farnsley expressed the city's gratitude to Ms. Abigail Potter for her participation and volunteer service to Prospect's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and presented her with a certificate commemorating Abby Potter Day in Prospect.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members Tina Beavin, Sallie Schneider and Council Member Holmes thanked Ms. Potter for her year of service.
- Ms. Potter thanked the city for its recognition and prestigious award and expressed her gratitude for the experience of serving as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

### **Mayor's Report**

- The mayor provided a short overview of the status of the city's finances.
  - The city remains in a financially sound condition, ending the fiscal year with an estimated \$500,000 surplus.
  - Throughout the past fiscal year, the city has maintained at a minimum of \$3.1 million cash balance.
- A new ad hoc committee of three council members, Council Members Clark, Gibson and Leonard, has been created to determine what capital projects should be funded from the city's fiscal surplus.
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was very successful, with many people attending the festivities. The mayor extended his thanks to city personnel for planning and executing the event.
- The Don Krekel Orchestra will perform this coming Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the John Evans Pavilion in Little Hunting Creek Park. Acme Food Truck will begin service at 6:30 pm.
- The mayor reported that on July 18<sup>th</sup> the Morehead-Cain Scholars completed their work on the city's sustainability issues. On July 17<sup>th</sup> the scholars made an oral presentation of their findings and recommendations.

### **Financial Reports**

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances for the final month of the fiscal year, June, 2025.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.6 million, of which approximately \$2.23 million is unrestricted funds.
- The city's annual revenue ended 3% over budget, with additional insurance premium income to arrive at the end of July. The city finished the fiscal year 4% under budgeted expenditures.
- The capital projects fund balance is approximately \$98,000.
- The restricted Road Aid Fund balance is approximately \$144,000.

### **Commission and Board Reports**

On behalf of the Forestation Board, Chairperson Linda Knox provided an oral report:

- The committee did not meet this past month.
- The committee supports the municipal order before the council this evening appointing Mandy Paul to serve on the Forestation Board.

On behalf of the Architectural Review Committee, Chairperson Robert Jacob provided an oral report:

- On June 20<sup>th</sup> the committee last met with the owner of Prospect Plaza, Michael Jones, to review and discuss his plans to renovate the store's exteriors so that the entire plaza's design and signage is consistent. The committee approved of the renovations proposed by the property owner.

- The committee supports the council's approval of the revised detailed development plan for Prospect Point under consideration this evening.

On behalf of the Investment Committee, Chairperson and Council Member Clark provided an oral report:

- The city remains in compliance with all state statutes and the city's investment policy.
- The city currently has approximately \$3.5 million invested with KLC/PNC in a money market fund, an enhanced income fund, and an S&P 500 fund.

### **Other Reports**

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Member Sallie Schneider provided an oral report:

- The committee has had extensive discussions on how to fix the wetland boardwalk in Putney Pond destroyed by spring flooding. Lynn Granger is currently seeking six to eight volunteers to help disassemble the boardwalk on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Fest has been rescheduled to October 19<sup>th</sup>. The committee is seeking volunteers to help host this event.

Council Member Leonard reported that the Jefferson County League of Cities [JCLC] did not meet this past month. The next board meeting is set for August and the next members' meeting will take place in September.

### **Police Report:**

Police Chief Denham reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- The department received feedback from a participant to the Fraud & Scams Seminar Lecture that she avoided a fraud attempt based on the information she learned at the seminar.
- The speed change on U.S. 42 has been well communicated via city communications, news stories, and temporary signage. The department is monitoring speeds using its speed carts and will begin to move from giving drivers warnings to speeding citations.
- The department has resolved issues with Oldham County Police Dispatch so that Prospect Police will receive notice of all calls for police by Prospect residents living in Oldham County.

### **Old Business**

- Council Member Holmes moved for the second reading and passage of **Ordinance 655, Series 2025**, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE 2024 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, Furman, Gibson, Holmes and Leonard. **Nay:** None. The motion passed 6-0.

*This ordinance adopts and incorporates American Legal Publishing's codification of city ordinances in the Prospect, KY Code of Ordinances.*


**New Business**

- Council Member Furman moved to approve **Municipal Order 2, Series 2025**, AN ORDER CONSENTING TO THE NOMINATION BY THE MAYOR OF MANDY PAUL TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF PROSPECT FORESTATION BOARD AND AFFIXING TERMS OF OFFICE THERETO, seconded by Council Member Holmes, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Clark moved to adopt **Resolution 5, Series 2025**, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED DETAILED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND BINDING ELEMENTS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROSPECT POINT LOCATED AT 9505 US HIGHWAY 42, seconded by Council Member Holmes. A roll call vote was held: **Yea:** Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson, Holmes and Leonard. **Nay:** None. The motion passed 6-0.


*This resolution approves the re-development plans for the Prospect Point Shopping Center.*

**Adjournment:** Council Member Leonard moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 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.*