

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

**October 20, 2025**

**Attending In-Person:** Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Christian Furman, Don Gibson David Holmes and Sandra Leonard; City Attorney F. Chris Gorman; Police Chief Tony Denham, Asst. Police Chief Michael McKeehan and C.A.O & 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 Evans moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Furman, the motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Citizens**

- On behalf of Dr. Paul Arena, Councilmember Furman, raised the doctor's concern over the current state of a traffic island in the Estates of Hunting Creek.

**Proclamation of Anna and Norman Risen Day**

Mayor Farnsley presented to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Risen, a city proclamation declaring October 20, 2025 to be "Anna and Norman Risen Day" in recognition of their over 50 years as Prospect residents and their gift to the city of their 'boys playing on fence' bronze sculpture that is now on display in Little Hunting Creek Park near Charlotte's playground.

**Mayor's Report**

- On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> the city dedicated the "Linda Wardell Bridge" in Harrods Creek Park in recognition of Mrs. Wardell leadership of the city's Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for over a decade.
- Kidzfest was originally scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> but rescheduled to October 19<sup>th</sup> due to bad weather but was also canceled due to yesterday's stormy weather.
- The fall library book sale is scheduled for this coming Friday and Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5pm.
- Arborfest is scheduled for this Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon.

- The city is hosting a volunteer recognition breakfast at the Hunting Creek Country Club on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Volunteers, city staff and city council are all welcome to attend this breakfast.
- On Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> the Harrods Creek Trail Bash will take place in Harrods Creek Park.
- The current Art in City Hall Exhibition entitled 'Natural Elements' is ongoing and will continue through December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- In recognition of Veterans Day, the city is hosting Air Force Brigadier General Rob Givens at 4 pm on November 13<sup>th</sup> at City Hall for a substantive talk on the impact of our nation's foreign policy on active-duty forces and veterans.
- City Hall's new audio-visual system has been installed and is in use for the first time this evening.

### **Financial Report**

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances for the month of September, 2025.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$4.6 million, of which approximately \$3.1 million is held in PNC investments.
- The city collected approximately \$1.6 million in monthly income and spent approximately \$312,000 on expenses.
- The Capital Projects Funds budget balance is approximately \$679,503.
- The Restricted Road Fund budget balances is approximately \$165,000.

### **Commission and Board Reports**

On behalf of the Ethics Commission, Chairperson John Embry, provided an oral and written report

- The commission was requested by Mayor Farnsley to provide an advisory opinion regarding the potential hire of outside legal counsel. The commission reviewed the matter at an open meeting on September 24, 2025 and rendered an unanimous decision that the proposed hires do not violate Prospect's ethics ordinance.

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

- The fall Arbor Fest will take place this September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon. Prospect residents will have an opportunity to choose from 50 trees of five varieties.
- The board is working on updating the city's tree guide for residents and contractors.

On behalf of the Investments Committee, Chairperson and Council Member Clark provided an oral report.

- The committee held its last quarterly meeting this past October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The committee reviewed the city's investment policy and state statutes and determined that the city remains in compliance with the law and objectives of the policy.

- The committee reviewed the performance of each fund offered by KLC/PNC Investments and decided to continue investing in the same financial products.

### **Other Reports**

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Co-Chair Carolyn Embry, presented an oral and written report:

- Committee Member Lynn Granger has ordered replacement lumber and deck boards for the repair of the first section of Eagles Way.
- Committee Member Sallie Schneider and has been meeting with contractors and engineers to determine the best way to fix the section of Putney Pond boardwalk destroyed by this spring's flooding. The committee expects to have two bids for the repair within the next two weeks.
- The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Leonard reported that the Jefferson County League of Cities [JCLC]:

- The head of the JCLC is on the Louisville Metro Tree Commission. One significant issue the commission is reviewing the planting of street trees.
- The annual JCLC dinner will be held on the evening of November 20<sup>th</sup> at The Jeffersonian in Jeffersontown. The featured speaker with the Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams.
- The featured speakers at September's meeting was the Marketing Coordinator for the Transit Authority of River City [TARC] and the Senior Program Manager for the University of Louisville Trade Representative.

### **Police Report**

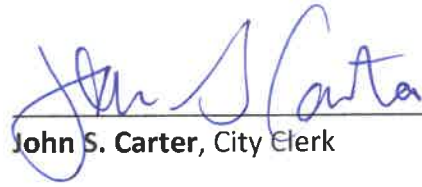
- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- There has been an increase number of shoplifting arrests primarily due to the increased efforts of Kroger's Loss Prevention.

### **New Business**

None.

**Adjournment:** Council Member Furman moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Leonard and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 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.*