

CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2025

Attending In-Person: Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Christian Furman, Don Gibson and Sandra Leonard; City Attorney F. Chris Gorman; C.A.O., Police Chief Tony Denham, Asst. Police Chief Michael McKeenan and C.A.O & City Clerk John S. Carter

Absent: Council Member Holmes.

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 August 13, 2025 special council meeting, seconded by Council Member Furman, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Gibson, the motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Citizens

- None

Special Guest

Mr. Scott Reed, Metro Councilman for the 16th District, provided the mayor and city council with an update and answered questions on various issues and actions by the Louisville Metro City Council.

Mayor's Report

- The Sheryl Rouse Band concert is scheduled for this Sunday, September 21st at the John Evans Pavilion.
- The next Art In City Hall exhibition entitled "Natural Elements" is set to open on Sunday, September 28th. On Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th the 2nd annual Artist's Market will be held in the city's library.
- The dedication and ribbon cutting for the dedication of The Linda Wardell Bridge will take place on Saturday, October 4th at 2 pm.

- Arborfest will take place from 10 am to noon on Saturday, October 18th.
- The 2nd annual KidzFest has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 19th from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.
- The Fall Library Book Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th in the city's library. Book donations are accepted for this sale throughout the year.
- The mayor announced a new Public-Private Partnership initiative between the city and the buyer of the "Head Property" on US. Hwy 42. The city intends to hire former mayor of Carmel, IN, James Brainard, as a consultant for this initiative.
- The city recently installed a bronze plaque at "Charlotte's Playground" thanking and commemorating staff and volunteers who inspired and built the playground.
- The mayor read a letter to him from resident Wanda Powers commending the police department's house watch program.

Financial Report

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

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.3 million, of which approximately \$1.3 million is unrestricted.
- The city collected approximately \$257,000 in monthly income and spent approximately \$336 thousand on expenses.
- The Capital Projects Funds budget balance is approximately \$700,369.
- The Restricted Road Fund budget balances is approximately \$158,000.

Commission and Board Reports

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

- The Tree Canopy Program will take place on September 25th. Several residents have signed up for this cost-sharing tree program.
- Arborfest returns next month and will run concurrently with the Fall Library Book sale on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10 am to noon.

Other Reports

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

- The committee has appointed a new student committee member, Sophia Campo of Sacred Heart Academy.
- The damage to Freedom Bridge and Putney Boardwalk is scheduled for repair. Additional repairs are needed on Putney Pond Eagle Way trail.
- Member Sallie Schneider is pursuing opportunities to forge a relationship with The Prospect Rotary Club and the committee.
- The 2nd Annual KidzFest is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

- The final summer concert is The Sheryl Rouse Band scheduled for Sunday, September 21st at 6:30 pm.
- The scout project proposed by a Troop 30 Life Scout has already been completed by city public works. The committee is currently working to identify an alternate project.

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

- Louisville Metro has recently established a 'Community Safety Commission' and JCLC Leader Jack Will has been asked to be a member. The commission is hosting Metro Police Chief Humphrey as its guest speaker this coming Thursday, September 18th.
- The commission expects the final solid waste report to the Jefferson County Waste Management District 109 Board to be available later this week.

Police Report

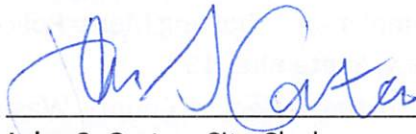
- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- Traffic enforcement has been stepped up since the speed change along US 42. Some vehicle stops have resulted in felony arrests for outstanding warrants and DUI.
- The chief explained the process of how the department handles downed trees blocking throughfares.

New Business

- Council Member Gibson moved to approve and adopt **Resolution 7, Series 2025, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION AND FILING OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION (GRANT) PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION**, seconded by Council Member Furman. A roll call vote was held: **Yea:** Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson and Leonard. **Nay:** None. The motion passed 5-0.
This resolution authorizes the city to apply for a financial grant from the Recreational Trails Program for the development of the proposed Putney Pond boardwalk.
- Council Member Gibson moved to approved and adopt **Municipal Order 3, Series 2025, AN ORDER CONSENTING TO THE NOMINATIONS BY THE MAYOR OF CITIZEN OF THE CITY TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF PROSPECT FORESTATION BOARD AND AFFIXING TERM OF OFFICE THERETO**, seconded by Council Member Leonard. A roll call vote was held: **Yea:** Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson and Leonard. **Nay:** None. The motion passed 5-0.
- Council Member Evans moved to approved and adopt **Municipal Order 4, Series 2025, AN ORDER CONSENTING TO THE NOMINATIONS BY THE MAYOR OF CITIZEN OF THE CITY TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF PROSPECT FORESTATION BOARD AND AFFIXING TERM OF OFFICE THERETO**, seconded by Council Member Gibson. A roll call vote was held: **Yea:** Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson and Leonard. **Nay:** None. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Council Member Evans moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Furman and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Prepared by:



John S. Carter, City Clerk

Approved:



Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.