

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF PROSPECT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair: Mayor Doug Farnsley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2025 special council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor's update on City matters.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Monthly financial update

COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS

OTHER REPORTS

- Jefferson County League of Cities

POLICE REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Second reading of **Ordinance 653, Series 2025**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

This ordinance is to set the 2025 ad valorem tax rate to be levied on real property.

NEW BUSINESS

- First reading of **Ordinance 654, Series 2025**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, MUNICIPAL ROAD AID AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUND OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Supporting documents for this meeting's agenda are archived on the city's website calendar:
<https://www.prospectky.gov>

Some meeting participants may meet virtually by WebEx.

Members of the public may attend in person and see and hear all participating members at
Prospect City Hall, 9200 US Hwy 42, Prospect, Kentucky.

CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 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, 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 Clark moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2025 special council meeting, seconded by Council Member Furman, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2025 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Leonard, and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

- Residents Mark Duke and Lisa Duke expressed their concern about the recent attempt by five unknown individuals to gain access to the property at 5:30 am. They questioned why the police department's response did not include a pursue the individuals involved.
 - Police Chief Denham and Asst. Police Chief McKeehan explained that high-speed police pursuits are restricted by state law and agency policy. Pursuits are only authorized if the crime involves a violent felony or poses an immediate threat to the public. Kentucky statutory law requires that police drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, and the Kentucky Supreme Court has ruled that police officers and agencies can be held liable for damages if an officer does not use due regard and the pursuit causes injury or death.
- Resident Sherman Bedford and Carl Matter expressed their concern that the Oldham County section of The Meadows subdivision is not receiving Prospect Police service that its residents pay for through their real estate taxes.
 - Police Chief Denham and Asst. Police Chief McKeehan explained how the state police dispatch system operates, and that Jefferson and Oldham County have their own dispatch. Prospect Police receive notice of police calls from both Jefferson and Oldham County dispatch. He urged residents to use the 9-11 system to reach

the appropriate police dispatcher and assured Prospect residents of Jefferson and Oldham County that they do and will continue to receive prompt Prospect Police service.

- Resident Jacquelyn McGrail expressed her concern over her neighbor's ash tree which she says is damaging her property and is a hazard to the public. She urged the city to take action to have the tree removed.
- Former Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Linda Wardell, spoke on the history of the committee's work and her involvement therein. She thanked the mayor and city council for recognizing her contributions by dedicating the new Harrods Creek stream bridge in her name. She further expressed confidence in the committee's new leadership and current members.

Mayor's Report

- The mayor announced that the 2025/2026 budgets will be presented to the council this evening for a first reading and presented his budget message.
 - The proposed budget is the work product of the budget committee composed of Council Members Clark, Evans, Furman and Holmes, as well as the mayor and city administrator.
 - This budget contemplates raising the ad valorem tax rate from \$0.174 per \$100 of valuation to \$0.183 per \$100 of valuation.
 - Significant elements of the proposed expenditures include:
 - 3% raise to administrative, public works and full-time police officer salaries.
 - 5% increase to part-time police salaries.
 - 6% increase to the assistant police chief's salary.
 - Funding for city hall improvements, including renovation of library bathrooms and painting of the second floor.
- The mayor welcomed the University of North Carolina's Morehead-Cain scholars to the city. Misha Logisa, Sriya Amineni, Mariel Ottinger and Elise Chang are assisting the city with sustainability efforts, including increasing resident participation with recycling and exploring the feasibility of the city moving to solar powered streetlamps and electric vehicles.
- There are several city events scheduled this summer, including,
 - The Ron Jones Quartet Concert, Sunday, June 8th
 - A new Pop-Up Art Exhibition at city hall begins this month, followed by "Natural Elements" art exhibit beginning August 22nd.
 - The Prospect Library Sale will continue for another 10 days.

- The 2nd Annual KidzFest is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th from 10 am to noon at Little Hunting Creek Park.
- The mayor expressed his concern over recent property and car thefts in the city, one of which recently resulted in a collision of the suspect's car with a police cruiser. Fortunately, the officer did not sustain injury, however it demonstrated how Prospect Police put their life on the line every day. The mayor urged residents to remove valuables from their vehicles, lock their vehicles, and secure their garage doors. Resident inaction to these items is leaving the city more vulnerable to crime.

Financial Reports

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances for April 2025.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.9 million, of which approximately \$2.6 million is unrestricted funds.
- The city has earned approximately 95% of its annual revenue and spent approximately 83% of its budgeted expenditure.
- The capital project fund balance is approximately \$97,700.
- The restricted Road Aid Fund balance is approximately \$191K.

Commission and Board Reports

None

Other Reports

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

- A subcommittee has been established to review the similarities and differences of the 80+ home-rule cities.
- Metro Louisville continues to review how solid waste is managed within the county and is conducting a cost-benefit study of various solid waste contracts within the county. Ms. Leonard expressed concern about the methodology of this study and its potential to disrupt how Prospect currently contracts for solid waste disposal.
- The next annual meeting is scheduled for September 19th.
- The JCLC City Night at the Slugger Field is scheduled for June 19th.

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Member Carolyn Embry presented an oral and written report.

- The Ron Jones Jazz Quartet will be performing this Sunday, June 8th at the John Evans Pavillion. The Celtic Pig Food Truck will also be at the concert serving food beginning at 6:30 pm.

Police Report:

Police Chief Denham reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.
- The department has ordered two new speed-limit carts to replace an old partially functioning speed cart. This purchase will provide the department with 3 speed checking devices to deploy throughout the city.
- On May 19th Asst. Police Chief presented another well received scam and cyberfraud lecture to the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Sisterhood.
- After a two-year investigation the department recovered \$14K from a contractor who accepted payment for a job that was never completed.

Old Business

- Council Member Furman moved for a second reading and passage of **Ordinance 652, Series 2025**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A UNIFORM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Furman, Gibson and Holmes. Nay: Evans and Leonard. The motion passed 4–2.

This ordinance authorizes the mayor to enter a franchise agreement with Lumos Fiber of Kentucky, LLC.

New Business

- Council Member Holmes moved to approve **Resolution No. 4, 2025**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR APPLICATION OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT, 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 resolution acknowledges the city's intention to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant through the Kentucky Dept. of Local Government to fund the development of the proposed Putney Pond Boardwalk.

- Council Member Gibson moved for a first reading of **Ordinance 653, Series 2025**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, 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.

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- Council Member Evans moved for a first reading of **Ordinance 654, Series 2025**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, MUNICIPAL ROAD AID AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUND OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, seconded by Council Member Clark.
 - Council Member Holmes moved to amend **Ordinance 654, Series 2025**, by funding an additional part-time police officer position, seconded by Council Member Gibson. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Holmes and Evans. Nay: Clark, Furman, Gibson, and Leonard. The motion failed 2–4.

A roll call vote was held on **Ordinance 654, Series 2025**: Yea: Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson, Holmes and Leonard. Nay: None. The motion passed 6–0.

Adjournment: Council Member Evans moved to adjourn, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved:

John S. Carter, City Clerk

Douglass Farnsley, Mayor



Prospect Police Department

Report Summary for May 2025

❖ *Arrests*

- ◆ May 1: Shoplifting, Unlaw transaction

❖ *Call Response Reports*

- ◆ May 1: (075) Internet Fraud
- ◆ May 7: (no#) Shoplifting
- ◆ May 12: (082) Shoplifting
- ◆ May 22: (088) Death investigation
- ◆ May 24: (091) Trouble
- ◆ May 27: (095) Cyber Crime
- ◆ May 27: (096) Harassment
- ◆ May 30: (099) TBUT from Auto

❖ *Code Enforcement Reports*

28 permits were issued in May. Other May issues included:

- ◆ Unpermitted signs removed
- ◆ Unpermitted dumpster
- ◆ Debris in roadway

❖ *Felony Reports*

- ◆ May 12: (078) Shoplifting
- ◆ May 12: (079) Shoplifting
- ◆ May 13: (080) Stolen Car
- ◆ May 16: (085) TBUT from Auto

❖ *JC3 Reports*

- ◆ May 17: (086) Duties only
- ◆ May 24: (89) Duties only
- ◆ May 25: (092) Duties only

❖ *KYIBRS Non-Criminal Reports*

- ◆ May 1: (074) Missing Person, canceled

❖ *Misdemeanor Reports*

- ◆ May 17: (084) TBUT from Auto
- ◆ May 28: (097) TBUT vehicle parts

❖ *Total Assists Outside of Prospect – 0*

❖ *Total Citations / Warnings other than Arrests – 50*

❖ *Total Collisions – 10 non-injury and 1 injury*

❖ *Total People Fingerprinted – 0 resident and 0 non-resident = \$20*



Prospect Police Department

Monthly Report of Police Activities MAY 2025

ACTIVITY	2025	2024
House Checks:	1708	1506
Traffic Activity		
Citations/ Warnings Issued	50	22
Non- Injury Accidents	10	9
Injury Accidents	1	5
Citizen Assists	3	3
Reports		
Misdemeanor Reports	2	1
Felony Reports	4	11
Call Responses	8	3
Miscellaneous Reports	4	1
Arrests	1	0
Calls For Service		
Dispatched Runs	187	138
Officer Initiated Runs	205	57
Burglary/ Robbery, Fire Alarms Included False Alarms	33	25
Code Enforcement Citations	0	0

**CITY OF PROSPECT
ORDINANCE NO. 653, SERIES 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1: An ad valorem tax is hereby levied and fixed at the rate of 18.30 cents on each \$100 of all real estate property within the corporate limits of the City of Prospect, as assessed for taxation and subject to taxation by said City, as of January 1st of each year.

SECTION 2: Said ad valorem taxes shall be due and payable until paid in full. Pursuant to Ordinance 633-2023, the tax collector shall compile and mail tax bills no later than August 31, 2025, to all property owners subject to tax. Any tax bills unpaid by October 1, 2025, shall be subject to a 10% penalty and 1% interest, with additional interest to accrue at the rate of 1% per month until the bill is paid in full.

SECTION 3: The proceeds of such taxes, penalties, and interest are to be placed in the General Fund of the City of Prospect and are to be used for the general operating expenses of said City, including but not limited to the purchase of City supplies, safety and security, health and sanitation, recreation and welfare, improvement and maintenance of streets, management, and maintenance of trees and public lands, garbage collection, street lights and expenses thereof, other expenses for the operation of the City and all necessary and proper municipal functions as may be ordained and resolved by the City Council.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

First Reading this _____ day of _____ 2025

Passed on Second Reading this _____ day of _____ 2025

By a vote of ____ aye and ____ nays of the City Council.

APPROVED/VETOED:

ATTEST:

Douglass Farnsley
Mayor

John S. Carter
City Clerk

**CITY OF PROSPECT
ORDINANCE NO. 654, SERIES 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND, MUNICIPAL ROAD FUND AND
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1: The Budgets for the General Fund, Municipal Road Fund and Capital Projects Fund of the City beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 shall be as follows:

REVENUES

FY 2026 Budget	General Fund	Road Aid	Capital Project Fund	Total All Funds
Projected Balance Forward	\$0	\$157,361	\$68,918	\$226,279
Ad Valorem Property Tax	\$2,003,740	-	-	\$2,003,740
Insurance Premium Tax	\$1,800,000	-	-	\$1,800,000
Other revenues	\$383,250	-	-	\$383,250
Road Aid Fund	\$0	\$102,000	-	\$102,000
Capital Project Fund	\$0	-	\$125,520	\$125,520
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATE REVENUE</u>	<u>\$4,186,990</u>	<u>\$259,361</u>	<u>\$194,438</u>	<u>\$4,640,789</u>

EXPENDITURES

City Administration	\$1,049,902	-	\$0	\$1,049,902
Community Development	\$62,000	-	\$0	\$62,000
Police Department	\$1,250,994	-	\$0	\$1,250,994
Public Works	\$373,928	-	\$0	\$373,928
Street Maintenance	\$335,093	\$150,000	\$0	\$485,093
Solid Waste	\$734,700	-	\$0	\$734,700
Landscape Maintenance	\$293,900	-	\$0	\$293,900
Parks & Tree Management	\$86,473	-	\$25,000	\$111,473
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$4,186,990</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$4,361,990</u>
PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE - June 30, 2026	\$0	\$109,361	\$169,438	\$278,799

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

First Reading this 16th day of June, 2025.

Passed on Second Reading this ____ day of June, 2025.

By a vote of ____ aye and ____ nay of the City Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Douglass Farnsley
Mayor

John S. Carter
City Clerk

Summary of Change to Budget Workbook

Revenue Page 3 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #4101 increased from \$1,675,000 to \$1,800,000b. Total Revenue increased from \$4,163,990 to \$4,228,900
Admin/Gen Govt. Page 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #5121 decreased from \$500 to \$300b. #5312 increased from \$3,600 to \$4,000
Gen. Gvnt Page 6 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #5411 increased from \$2,800 to \$4,000b. #5421 increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000c. #5513 increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000d. #5516 decreased from \$17,506 to \$0e. #5611 decreased from \$10,000 to \$5,000
Police Page 9 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #6111 increased from \$848,529 to \$866,624b. #6112 increased from \$64,912 to \$66,297c. #6120 decrease from \$22,000 to \$15,000
Police Salary Benefits Page 10 →	see Salary Increases Page 17
Police con. Page 11 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #6612 decreased from \$70,000 to \$55,000b. #6614 increased from \$1,000 to \$8,000
Public Works Page 12 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #7120 decreased from \$4,000 to \$3,200
Public Works cont. Page 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #7512 increased from \$125,000 to \$329,093b. #7517 decreased from \$80,000 to \$15,000c. #8315 increase from \$11,139 to \$11,473d. #8613 decreased from \$100,000 to \$25,000
Cap. Prj & Road Fund Page 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Road Fund forecasted balance on 6/30/2025 decreased from \$157,371 to \$151,361b. Capital Project Funding for FY/25/26 increased from \$121,860 to \$125,520c. Capital Project Outlay decreased from \$100,000 to \$25,000d. Capital Project Expenditure for Project 2025-2 decreased from \$100,000 to \$25,000.
Salary Increases Page 17 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Denham increased from \$99,459 to \$104,770b. McKeegan increased from \$88,417 to \$92,171c. All five part-time officers increased from \$37,929 to \$39,735d. Police salaries total increased from \$848,529 to \$866,624

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXECUTIVE SALARIES

METRO CORRECTIONS

Director (equivalent to police chief)- \$154,878.40

Deputy Director (equivalent to Deputy Chief)- \$123,166.70

Major- (Dept Director)- \$98,318.22

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS

Sheriff (Colonel)- \$149,424.00

Lt Colonel- \$146,711.00

Major- \$107,765.00

SHEPHERDSVILLE POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$114,857.60

Assistant Chief- \$97,011.20

Major A. \$95,388.80

Major P. \$95,388.80

OLDHAM COUNTY POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$119,999.98

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$105,654.00

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$98,971.44

MT WASHINGTON POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$106,600.00

Deputy Chief (Lt Colonel)- \$99,000.00

Deputy Chief (Lt Colonel)- \$93,500.00

GEORGTOWN POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$111,506.06

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$101,914.40

INDIAN HILLS

Police Chief \$108,562

Assistant Chief (LT.) \$94,730

SHIVELY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief- \$114,562

Assistant Police Chief- \$106,562

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXECUTIVE SALARIES

LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$238,277

Deputy Chief (Colonel)- \$171,870.40

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$144,913.60

Lieutenant- \$113,339.20

METRO ABC

Director (equivalent to Police Chief)- \$122,762.50

JEFFERSONTOWN POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$157,531.22

Deputy Chief (Lt Colonel)- \$145,081.66

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$119,459.03

Sergeant- \$108,002.78

ST MATTHEWS POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)-\$138,187.74

Major TC (Assistant Chief)- \$117,820.04

Major EJ (Assistant Chief)- \$116,679.16

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$138,582.27

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$117,581.75

LYNDON POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$104,000.00

Deputy Chief (Lt Colonel)- \$93,000.00

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$82,000.00

BARDSTOWN POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$114,769.20

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$102,531.21

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE POLICE

Police Chief (Colonel)- \$100,099.00 (salary as of 2022)

Major (Assistant Chief)- \$87,946.00 (salary as of 2022)

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXECUTIVE SALARIES

Police Chief Average Salary- \$126,000.00

Major (Assistant Chief) Average Salary- \$103,450.00

Note: Did not include Metro Police & Metro ABC salaries for the above average.