

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF PROSPECT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair: Mayor Doug Farnsley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2025 regular council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

PROCLAMATION OF ANNA AND NORMAN RISEN DAY

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor's update on City matters.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Monthly financial update

COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS

- Ethics Commission
- Forestation Board
- Investment Committee

OTHER REPORTS

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Jefferson County League of Cities

POLICE REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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 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 McKeehan 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 A 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:

Approved:

John S. Carter, City Clerk

Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.

Anna and Norman Risen Day By Proclamation of The City of Prospect

Be it known that:

Whereas: In 1972, Harold and Anna Risen built a lovely house on Gunpowder Lane that overlooked the 13th fairway of the Country Club golf course, and

Whereas: The Risens raised their two sons in the house, enjoyed playing golf at the Club, and had a fulfilling and meaningful life in Prospect, and

Whereas: Along the way, the Risens added a bronze sculpture in the front of their house of little boys playing on a fence. Golfers at the Club enjoyed seeing the sculpture for many years, and

Whereas: In May of 2024, the Risens decided to downsize. Anna contacted Prospects mayor and offered to donate the sculpture to the City. The City accepted the donation, and the sculpture now resides in Little Hunting Creek Park near Charlottes Playground where visitors enjoy it daily.

Whereas: The Risens visit the sculpture in its new home and are gratified that it brings joy to families who come to the playground.

Now Therefore, let it be known that this 20th day of October 2025, shall be proclaimed as Anna and Norman Risen Day and I call on the citizens of the City of Prospect, Kentucky to join in this day of celebration.



Douglass Farnsley
Mayor, City of Prospect, Kentucky

**Prospect Kentucky Ethics Commission Meeting
For the Purpose of considering a Request for Advisory Opinion
September 24, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Embry.

Present were commission members Todd Eberle, Dan Culbreth, John Embry and David Jernigan (Alternate member). Also in attendance was Mayor Doug Farnsley

The meeting was opened at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the Request for an Advisory Opinion is to provide the Ethics Commission's input into any potential problems which could occur.

The Chairman explained the purpose of this meeting was to respond to Mayor Farnsley's request for an advisory opinion on his intention to employ attorneys at Stites & Harbison to advise the City on two matters.

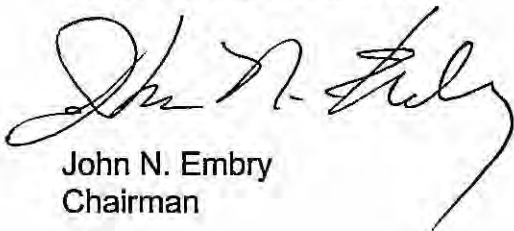
Since Mayor Farnsley was formerly a member of Stites & Harbison, he wanted to make clear that while he was still associated with Stites & Harbison, he no longer had any financial benefit from the firm and would not gain financially or in other ways from either of these matters.

Mayor Farnsley explained in detail his past relationship with Stites and Harbison and assured to commission that he would in no way benefit from retaining the attorneys to assist the City of Prospect with these matters.

After hearing the Mayor's explanation and response to the Commissioners questions and comments, Mayor Farnsley left the meeting. Members of the Commission reviewed the Mayor's request and compared it to Prospect's section 38.03 of Ordinance on code of ethics section on financial disclosure. The Commission then took a vote and agreed by a vote of 3 to 0 that there was no apparent conflict of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

For the Ethics Commission,



John N. Embry
Chairman



Prospect Police Department

Report Summary for September 2025

❖ **Arrests**

- ◆ September 12: Arrest warrant, shoplifting
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- ◆ September 25: Arrest Warrant, FTA
- ◆ September 25: Speeding, OSOL, No Insurance

❖ **Call Response Reports**

- ◆ September 6: (190) Welfare check
- ◆ September 6: (191) Harassment
- ◆ September 15: (198) Harassment
- ◆ September 17: (200) Suspicious Activity

❖ **Code Enforcement Reports**

26 permits were issued in September. Other September issues included:

- ◆ Unpermitted signs removed
- ◆ Unpermitted dumpster

❖ **Felony Reports**

- ◆ September 5: (188) Shoplifting

❖ **JC3 Reports**

- ◆ September 1: (183) Duties Only
- ◆ September 6: (189) Duties Only
- ◆ September 23: (206) Duties Only

❖ **KYIBRS Non-Criminal Reports**

- ◆ September 2: (184) Death Investigation
- ◆ September 4: (185) Crisis intervention
- ◆ September 4: (187) Crisis Intervention
- ◆ September 12: (197) Lost property

❖ **Misdemeanor Reports**

- ◆ September 17: (201) Criminal Mischief 2nd
- ◆ September 17: (202) TBUT from Auto

❖ **Total Assists Outside of Prospect – 0**

❖ **Total Citations / Warnings other than Arrests – 45**

❖ **Total Collisions – 11 non-injury and 1 injury**

❖ **Total People Fingerprinted – 1 resident and 0 non-resident = \$20**



Prospect Police Department

Monthly Report of Police Activities SEPTEMBER 2025

ACTIVITY	2025	2024
House Checks:	1935	1919
Traffic Activity		
Citations/ Warnings Issued	45	12
Non- Injury Accidents	10	5
Injury Accidents	1	2
Citizen Assists	5	5
Reports		
Misdemeanor Reports	2	1
Felony Reports	1	5
Call Responses	4	4
Miscellaneous Reports	7	1
Arrests	4	2
Calls For Service		
Dispatched Runs	96	115
Officer Initiated Runs	225	81
Burglary/ Robbery, Fire Alarms Included False Alarms	19	14
Code Enforcement Citations	0	1