

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Of City Council, Of the City of Perryville, Kentucky  
Held December 7, 2023, at City Hall**

Call to Order by Mayor Kernodle at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of allegiance to Flag and prayer.

Members present: Mayor Rob Kernodle, Councilman Pruitt, Councilman Lankford, Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Reynolds, and Councilman Bailey.

Absent: None

Presence of a quorum.

**Routine Business:**

- **Minutes from November 9, 2023 Special Meeting** were presented. Motion to accept the minutes made by Councilwoman Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Pruitt, no discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Minutes from November 27, 2023 Special Meeting** were presented. Motion to accept the minutes made by Councilman Pruitt, seconded by Councilman Simpson, no discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Financial Report as of November 2023**, were presented. Motion made to accept the financial reports as presented by Councilwoman Caldwell, and seconded by Councilman Pruitt, no discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Pending Bills were presented.** Motion to pay all the city bills made by Councilwoman Caldwell and seconded by Councilman Pruitt, no further discussion, all in favor and motion carries.

**Reports:**

- **Main Street** – Reports a successful Shop Small Saturday. Thanks to Chief Stevens and Chief Hatter for the help. Already working on events for next year and invites the council to be a part of the planning. They hope to get better at raising money for next year.
- **Beautification** – No report.
- **Fire Department** – Chief Stevens reports a slow month. The Fire Department assisted with Shop Small and the parade. For the month, there was 1 gas leak, 1 medical call, 4 citizen assists, and 8 burn permits. The State fire commission recently asked if we were still interested in a gear extractor, FD was able to retrieve that and donated old gear washer to the Boyle County Fire Department.
- **Police Department and Alcohol Beverage Control Department** – written report, see attached.
- **Special Address – Boyle County Ethics Commission – Joe Myers** – Introduced himself and Paul Dean as Perryville's representative. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Boyle County Fiscal Court called a 90 Day Moratorium on Financial Disclosure. The Fiscal Court has decided to review the Financial Disclosure requirements and Joe Myers asks the council if there are any changes that they want to see on the Financial Disclosure statement. He is available for questions

and has provided his email address in the attached documents that can also be used if anyone would like to add something later.

### **Old Business:**

- **City Vehicle Policy** – The policy has been rescinded by the mayor due to restrictions on vehicles including a 25-mile limit that would restrict city vehicles from being used to attend training in other parts of the state.
- **KPPA Pension Bill** – Regarding the unpaid bill, City Attorney Johns spoke with KLC who advised that this situation has happened in other cities, and legally there is nothing that can be done as bills were approved to be paid during that time. The City Clerk spoke with KPPA, and they explained that the invoice is calculated by averaging the hours worked over the 6-month period. Ms. Walker worked an average of 100.33 hours, meaning that she met the criteria for a pension. Going forward policies will be put in place to prevent similar situations. A motion was made by Councilman Pruitt to pay the bill, seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell. Four in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carries.

### **New Business**

- **Designation of Presiding Officer** – The presiding officer will preside in place of the mayor in his absence to conduct business such as council meetings. Councilman Simpson made a motion for Jason Pruitt to be the presiding officer, seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell, no further discussion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **New Cruisers** – Chief Hatter informed the council that Police Department's current cruisers are on their last legs, including an electrical issue with the Durango that hasn't been able to be fixed, and the Dodge experiencing the "Dodge Knock" for over 3 years Both vehicles have over 100,000 miles. The Cold Springs Police Department is offering new vehicles for \$5500 apiece. He has proposed that we use \$6500 from the ABC fund and asked the council to contribute \$4500 toward new vehicles. A motion was made by Councilman Pruitt with \$6500 from ABC, and \$4500 from the Vehicle CD, seconded by Councilman Bailey. All in favor, and motion carries.
- **Employee Handbook** – The current handbook is missing some items, and KLC has quoted a personnel policy update for \$3300 including training on the policy. There is a grant that will compensate \$1500 to update city policies that will open in September that we can apply for and should receive. Councilman Pruitt made a motion to use KLC to create a new handbook, seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell. All in favor and motion passes.
- **City Lights – 1<sup>st</sup> St, Hardee St, and Harberson Park** – There are some citizens that have requested streetlights be added on 1<sup>st</sup> St, Hardee St, and Harberson Park. Councilman Bailey suggested using LED lights for the new lights. Councilman Simpson has made a motion to have KU add lights to all 3 locations, seconded by Councilman Pruitt. All in favor and motion carries.
- **Bollards on new Walking Bridge** – Councilman Bailey mentioned that Public Works must drive the lawn mower back and forth across the main bridge with all the traffic around him creating a safety issue and questioned the purpose of the

bollards on the walking bridge. Councilman Pruitt added that the bollards were a change order by the state after the original bid and the council may ask the state to remove the bollards.

**Open Forum**

- Former Fire Chief Anthony Young wants to begin the bidding process this month to run for 2 weeks in the paper. Mayor Kernodle added to close the bid on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Anthony mentioned that there is paperwork that needs to be completed and he needs authorization for the mayor to sign those documents. Motion made by Councilman Pruitt to put out a bid for a generator and authorization for the mayor to sign any documentation associated with that, seconded by Councilman Bailey. All in favor, and motion carries.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Pruitt, all in favor, motion carries. We are adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Rob Kernodle

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, Trista Hinkle

*Minutes prepared by City Clerk, Trista Hinkle*