

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

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

Members present: Mayor Carlos Miller, Councilman Pruitt, Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Simpson, and Councilman Bailey.

Absent: Councilman Kernodle and Councilman Lankford.

Presence of a quorum.

Routine Business:

- **Minutes August 3, 2023 Regular Meeting, August 22, 2023 Special Meeting – Public Hearing, and August 23, 2023 Special Meeting** were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Councilman Pruitt, seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell, no discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Financial Report as of August 2023**, were presented. Motion made to accept the financial reports as presented by Councilman Bailey, 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 Bailey, no discussion, all in favor and motion carries.

Reports:

- **Main Street** – written report, see attached report. Request for Road closures on October 7th: Smith St, E Third to Bragg, Buell St from 4th to 2nd St for Street Reenactment at 2 PM and 4th St, Buell St, and Hardee St, for parade @ 11 AM. Motion made by Councilman Pruitt, seconded by Councilman Simpson to close the requested streets for the Commemoration Festival, no further discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Beautification** – No meeting this month. Aly Huff reports that just over \$300 has been raised to decorate the city with pumpkins and mums.
- **Fire Department** – Chief Stevens reports 1 fire alarm, 1 traffic control for a motorcycle ride, 1 motorist assist, 1 extrication, 4 illegal burns, 18 burn permits. Grant was approved from Fire Commission for training material of \$1500, still working on getting other grants to be turned in.
- **Police Department and Alcohol Beverage Control Department** – written report, see attached. Mayor Miller read a letter of resignation from Elisa McHolan.

Special Address: Stephanie Abraham addressed the council to introduce RURAL – a heart and lung research study in 4 states including: Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The goal is to recruit 4600 participants and determine why certain areas are more at risk for lung and heart disease. These areas are similar in social

demographics but show different results when it comes to mortality. The study focuses on subclinical findings and is funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. They are recruiting participants from Perry, Breathitt, Boyle, and Garrard County. The study will be conducted in Kentucky in Fall 2024. They are asking participants to come to their mobile unit to answer questions and complete tests for 3 hours. They will be compensated for their time and get to keep the results. Right now, the goal is to encourage community engagement by attending local community events. There is a Community Advisory Board that they are looking for people to join to get information out about the study and offer insight into the community. Random letters will be sent for recruitment, but volunteers are welcome to apply at theruralstudy.org.

Old Business:

- **Code Enforcement** – Councilman Pruitt made a motion to create a Code Enforcement Officer position, seconded by Councilman Bailey. The council discussed this being a paid position on an as needed basis, approximately 10 hours a week. The purpose is to enforce the current ordinances to improve the look and safety of the town and increase revenue via fines. There will be no expense for training and the job will be posted. The position will be funded by violation fines. The code enforcement officer would be able to write warnings to offenders, then hand off the violations to the police if there is no improvement. The police will write the citations. Council questioned the necessity of the position because police already patrol the area and could write citations as opposed to hiring someone to drive around and look for violations.

ROLL CALL: Voting Yea: Councilman Pruitt, Councilman Bailey

Voting Nay: Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Simpson.

Mayor Miller cast a tie-breaking vote by voting yea. Motion carries.

- **Vacant Lot** – City Attorney Whitney Johns updated the council on the options available to proceed in gifting or leasing the lot to Main Street Perryville. There is an exception in KRS 82.105 on how the property can be transferred with or without compensation to another government agency. The Heritage Council is considered to be a government agency, and we could gift the property to them, and agreements could be made from there. A lease could be made for less than fair market value. Main Street Perryville prefers that the property be gifted through the Heritage Council. Motion made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell to table the discussion. 3 in favor, one against. Motion carries.

New Business

- **Little Library** – Aly Huff gave the report on behalf Chelsey Nash. The location would be at Harberson Park, size isn't a concern, but she doesn't want it too close to the road or river. The suggestion was made to put it near the walking bridge. Chelsey can pick the size.

- **Street Paving** – Mayor Miller stated that Liddell St and Anderson St need to be repaved. A bid was made by Allen Company. This bid was rejected by the council. Councilman Bailey mentioned that R. L. Sleet St needs to be added to the list. The recent blacktop job there looks terrible. An advertisement for new bids will be made.
- **Two Council Meetings per month** – Mayor Miller proposed adding a second meeting each month, so that topics are still fresh, and decisions can be made quicker. The council discussed the city attorney needing to be at both meetings and advertisement cost for Special Meetings. No motions were made.
- **Seal City Hall Parking Lot** – Mayor Miller announced bids were made to seal the parking lot by M & K Asphalt and Whitehouse Sealcoating. M&K bid for \$2000, and Whitehouse bid for \$2100. The council discussed the options and want to consider M&K Asphalt if they will include the cracks in the price, otherwise go with Whitehouse bid. Motion made by Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Simpson to ask M&K if they will include cracks in price, otherwise go with Whitehouse Sealcoating, no further discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Dumpster for Merchant's Row** – Council suggested getting a dumpster to replace the trash containers for the businesses on Merchant's Row. The mayor consulted with Republic and was informed that getting rid of seven containers would be the same price as a dumpster, but the location needs to be determined. Suggestions were made to put a dumpster in one of the parking spaces on 3rd St, behind Dr. Polk's lot, or the gravel lot at the end of Buell St. There is a potential for Main Street Perryville to work with the City of Perryville to build a fence to put around the dumpster with a lock, and the tenants for those businesses will be given a key. An easement inspection was done, and trash containers on the curb are against historical easements so they will have to be removed or Main Street Perryville could be held liable. With many options left to be considered, the mayor asked for a motion to be made to table the discussion until more information can be gathered. Motion made by Councilman Pruitt, seconded by Councilman Simpson to table the discussion, all in favor and motion carries.

Open Forum

- Mayor Miller reminded everyone that there will be Comprehensive Plan meetings on September 19th and September 28th at 6 PM at City Hall.
- Councilman Bailey asked where we are in the process of dedicating the walking bridge. Mayor Miller said the bridge is still under state contract but will ask if we can put a plaque up. A suggestion was made to contact Representative Daniel Elliott regarding the dedication.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Pruitt, all in favor, motion carries. We are adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
Mayor Carlos Miller

Attest: _____
City Clerk, Trista Hinkle

Minutes prepared by City Clerk, Trista Hinkle