

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Of City Council, Of the City of Perryville, Kentucky  
Held October 5, 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 Lankford, Councilwoman Caldwell, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Kernodle, and Councilman Bailey.

Absent: Councilman Pruitt.

Presence of a quorum.

**Routine Business:**

- **Minutes from September 7, 2023 Regular Meeting** were presented. Councilwoman Caldwell mentioned minutes were missing that R.L. Sleet St needs to be repaved and Mayor Miller mentioned a few errors on the first page, Councilman and Councilwoman. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell, no discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Financial Report as of September 2023**, were presented. Motion made to accept the financial reports as presented by Councilman Kernodle, and seconded by Councilman Simpson, no discussion, all in favor and motion carries.
- **Pending Bills were presented.** Councilman Bailey inquired about KLC insurance under recurring bills "6 of 11" this is an oversight and should say "2 of 11." A question was asked regarding the blank Atmos gas payments, and it was explained that the gas was shut off in the summer, so those slots were empty, but the gas was just turned back on for the winter. Motion to pay all the city bills made by Councilman Simpson and seconded by Councilman Bailey, no further discussion, all in favor and motion carries.

**Reports:**

- **Main Street** – Getting ready for the Perryville Commemoration this weekend with over 50 vendors with several raffles. Bourbon Chase is this weekend.
- **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 a slow month with no runs, 4 trainings, assisted with the water main break.
- **Police Department and Alcohol Beverage Control Department** – written report, see attached. Councilman Kernodle asked why one of the cruisers has been parked outside for 2 weeks, Chief Hatter deferred to Mayor Miller on the matter. Mayor Miller informed the council that there was a matter of insubordination with a police officer and while he is at home, they parked the cruiser here to add striping and decals. Councilman Kernodle asked if there was paperwork filed for disciplinary action, and Mayor Miller said that the police officer in question has been out of town and paperwork would be given to him when he returned.

Motion made by Councilwoman Caldwell and seconded by Councilman Kernodle to go into executive session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss the disciplinary action further, all in favor and motion carries. Motion made by Councilman Bailey and seconded by Councilman Simpson to come out of executive session, all in favor and motion carries.

### **Old Business:**

**Street Paving** – The Allen Company put in a bid to repave the streets requested at the previous meeting, but the bid is missing R.L. Sleet St. Motion made by Councilman Kernodle and seconded by Councilman Simpson to table the discussion until bid includes R.L. Sleet St, no further discussion, all in favor and motion carries.

- **Dumpster for Merchants Row** – No Discussion
- **Vacant Lot** – No Discussion
- **Firehouse Location** – Mayor Miller said that previously there had been discussion to move the firehouse over to the maintenance building and the maintenance building over to the firehouse, but Chief Stevens has brought up a concern about the location. Chief Stevens explained that he is worried about the firehouse being on the east side of the river because there will not be any resources on the west side of the river if the bridge becomes impassable. The county is available on the east side of the river, but there isn't any back up on the west side of the river if needed. He added that we must consider the residents on the west side, the school, and the businesses and proposes that at least one truck is left on that side or leave the firehouse on the west side. Councilman Bailey made the motion to put the old fire engine and Bertice's maintenance building on the west side of the river and the new engine in the current maintenance building on the east side of the river. Motion seconded by Councilman Lankford. Mayor Miller asked for any further discussion and added that the equipment from the maintenance may not fit in one bay of the current firehouse, and we need to keep that equipment inside during the winter. Chief Stevens said that there will be depth added because the firefighters will not be staying in the current firehouse. All in favor and motion carries.

### **New Business**

- **Credit Card Account Holders** – We need another account holder so orders can be made. Currently only Chief Hatter and Bertice have cards, and sometimes it is difficult to get their card. Additionally, we are looking to raise the limit from \$500 to \$1000. Motion made by Councilman Kernodle and seconded by Councilman Bailey to add Trista as an account holder and raise the limit to \$1000. Four in favor, Councilman Lankford opposed. Motion carries.
- **Trick or Treat Hours** – Trick or Treat hours need to be set for this upcoming Halloween. Motion made by Councilman Kernodle, seconded by Councilman Simpson to set Trick or Treat hours from 6 PM to 8 PM on October 31<sup>st</sup>. All in favor, motion carries.
- **Cruiser Take Home Policy** – Mayor Miller read the policy, policy attached.

- **Council Meetings** – Mayor Miller asked if any of the council members would want to change council meetings from Thursday to any other day of the week. Council members prefer to leave the meetings on Thursday.
- **Code Enforcement Officer** – We had 2 applicants for the position. The mayor will create a job description, and the council will determine the pay scale once that is completed, and a code enforcement officer can be hired at a later date.
- **ARPA funds for Police equipment** – Mayor Miller proposes that some of the ARPA funds be used to purchase ticket writing equipment, so the ticket information is automatically sent to Frankfort. The equipment would cost approximately \$5000 - \$6000. Mayor Miller will confirm a price and bring that information to the next meeting.

**Open Forum**

- Darrell Lyons wants the water to be called back to Perryville instead of City of Danville. They need to service the citizens properly. He also wanted to voice his opposition to the Code Enforcement Officer position based on funding.
- Councilman Kernodle inquired about the No Parking signs on 4<sup>th</sup> St. The mayor said they were added because the previous ones couldn't be seen, and they can be taken down. Councilman Lankford wants to consider removing them. Bertice Riley said the signs were added originally because the school buses need to be able to get through.
- Councilman Bailey asked that the mayor to talk to Nick before implementing the new Police cruiser policy.
- Bertice Riley mentioned that his Social Security checks automatically deducts his Medicare payments, and he needs to be reimbursed for July and August since those payments were already deducted from his check. He is supposed to be refunded by Social Security but that hasn't happened yet. The mayor asked Trista if we hadn't reimbursed him. Trista explained that the city had paid for Medicare up until September and were waiting to reimburse because Medicare said that Social Security would refund that amount back to him, but since they haven't, he is now missing benefits for nearly 3 months. The payment for Medicare was supposed to come out from our account on September 21<sup>st</sup>, that hasn't happened so Trista was going to speak with the mayor and begin reimbursement. Reimbursement will begin on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Bailey, all in favor, motion carries. We are adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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

*Minutes prepared by City Clerk, Trista Hinkle*