

City of Perryville
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2026

The city of Perryville held a regular council meeting at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Kernodle called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and offered a prayer.

Roll call conducted. Present were Councilmembers Caldwell, Reed, Simpson, Rita Bailey and Steve Bailey. Councilmember Edwards was absent. Quorum determined. City Clerk Mona Followell and Counselor Jordan Shewmaker also present.

Routine Business:

Motion made by Councilperson Caldwell, second by Councilperson Reed to accept minutes from the March meeting. Motion carried.

Financial report approved upon motion by Councilperson Caldwell, second by Councilperson Steve Bailey, and unanimously passed.

Councilperson Rita Bailey moved to pay pending bills. Second by Councilperson Caldwell and unanimously passed.

Reports:

Fire report presented by Chief Stevens. The department was recognized for its quick response to a residential fire last night.

Police report presented by Chief Hatter. He has completed annual training requirements. He also presented the ABC report. Alcohol license renewals are due soon.

City Attorney report will be a regular agenda item and Counselor Shewmaker presented the following updates:

Boyle Circuit Court authorized city's entry on the Deering property for removal of debris, trash or remaining structures. Councilperson Steve Bailey asked whether cleanup plans are progressing and whether violation notices have begun on the Anderson Street property. He talked with Chief Stevens about the fire department's burning the structures, but this requires extensive permissions and regulations. Mayor Kernodle offered to obtain bids on demolition.

State legislature is the only entity that can name highway bridges and policy is not to name in honor of a living person. When the pedestrian bridge was completed, the City agreed to take over maintenance but the deed was not drafted. When the City obtains the deed, said bridge can be named to honor a person. Shewmaker has stressed this is a time-sensitive matter and encouraged council members to contact those who are in position to help. Councilperson Steve Bailey asked whether a sign containing a name could be put on the city's light post east of the bridge. Shewmaker does not know the answer but wonders how noticeable a sign will be and cautioned about potential repercussions with the state.

Nothing prohibits recording city meetings and posting online, but state law has requirements regarding remote meetings. Council has authorized uploading the audio recordings to the city web page, once it becomes functional. Bill Nichols offered assistance with that.

Old Business:

Councilperson Steve Bailey expressed concern over properties in violation of grass height, and made reference to the recently amended ordinance. Mayor Kernodle agreed to discuss this with Chief Hatter.

Bill Faulconer was in attendance to answer questions regarding relocating the donated pavilion from the school to Merchants Row between the Tucker property and the Grill House. Per P&Z regulations, five feet of space is required for a non-connected structure. Faulconer assured Councilperson Steve Bailey that the pavilion will fit the space without encroaching upon the Tucker property and that concrete piers will be poured to support the weight of the structure. He and Mrs. Huff said there will be no cost to the city. Motion made by Councilperson Steve Bailey, seconded by Councilperson Simpson authorizing that the pavilion be set as requested. Motion unanimously passed.

Councilperson Steve Bailey suggested that the Narcan box be moved to the front porch of city hall. Councilperson Reed concurred.

New Business:

Hannah Gray presented an ordinance related to qualified manufactured homes, to comply with KRS 100.348, which becomes effective July 1. Counselor Shewmaker read the synopsis of said ordinance. Upon motion of Councilperson Steve Bailey, second by Councilperson Rita Bailey, and unanimously passed, council unanimously approved first reading of said ordinance.

There was brief discussion regarding installing solar lights on both footbridges and the gazebo in Baril Park. Councilperson Steve Bailey offered to explore options and report back.

Concerns have been raised about the Bottoms Farm Stand location on Second Street. Counselor Shewmaker is not aware of direct issues requiring city involvement, but explained if a property access is blocked, law enforcement can be dispatched. Ms. Gray with P&Z reported that violation notices addressing zoning and right-of-way regulations were sent to Bottoms.

Mayor Kernodle explained that Boyle County Engine 2 is in the city's maintenance shop because some equipment is being transferred to a city truck before the engine is relocated to another entity. Bertice has been authorized to move the truck as needed to access the bay and store city equipment. Councilperson Steve Bailey expressed the importance of storing city equipment in the shop for protection from the weather.

Open Forum:

Mayor Kernodle has contacted electricians for some city work.

Mrs. Huff obtained prices, at Bertice's request, for replacing flags with flag-print banners on the light poles. This would require new brackets and estimated cost for banners and hardware is \$125- \$175 per set. Councilpersons Steve Bailey and Simpson prefer actual flags.

Matthew Ellis acknowledged efforts of firefighters and reported that funding has been secured for an additional fire truck which will service the west end of the county.

Ms. Gray offered assistance if there is ever an interest in an Architectural Heritage Board for Perryville.

Mayor Kernodle encouraged the community to assist the Johnson family who lost their home to a fire last night.

Motion made by Councilperson Simpson, second by Councilperson Steve Bailey, and unanimously passed, to enter into executive session for discussion or hearing which might lead to appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to KRS 61.180(1)(f).

Council re-entered regular session, upon motion of Councilperson Steve Bailey, second by Councilperson Simpson, and carried. Mayor Kernodle reported no action was taken in the executive session.

This concluding the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm, upon motion by Councilperson Caldwell, second by Councilperson Rita Bailey, and passed.

Rob Kernodle, Mayor

Attest:

Mona Followell, City Clerk