

City of Perryville
Regular Meeting
May 7, 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, Edwards, Reed, Simpson, Rita Bailey and Steve Bailey. Quorum determined.

Routine Business:

Motion made by Councilperson Steve Bailey, second by Councilperson Caldwell to accept minutes from the April meeting. Motion carried.

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

Councilperson Steve Bailey moved to pay pending bills. Second by Councilperson Edwards and unanimously passed.

Reports:

Main Street Director Aly Huff was absent but left a monthly report. Permission requested to close the W Third Street parking area near the Catholic Church for a block party scheduled for June 5. Said request approved upon motion by Councilperson Simpson, second by Councilperson Rita Bailey and unanimously passed.

Chief Stevens was absent but left a fire report. Councilperson Rita Bailey stated the house on Hays Mays has been torn down and the lot looks much better. Councilperson Steve Bailey inquired about the status of the Leonard Street house which burned. Counselor Shewmaker is attempting to obtain an update from the owner or representative.

Counselor Shewmaker was absent but left a City Attorney report including the following updates:

Authorization regarding cleanup of Deering property on Wheeler Street still stands.
Condemnation proceedings for her other properties have not been initiated.

Foreclosure on the Craig property is being prepared for Master Commissioner sale.

Resolution was drafted for intent to name the new walking bridge in honor of Anne Sleet. Upon completion of the deed transferring bridge to the City, another resolution will be required to formally name it. Official ownership by the City also means the City is responsible for maintenance and repairs, including snow removal and salting which will impact the budget.

Councilperson Steve Bailey inquired about the (Harmon) house on Bragg and Third. Remodeling is underway but contents are outside and grass is tall. Mayor Kernodle agreed to discuss code enforcement with the Chief.

Old Business:

Second reading was given to Ordinance 2026-002 related to qualified manufactured homes, to comply with KRS 100.348. Councilperson Simpson moved to accept second reading. Second by Councilperson Reed and unanimously passed.

New Business:

Resolution 2026-003 stating the City Council's intent to name the new walking bridge in honor of former Mayor Anne Sleet was presented. The resolution also requests the Commonwealth of Kentucky to transfer title of said bridge to the City. Councilperson Steve Bailey moved to accept the resolution. Councilperson Caldwell seconded and motion unanimously passed.

Open Forum:

Mayor Kernodle reported that the City of Danville is aware of streets that need repair where utility work was done.

Councilman Steve Bailey expressed satisfaction with recent floor cleaning.

Bailey pointed out overgrown grass on the two lots between the cemetery and Dollar General.

Bailey also inquired about plans to hire another police officer. Mayor Kernodle stated he spoke with Chief Hatter and is leaving the hiring decision to his discretion.

It was brought to the City's attention that a private property owner sprayed weedkiller on the alley between the Daugherty and Leonard properties on Hardee Street. Counselor Shewmaker has stated the City has an easement to said alley but does not need to take action at this time. Mayor Kernodle will send a letter advising said owner to cease spraying chemicals and other maintenance actions on city owned property. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of selling the alley.

William Rayens expressed gratitude for Perryville leadership and community involvement.

There was brief discussion of methods to notify citizens about the Sheriff's collection of city taxes. Notice has been posted to city's Facebook and web pages. Mentioned were postcard mailings and public establishments.

This concluding the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm, upon motion by Councilperson Caldwell, second by Councilperson Edwards, and passed.

Rob Kernodle, Mayor

Attest:

Mona Followell, City Clerk