

City of Perryville  
Regular Meeting  
June 4, 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 Reed, Simpson, Rita Bailey and Steve Bailey. Quorum determined. Council members Edwards and Caldwell were absent. City Clerk Mona Followell also present.

**Routine Business:**

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

Financial report approved upon motion by Councilperson Simpson, second by Councilperson Reed, and unanimously passed.

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

**Reports:**

Main Street report read by Lisa Bottom. Upcoming events include a block party and a car show. A new bookstore plans to open soon on Merchants Row. Director Aly Huff recently attended a Main Street conference and Board Chairman Tony Wilder received a "Spirit of Main Street" award.

Boyle County Judge-Executive Trille Bottom and County Administrator Julie Wagner gave an update on the proposed stormwater drain project in front of Merchants Row and distributed plan drawings. A French drain with downspouts and cleanouts will be installed in the 300 block of South Buell Street. Boyle County is budgeting \$42,638 toward the required match, which means a zero cost to the city. Wagner requested assistance with easements, but was referred to the Transportation Cabinet, as they have completed previous projects in said area. Councilperson Steve Bailey asked whether the existing curbing will be removed. Judge Bottom is not certain, but expressed satisfaction that the project is moving forward. To Bailey's inquiry about burying utilities, Bottom and Wagner explained it is too expensive and utility companies have denied requests to do so.

Chief Stevens presented a fire report. Councilperson Steve Bailey asked about condemnation status on the Deering property on Anderson Street. Stevens said he gave Deering 90 days and she has someone coming to take care of the property. He further stated he does not want it to appear that she is being singled out and made reference to the recent order regarding her other property. Stevens also said he likes structures to be boarded upon condemnation and labor from firefighters is currently limited. Bailey presented photos to the mayor and council members, showing items accumulated on the porch, unsecured doors, weed-covered buildings. He was contacted by a neighboring property owner who also would like the property cleaned up. Bailey stated the 90 days has passed, and it is time to enforce the ordinances pertaining to the violations. Mayor Kernodle reported that the recently fire-damaged house on Leonard Street has sold and the buyer will be cleaning it up.

A police report and ABC report were presented by Chief Hatter.

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

Resolution was drafted to officially name the new walking bridge in honor of Anne Sleet. Shewmaker included the reminder that official City ownership means the City also accepts responsibility for expenses, including maintenance, repairs, and replacements.

Regarding the recent spraying on the alley known as High Street, Mayor Kernodle sent a letter to Mr. Leonard, and the issue seems to be resolved for now.

In response to an inquiry whether the City can overrule a P&Z decision, the authority depends on the type of decision. Final say regarding subdivision plat approvals or variances/conditional use permits rests with P&Z and any appeals go to Circuit Court.

Council members currently receive compensation of \$1.00 per year. From administrative perspective, actual preparation of the checks costs more. KRS prohibits a current council from changing compensation amounts no later than the first Monday in May of the year in which members are elected. Council was asked to consider options in time for drafting an ordinance with any updated amounts,

#### **Old Business:**

Resolution stating the City Council's intent to name the new walking bridge in honor of former Mayor Anne Sleet was accepted upon motion by Councilperson Simpson, second by Councilperson Rita Bailey and unanimously passed. Mayor Kernodle asked council members to consider a date for the dedication ceremony. Councilperson Steve Bailey offered to inform Representative Daniel Elliott and offered to contact Kirby Stafford for signage quotes.

#### **New Business:**

Mayor Kernodle state he is in favor of compensation for council members, but thinks the \$1 annual amount is demeaning. He reiterated that the cost to issue the check is more than the check's value. Action taken by this council will not become effective until 2029.

Mayor Kernodle presented the proposed budget for 2026-2027. He reported a healthy budget, partly because of new businesses, which increases certain revenues, such as payroll, profits and insurance taxes. Alcohol sales also have contributed to increased revenues. The budget includes hiring one part-time police officer. Mayor stated a large part of citizenry is on a fixed income and commended council for keeping property taxes at a minimal rate. First reading was given and approved upon motion by Councilperson Steve Bailey, second by Councilperson Simpson, and unanimously passed.

Mayor Kernodle reported that the next regular meeting will be held July 9, because Independence Day will be observed the day after the otherwise scheduled meeting, as interpreted by the recently passed ordinance.

A quote from Minuteman Press was obtained for printing postcards advising residents of the upcoming tax bill collection by the Sheriff's office. Said quote is \$261, as compared to GUTS offer of \$500 plus postage. Consensus was to obtain postage cost from Minuteman.

#### **Open Forum:**

The old footbridge is in need of rock replacement and Lisa Bottom reported that David Walden has the rock and Woody Stigall's estate will provide the funding.

Mayoral candidate Billy Matherly expressed agreement with moving forward on condemnation of non-compliant properties, stating said action makes the city safer and more appealing.

Councilperson Steve Bailey asked that city ordinances be posted on the city website.

Councilperson Steve Bailey requested a list of properties mowed and maintained by city public works. He has received inquiry from an interested party, for future needs.

Mayoral candidate Pete Bottom gave an update on the recently fire-damaged Johnson house. Volunteers will take down the damaged structure and some building materials, as well as plumbing and electrical work have been donated.

Lisa Bottom reported that the sectional mailboxes are responsibility of the citizens and some are in need of cleaning/painting.

Councilperson Reed informed the group that dog waste bags are being provided for Baril Park but a trash container is still needed for the stairway.

A special council meeting was scheduled for June 11 at 7:00 pm for second and final reading of the 2026-2027 budget ordinance.

This concluding the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm, upon motion by Councilperson Rita Bailey, second by Councilperson Simpson, and passed.

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Rob Kernodle, Mayor

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Mona Followell, City Clerk