

City of Perryville
Regular Meeting
July 9, 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, Edwards, Simpson, Rita Bailey and Steve Bailey. Quorum determined. Councilmember Caldwell was absent. City Clerk Mona Followell and Counselor Jordan Shewmaker also present.

Routine Business:

Motion made by Councilperson Steve Bailey, second by Councilperson Edwards to accept minutes from the June regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Rita Bailey, second by Councilperson Simpson to accept minutes from the June special meeting. Motion passed.

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

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

Reports:

Main Street Director Aly Huff was not present, but left a written report. Councilperson Steve Bailey asked whether the Turtle Derby is planned for this year. Chief Hatter recalled said event being not on schedule, possibly due to costs.

Chief Stevens presented a fire report. Councilperson Steve Bailey is happy to see Engine 2 has been removed from the maintenance building, freeing up room for city equipment.

Police report and ABC report were presented by Chief Hatter. He asked council's guidance on properties which have not responded to mowing notices. Counselor Shewmaker explained that the City can impose a lien for mowing a property, but one year is required before further action, such as foreclosure, can be taken.

Counselor Shewmaker gave a brief report. A lien has been placed on the Deering property on Anderson Street. The Craig property is actively in foreclosure.

Old Business:

While listing properties mowed by the City, Mayor Kernodle discovered the City has been mowing a sewer easement on Jackson Street and a strip on West Second between the sidewalk and curb. He stated the City will cease mowing said areas and the responsible parties will be notified.

Mayor Kernodle presented an ordinance to amend the budget, to correct the police chief's salary, due to an administrative error in the original budget. The annualized rate of pay was budgeted as

\$48,101 and should have been \$64,653. Mayor stated the position has been underpaid and the increased pay will be comparable to neighboring departments. Councilperson Edwards asked whether there are plans to hire an additional officer. Mayor Kernodle confirmed the budget does allocate expenditures for a part-time officer. Councilperson Simpson made a motion to accept first reading of the ordinance. Councilperson Steve Bailey seconded, after confirming that there is no legal familial relationship between himself and Chief Hatter. Councilperson Rita Bailey abstained. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion ensued regarding golf carts on city streets. Counselor Shewmaker referenced KRS 189.286, which allows local governments to enact an ordinance permitting golf carts to operate on streets maintained by said government only, which prohibits use on county or state roads. He spoke with County Attorney Herron and was informed the County has not passed an ordinance allowing golf carts. Councilperson Steve Bailey asked whether an ordinance could be adopted to allow them in the city limits. Shewmaker interprets the statute to mean they can be operated on streets only under a government's jurisdiction. He offered to consult with Danville City Attorney regarding their ordinance.

Open Forum:

City resident Billy Matherly commended Chief Hatter's service and the council for choosing to amend the budget. He agrees with allowing golf carts but urged caution on atv's and side by sides. He reiterated the enforcement of ordinances regarding neglected and abandoned properties.

Councilperson Rita Bailey thinks the bollards on the new pedestrian bridge are unsightly and asked whether they could be removed, now that the City owns the bridge. This will be on the August agenda.

Chief Stevens was informed by Andy Ramey that (?) Whitaker will be removing buildings from the Deering properties.

Councilperson Steve Bailey suggested a bronze plaque at each end of the new walking bridge and will obtain prices. The naming ceremony will be held during the annual Commemoration.

This concluding the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm, upon motion by Councilperson Rita Bailey, second by Councilperson Edwards, and passed.

Rob Kernodle, Mayor

Attest:

Mona Followell, City Clerk