

**CITY OF HARRODSBURG
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: June 9, 2025

TIME: 12 p.m.

PLACE: City of Harrodsburg, Conference Room

Mayor Robert “Bob” Williams called the regular meeting to order at 12 p.m. Members present, Commissioners; Kerry Anness, Charlie Mattingly, and Marvin “Bubby” Isham (came in around 12:02 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Anness – Present; Commissioner Mattingly – Present; Mayor Williams – Present; Commissioner Coleman – Absent; Commissioner Isham – Absent during roll call; however, he came in around 12:02 p.m.

JONI HOUSE SPOKE

Joni House with the Historic Preservation Commission spoke. She went over what the Historic Preservation Architectural Commission does and what their job is. She introduced the commissioners of the board. She said the South Main Street historic district is protected by an ordinance. Any exterior changes that happen to those building have to go through the COA process. She said that process basically means they have to get a hold of planning and zoning, her, fill out an application and then the hearing process. Ms. House said if it is a large change to one of the buildings it has to go through a pubic hearing with the commissioners, but if it is a simple sign that is conforming then she can administratively approve it. She said they meet once a month to go through the COA process. Commissioner Isham asked if they would pay for part of it when people want to change things to their buildings. Ms. House said no. Commissioner Isham responded but you can tell them what to do with their own property. She said actually this [city] commission made an ordinance years ago so it is a legal ordinance through the city that tells them how to do changes on their buildings. Ms. House said if they come to us and are within the district, they will be eligible for different types of grant programs as well as tax credits. Ms. House said the Baptist Church changed their windows and they did not reach out to this commission. She said had they done that they may have been able to get them a sizeable tax credit to help with those windows. Commissioner Isham asked if they can do it after the fact and Ms. House said they certainly can do it after the fact. She said she has talked to the Baptist Church and got them in touch with the people that will do that. Ms. House said they are going to send out a letter reminding everybody on this street that they are within the district. She said it is not her intention to catch them off guard, so she wants them to know the letter is going out around the middle of this month. She said there is a copy of the letter in their packet. Ms. House said she knows there are very specific guidelines about what signage you can have in the district. She said the mayor has expressed that he would like to see an enforcement of those. She said she is going to follow up these letters in about 30-60 days with folks that are specifically breaking that ordinance. Ms. House

said it matters what your Main Street looks like. She said people come to Harrodsburg and they expect to see a historic city. Mayor asked if when someone files a COA if they would get a copy of the design guidelines. She said she can give them a copy of the design guidelines. She said she normally just normally tries to tell them the specific guideline they are looking for. She said all of the information is on the website.

TREVOR SHORT SPOKE

Trevor Short with the Harrodsburg Community Center spoke. Mr. Short gave the commission an update. He said pickleball is still doing its thing, its slowed down a little bit due to it being warm outside. Mr. Short said he as been in talks with Anderson Dean about trying to put some pickleball courts there. Pickleball is still going on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. D1 Academy is remaining a strong presence inside the building. He said they have had several events from Easter until now. He said they partnered with Campbellsville Harrodsburg for Healthy Kids Day in partnership with them, Mercer County Schools and Burgin. They had an Easter even on April 19th. He said they have an event coming up on June 29th. Mr. Short said they had a basketball camp in May that was the largest one they have had. They had 30 teams and had to connect with Mercer County Schools to get another gym. Precision Dance did their first recital. He said Precision Dance is probable been the biggest highlight of the center right now. Mr. Short said they have a proposal for a sublease. He said they have had a proposal for Mercer Transformation to sublease a space in their building. Mr. Short has talked to his board about it and they feel like it would be a great fit for what they have going on and for what they represent. Mr. Short said not only is it an expansion of the space they need but there are grants out there they can increase eligibility for, strengthen their programing, they have tutoring incentives, they have things they can't do right now that fits the scope of what they are trying to do, they just don't have the overhead to be able to do it. Mr. Short said they understand that the city has to approve it first. Mayor Williams said he thinks at this point since it has just been brought to them, they may table any discussion right now to give them a chance to look into it, check the legal ramifications. Mayor said we can discuss it at another meeting and possible take action at that time. Mr. Short said they do have insurance with us [city] and them listed. He said they have approved them to do commodities on Thursday. Mr. Short said a couple of the programs they have is living free – they have 5-15 people that meet on Saturdays from 5-7; lunch bunch which is from 11-1 Monday – Friday and the commodities which is once a month. He said they did have community tutoring which is a program they would love to ramp back up since they have the space to do it. Mr. Short thanked the commission for their support and partnership.

HARRIET RUBY SPOKE

Harriet Ruby said the little silver car that has been such a pain hasn't been coming around as much. She said there are just so many cars in Harrodsburg that don't have a muffler. She said she thinks we have a noise ordinance. Ms. Ruby said another thing is the potholes, Chestnut Street is tore all to pieces. She said she believes the city tore it up last August and wonders why it hasn't been fixed. She said the other day in the intersection of Lexington and Greenville she was setting on a red light going west and the car beside her ran the red light. She said the luckily the other car turned. Ms. Ruby said she doesn't know why we can't have better police presents and why we can't get the potholes fixed. Mayor Williams said he would address the potholes and cuts in the roads. He said

we have had a water expansion project going on and right now they are doing what is called cut and cap. They are cutting the old lines putting caps on them to fully charge the new line. Mayor said they don't want to fix any of the roads until they are sure they don't have to dig them back up. He asked for everyone to have patience. Mayor said as far as the noise complaint, yes, we do have a noise ordinance. He said he would refer her to our Police Chief for those type of things. Mayor said we have had a lot of issues getting asphalt to fix potholes that are not part of the water project. He said all of this rain that we have had, water will destroy asphalt. Mayor said if we can get asphalt, we will get asphalt to fix them. He said the plant has been shut down more than it has been up here recently. Mayor said your complaints are not going unheard. Ms. Ruby said they did patch a hole at the intersection of Chestnut and 127, but there is water running downhill and it is already a pot hole again. Commissioner Isham said what he has a problem with is why do they cut theses little holes and dig the blacktop up and throw it right in front of a guy's house, right on the curb and it is still there. Commissioner Isham said they need to clean their mess up behind them and it would look a little better. Ms. Ruby asked what the purpose of that was. Commissioner Isham said there is a cut off there on each side of the road. Ms. Ruby thanked the commission for listening to her.

APPROVE STREET CLOSURES FOR A STREET REVIVAL

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve street closures for a street revival on June 16th – June 18th. The streets will include West Broadway from Fort Street to Forsythe Street from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Smith said that it may not be over by 8. Mayor modified his motion change the time to be from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING HELD ON MAY 27, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 27, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AND PAY DEPARTMENT INVOICES

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve and pay the department invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR WILLIAMS TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGBROOK SOFTWARE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to authorize Mayor Williams to sign a 3-year agreement with Springbrook Software. This agreement will replace any previous agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR WILLIAMS TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGBROOK SOFTWARE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to authorize Mayor Williams to sign 3-year agreement with Springbrook Software to add a purchase order module and AI invoice subscription module. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR ERIN RICE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to authorize out of state travel for Erin Rice. She will be going to Plantation Florida from October 20 – 24. She will be attending Internet Crimes Against Children training. She will be flying. Lodging and training are both free. The City of Harrodsburg would only be responsible for meals, flight and salary. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-05 – NONRECURRING CHARGES IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-05 – Nonrecurring Charges in the Water Department. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes. Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-06 – SEWER RATE INCREASE PER CPI

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-06 – Sewer Rate Increase Per CPI. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes; Mayor Williams – Yes. Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-07 – WATER RATE INCREASE PER CPI

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-07 – Water Rate Increase Per CPI. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes; Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes. Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-08 – LEAK ADJUSTMENTS

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-08 – leak adjustments. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Commissioner Mattingly – Yes; Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes. Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-09 – POOL ADJUSTMENTS

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-09 – pool adjustments. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes. Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-10 – LEAK CHECK POLICY

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-10 – leak check policy. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes; Mayor Williams – Yes. Motion passed.

ACCEPT SALT BID FROM MORTON SALT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to accept salt bid from Morton Salt for FY 2025-2026. The bid is \$105 per ton. This was bid through the KLC Reverse Salt Auction Bid. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR WILLIAMS TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH REACH ALERT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to authorize Mayor Williams to sign a 12-month contract with REACH alert. It is a tiered pricing plan based on accounts which will not exceed \$5,100 annually. The price is good for 3 years. Motion carried unanimously.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to enter executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for the purpose of discussing personnel at approximately 12:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Anness to come out of executive session at approximately 1:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Mattingly to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Mayor Williams announced no action was taken in executive session.

CITY ATTORNEY SPOKE

City Attorney, Norrie Currens gave an update on the industrial park. She said we are working on an amendment to the purchase agreement that should be finished this week. She said we are potentially looking at a closing date sometime in October. Ms. Currens said there is a lawsuit that has been filed by the city and county against Southern Minerals. Southern Minerals is a company owned by Jim Justice's son Jay. When Jim Justice sold the property to Mercer Solar, he retained a 50% mineral interest in the deed. She said he has no surface rights so he does not have anyway to access mineral. If you review Kentucky law, we do not believe he adequately reserved any type of mineral rights, but because we need to market this property to future tenants, we want to make sure we have 100% clear title. She said we have filed an eminent domain action to take over that 50% mineral rights in the 953 acres that the city and county are jointly purchasing. That got filed on the 28th. Southern Minerals were served on June 2nd. Ms. Currens said we had made multiple attempts to reach out to them in the past by regular mail, certified mail and never got a response from him. She said we don't anticipate he is going to show up and defend our eminent domain action but that was the best way we had to clear up the title issue. She said we hope that will all be resolved and then we will be moving forward with the closing of the industrial park sometime in October.

ADJOURN

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Mattingly/Isham to adjourn at approximately 1:56 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Robert O. Williams, Mayor

Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk