

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

DATE: September 8, 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, Jack Coleman and Marvin “Bubby” Isham

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Anness – Present; Commissioner Mattingly – Present; Mayor Williams – Present; Commissioner Coleman – Present; Commissioner Isham – Present

HARRODSBURG TREE BOARD

Ed Gee, current Chair for the Harrodsburg Tree Board, said their mission is to plant, promote and protect trees on public property which serve the public interest for a multitude of purposes. He went over things they have accomplished within his short 4 years of tenure: they developed a five-year action plan in which they have been able to obtain a number of grants on an annual basis. He said this year they actually obtained two additional grants for a total of nearly \$10,000. Mr. Gee said this year they got the Kentucky Association of Environmental Education along with the Tourism grant. He said they do a lot of public awareness and education with partnerships between the different environmental groups, the high school, grade school. He said they work with the Arbor Day foundation. He said they do have areas that probably need careful consideration in the near future. Mr. Gee said they have the tree ordinance and they have developed letters. He said when a tree has been identified from a city owner or property owner; what do we do, what does the city do or what do we do as a tree board. He said they developed those letters, from the identification of the tree, to the notification to the land owner; what do we need to do in that process. Mr. Gee said there are some future things that need to be done and it is really taking a look at those letters and finalizing them as a protocol. He said he thinks that is critical importance. He said there are some trees in the cemetery that need some care and some tlc. Mr. Gee said it was an honor for him to serve the City of Harrodsburg as a Chair for the Tree Board. He said at their last meeting in August they did select a new Chair – Doug Miell. He said he will take over. Commissioner Isham thanked Mr. Gee for all he has done, its been a pleasure. Commissioner Isham said the cemetery, Anderson Dean Park, a lot of trees have been planted and you all took care of that and helped the city with it and we really appreciate it. Mr. Gee invited this coming spring the City Council/Commissioners to come on out – he has an operating tree and nut farm on his own property. Mr. Gee said shade trees are a key component around the soccer field that they will be doing this fall. He said there are a lot of plans Doug and the Tree Board will be executing. Mayor Williams said we will work in close contact with Doug and the Tree Board to see what is needed and assist in any way we can. Mayor Williams said it has been a pleasure working with you Ed, I know you have done a lot of great things around Harrodsburg and we certainly appreciate

it.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AND PAY DEPARTMENTAL INVOICES

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve payment of department invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-19 – AMENDING THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE 2008-06

Commission had first reading of ordinance 2025-19 – amending the flood damage prevention ordinance. Mayor read the ordinance.

APPROVE STREET CLOSURE FOR MERCER COUNTY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve street closure for Mercer County Senior High School Homecoming Parade on Sunday, September 21st. Streets will include Main Street to East Office Street, East Office Street to Greenville Street and Greenville Street to Lexington Street. Street closures will begin at 1:45 p.m. and parade will begin at 2 p.m. Mayor said the route actually goes from the old Harrodsburg High School parking lot down Lexington Street, Main and then up across Office down Greenville and back out 68 to the high school. Mayor said he spoke with Ms. Charles prior to the meeting and she has received approval from the state department transportation to close 68/Lexington Street for this event. Mayor said we are voting on the approval of the city streets – Main, Office and Greenville. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-17 – WATER DEPARTMENT POLICY REQUIRING CUSTOMER TO BE PRESENT WHEN SERVICE IS INITIATED

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-17 – City of Harrodsburg Water Department policy requiring customer to be present when service is initiated. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Coleman – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes. Motion passed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-18 – AMENDING THE FY26 BUDGET

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-18 – amending the FY26 budget. Mayor said this is for the purpose of paying for the software on the new tough books for the Police Department. Roll call vote was taken and

recorded as follows: Commissioner Coleman – Yes; Commissioner Isham -Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly -Yes; Mayor Williams – Yes. Motion passed.

APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve a budget adjustment raising 01-000-4269 (other sources) \$8,000 and raise 01-002-5320 (drug money expense) \$8,000. Commissioner Isham asked if this was coming out of one of their other budgets to add to this one. Chief Elder said it is coming out of forfeiture. Motion carried unanimously.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) pending litigation at approximately 12:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Coleman/Isham to come out of executive session at approximately 1:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

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

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor announced no action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURN

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Anness to adjourn at approximately 1:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert O. Williams, Mayor

Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk