

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

DATE: July 28, 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

RECOGNITION OF AUSTIN JACKSON’S 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Williams recognized Austin Jackson for his 15 years of service with the City of Harrodsburg in the Fire Department. Mayor said we appreciate all your effort.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on June 23, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve the minutes for the special called meeting held on June 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve the minutes for the special called meeting held on July 9, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AND PAY DEPARTMENTAL INVOICES

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-12 – PUBLIC COMMENT ORDINANCE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-12 – Public Comment Ordinance. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Mayor William – Yes; Commissioner Coleman – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes. Motion passed.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-07-28

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve resolution 2025-07-28 – a resolution authorizing the Tree Board to open an account at Whitaker Bank under the City of Harrodsburg identity number. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PONTEM ANNUAL SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SUBSCRIPTION FOR PROPERTY TAXES AND PAY THE INVOICE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve Pontem Annual Support Maintenance Subscription for property taxes and pay the invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-13 - PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT: HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS (I-2)

Commission had first reading of ordinance 2025-13 - Proposed Text Amendment: Heavy Industrial Districts (I-2)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-14 – ZONING AMENDMENT ORDINANCE. CHANGING 905 N. COLLEGE STREET FROM I-2 B-2

Commission had first reading of ordinance 2025-14 – Zoning Amendment Ordinance. Changing 905 N. College Street from I-2 B-2. Mayor said it is the empty concrete pad between Auto Zone and Bakers Body Shop on 127 North. He said it is going to be the home of the new Tractor Supply.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-15 – ZONING AMENDMENT ORDINANCE. CHANGING THE SOUTHERN PROPERTY LINES OF ENGLISH AVE AND DAVIESS STREET FROM I-2(SHOULD HAVE BEEN I-1) TO R-2

Commission had first reading of ordinance 2025-15 – Zoning Amendment Ordinance. Changing the southern property lines of English Ave and Daviess Street from I-2(should have been I-1) to R-2. Mayor said that is at the end of English Street where they have been clearing out to put in a housing development. Mayor accidentally said I-2 to R-2; however, the zone change is from I-1 to R-2.

ACCEPT GARRETT SANDERS' RESIGNATION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to accept Garrett Sanders' resignation effective July 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-07-28(1) – KY WWATERS

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve resolution 2025-07-28(1) – KY WWATERS. Authorizing resolution of the City of Harrodsburg for filing of a funding application and appointing Mayor Williams and successors-in-title as official project representative of a Kentucky water and wastewater assistance for troubled or economically restrained systems (KY WWATERS) program project. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT ANDREW GAMBLE'S RESIGNATION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to accept Andrew Gamble's resignation effective August 8th. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PROMOTING ANDREW LAY TO POLICE SERGEANT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve promoting Andrew Lay to Police Sergeant with \$1 per hour pay raise effective August 4, 2025 pending drug and alcohol test. Commissioner Isham asked if he was still going to be on the streets. Chief Scott Elder said he will still be on the street. Mayor Williams said that is where we need all of them to be. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES ORDINANCE

City Attorney, Norrie Currans said under Senate Bill 63, special purpose vehicles are what we would typically call a sport utility vehicle are going to become street legal in the state of Kentucky so long as they meet certain requirements. She said that involves they have to be inspected, they have to have a license plate, they have to be I think insured, they have to have all the safety equipment: horns, mirrors, turn signals and all the things that are set forth in the handout. Ms. Currans said this handout was provided to us by KLC. She said the bill allows each individual county and city to determine whether or not we are going to permit them and where. Ms. Currans said the county has approved them on roadways except 127, Bluegrass Parkway and any other place where the Department of Agriculture prohibits them. She said their ordinance does not encompass the city, so we have to decide whether and to what extent we are going to permit the use of these vehicles within city limits. Ms. Currans said Scott [Police Chief] is joining us on his day off because he needs to be a part of this conversation. She said she didn't draft an ordinance, she wanted to see what the collective thought. Commissioner Mattingly asked if she could name so of the special vehicles. She said it would be like a side by side. Not a golf cart. Commissioner Isham said golf carts are already legal in the city limits if they have been inspected. Mayor Williams said he thinks one of the ones that has came up recently in question is the little Japanese pickup truck. He said his neighbor across the street has one, it is right hand drive, he bought it out of Maryland and it had already been registered in Maryland so he was

able to get it registered down here which made it already legal. He said basically it is the ATV side by sides, Polaris, John Deere, things of that sort. Mayor Williams said they have the same standards basically as a vehicle in order to be legal. Ms. Currens said they have to be registered, insurance, all of the regular safety equipment, turn signals, horns, mirrors. She said we have to decide, do you want sport utility vehicles running up and down Main Street? Do you want to prohibit them within city limits? She said she thinks a lot of it has been that these things are used a lot for agricultural use and so within the county obviously you can see where those are used for agricultural use. Mayor Williams said those little pickup trucks are used a lot for landscaping and we have landscaping in the city. Commissioner Isham asked if he did landscaping? Mayor Williams said my neighbor? Commission Isham said yes. Mayor Williams said he does his own, he hauls stuff around. Mayor Williams said looking at one of the prohibitions the county has; street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings. He said that is Lexington Street. Ms. Currens said no I think that means you can't go further than 20 miles. Mayor Williams said yeah but what I am saying is a centerline pavement street with city lined pavement marking is like Lexington Street. Commission Isham said that is a state road anyways. Mayor Williams said it is, so is Cane Run and College Street. Commissioner Isham said when we done the golf carts, we gave permission to do the golf carts in town they had to take them to have them inspected, but they didn't have to have a license on them. He said we give permission to use them in the city limits, but we couldn't give them permission to use them on state roads, like Cane Run or 127 because we couldn't be responsible for it. He said that belongs to the state so we couldn't do that. Commissioner Isham said we could only give them permission to drive on city streets. He said he didn't know how this would work with the side-by-sides. Mayor Williams said my comments I hope I'm not indicating that I'm for or against it, but you think about smart cars, those little bitty boxy things that aren't much more than a golf cart with a cover on it and they are legal everywhere. Mayor Williams said if it has to meet the same standards as another vehicle on the road, then it just becomes another mode of transportation with certain restrictions. Commissioner Coleman said and dangerous. Mayor Williams said its all in how you operate it, anything is dangerous when you don't operate it properly. Mayor Williams said that is where he is hoping our Police Chief comes in. Commission Isham said that's the problem right there, he said we've got one in Gardenview runs up and down the road now that causes a lot of problems, so if we do this then we cannot do anything about it to stop it. Mayor Williams asked if it was operated by an adult or a kid. Commissioner Isham said he thinks the boy is an adult that is operates it, but it's just catching him at the right time. Commissioner Isham said it is hard for the police to make that judgement, what are we going to do, are you legal to do it or are you not legal to do it. Commissioner Anness asked if this would require you to have a drivers license, that is what my concern is. Ms. Currens said I am assuming that you would. She said that's not one of the things that's specifically set forth, but I think obviously. Mayor Williams said we can put it in our ordinance. Ms. Currens said yes. Commissioner Isham asked for the city, in the city you had to have drivers license. Ms. Currens said I feel like it is probable a part of Senate Bill 63 it just wasn't included in here, but yes. Commissioner Isham said he thinks we need to look into it a little bit further before we do it. Commissioner Coleman said in the 1990's when they passed the legislature allowed kids/people to put 4-wheelers on the highway, thousands and thousands of kids were killed on Kentucky roads because of 4-wheelers. He said city limits are a little bit different. Chief Elder said we can debate it, the what ifs. He said his opinion and his opinion only city streets are congested enough; I think you run into a safety issue. He said yeah, we are

not going to let them on 127 or College Street, but if they are on West Office and they want to get to East Office and all I have to do is make it across the highway, you know they are going to break those laws. He said we know people break the laws everyday anyway. Chief Elder said from a safety point I don't know that we add that congestion to the city streets, but its up to you all [Commission] if you pass it we will enforce it. Mayor Williams said I agree with Commissioner Isham that we need to do more due diligence on this, get some more comments, talk to Senator Storm and finding out a few more details about it if necessary. Mayor Williams said I think that if it is something we want to try to do, it would need to require a drivers license. Ms. Currens said I think that's a given and I feel certain that you can't operate one the county roads without a drivers license. Mayor Williams said I think that was a lot of problem with the 4-wheelers is that there were a lot of kids that were operating them that were not one old enough or mature enough or experienced enough to be operating them on any highway or any backroad. Commissioner Coleman asked if it would require a helmet, probable not. Mayor Williams said most of them will be enclosed some way or another with a roll cage or something. Ms. Currens said she will be happy to kind of gauge what other cities are doing and see how they are responding to this. She said she hasn't seen much about the cities addressing this. Ms. Currens said she knows that the counties already done their ordinance and she knows they had a county conference call the other day to discuss amongst all the counties how they were all handling it. She said this handout from KLC is the only thing she has seen on it from any of the cities. Mr. Barlow said this resolution was probable passed through the senate for eastern Kentucky where they have tourism and they ride the roads and ride through town and they ride up into the trails and all that stuff. He said they get from point a to point b on the highways. Mr. Barlow said we are not that way. He said he doesn't know where Mr. Storm is from, but probable eastern Kentucky. He said they have been working on getting this passed up there in eastern Kentucky for several years. Commissioner Isham said he would make a motion to table this. Commissioner Isham was informed it was just for discussion. Ms. Currens said she just wanted to take their temperature on what they wanted to do before we started putting pen to paper and trying to draft something on it. Mayor Williams said they can all do a little bit more research, a little more due diligent and talk about it at the next meeting. Mayor said we will put it back on the agenda for more discussion. Ms. Currens said she would try to gather more data on it. She said she did see two of these leaving Shakertown the other day so she doesn't know if Shakertown looking into anything with respect to these vehicles. She said she can check with them. Mayor Williams said he was on the bypass one day and saw one setting on Bellows Mill Road getting ready to cross over, so people are already out there on them. He said this was not one of the little Japanese trucks, it was a side by side like a Polaris, so they are already out there. Mayor said it's like Scott said people are going to do what they want to do regardless of what the law says anyways. Ms. Currens said we just need to be clear because right now we have a county ordinance and the city is going to have to have something one way or the other on what the city wants to do, otherwise I am afraid everybody will just think that whatever applies to the county applies to everybody. Mayor Williams said that is something we need to make sure; we are two separate entities, two separate forms of government we need to have everybody keep that in mind.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to go into executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency and KRS 61.810(1)(c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation at approximately 12: 28. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to come out of executive session at approximately 12:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner 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.

APPROVE ATMOS ENERGY TO PUT A MAGNETIC ANTENNA ON THE NORTH MAIN WATER TOWER

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Coleman to agree to let ATMOS put a wireless magnetic antenna on that water tower at the top of North Main hill and to allow the city attorney to draft the required paperwork and the mayor or his duly authorized representative to sign it. Motion carried unanimously.

Jimmy Dale Smith, Operations Supervisor with the Danville Region of Atmos Energy. Mr. Smith said they are trying to catch up with times and go wireless meter reading. He said this will not be cutting jobs it will allow them two guys to full time go to work in the field. He said the company they hired to do a survey of best place to put towers at or to go on existing cell towers, the water tower on the end of North Main was the best location that they deemed because it would catch Burgin and Harrodsburg at the same place and only have one antenna. Mr. Smith said they are looking to get the rights to be able to put a magnetic antenna on it. He said it can be removed at any point and time for any work that needs to be done on the tower. Mr. Smith said they are currently wireless now and they've got a drive by unit in the truck so they drive the routes right now. He said if work ever needed to be done on the tower, they could remove the antenna and their equipment and go back to driving it for 6 months, 7 months ever how long it took for the water tower to be reconditioned or any work. Mr. Smith said that would never be any cost to the City of Harrodsburg that would always be something ATMOS would take care of themselves. Ms. Currens said the problem we have had in the past specifically with respect to tower that was out at Essity, we had difficulty with the wi-fi carrier out there. She said they had all their antennas on the tank, they refused to take them off of our tank even though we needed to paint it. She said it made things very difficult so she brought that concern to him [Mr. Smith] and

he assured her and provided us with a drawing. Ms. Currans said they are going to use a magnetic antenna system so it will be easily removed in the event that we need to do some maintenance on the tank. She said she would like to do a one page agreement with them to that effect if someone will authorize her to draft that agreement with them and authorize the mayor to sign it. Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Coleman to agree to let ATMOS put a wireless magnetic antenna on that water tower at the top of North Main hill and to allow the city attorney to draft the required paperwork and the mayor or his duly authorized representative to sign it. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Smith said there will be a small cabinet box that will not be mounted to the tower but basically, we have one out there right now. He said the company they are going through is the company that put ours in to be able to do the wireless meter reading on our water meters. He said there will be a small cabinet that will be off to the side of the water tower. Ms. Currans asked if they had to run power to that. Mr. Smith said they do. Ms. Currans asked if they would be running their own power. Mr. Smith said they can do that a couple of ways. He said he has asked about that and in the other cities they just tapped into the cities already got power out there because it is a very minute amount. He said they won't even use enough electric to really probable to even be seen because the only thing that is running is a cell modem. Mr. Smith said most of the cities has always just allowed them to do that, but if we want to do something else, they are fine with signing a lease agreement if we want to charge them so much per month. He said it is totally up to whatever the City of Harrodsburg wants to do. Ms. Currans asked the Commission what they think. Commissioner Isham said we will let you look at it, you know more about the water towers than we do. He said you can discuss it and we can go from there. Commissioner Coleman said if your company and our company are the same person it would be pretty seamless wouldn't it. Mr. Smith said as a matter of fact I told Ms. Currans when we went out there, they actually flew a drone and the guy said we installed all of their stuff out here. He knew all about it like where it was mounted when he met me out there and everything so it is the same company that installed and would maintain I guess if there was ever an issue, I don't know if you all have ever had an issue but. Mayor Williams asked if this would involve a franchise fee. Ms. Currans said no. She said its just allowing them to have reader so they can read their meters. Ms. Currans told Mr. Smith that she would get a letter to him.

TOM BARLOW SPOKE

Tom Barlow asked the Commission if they had signed the contract with Republic Services yet. Mayor Williams said no. Mr. Barlow said good. He said he talked to the mayor the other day about it. Mr. Barlow said it took him almost two hours on the phone to get those folks to realize that he was an old person and he needed to get the senior citizens discount. He said finally they gave it to him, so his part is done, but how many other people in this town didn't get it resolved. Mr. Barlow said you can see on their letterhead they don't say his name it says resident of Harrodsburg, all I am is a number. He said he turned them in to the Attorney Generals office and they are going to be looking at them. Mr. Barlow said as we discussed they were supposed to send this out, which they didn't. He said if they had sent that out to all of our people, everyone would have known what to do. Mr. Barlow said he talked to some people that didn't have a bit of trouble. He said he went through three people, the first one all he wanted was money, the second one they sent me to new service, I couldn't be new service because I had an account number. He said he called them on July 1st which is the first day of their service, so they sent me to old

service, then I had to argue with them and they told me that I was already getting a deal since I only had one garbage can, they were giving me a deal for that. He said the new service person made a mistake and told me that this \$67.50 was only for this first year of this contract and it is going up to \$82.00 next year. Mr. Barlow told the Commission to be aware of that.

ADJOURN

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Mattingly to adjourn at approximately 1:08 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Robert O. Williams, Mayor

Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk