

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Leo Mason, Joey Bell, Fred Downey, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent were none. Also in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; City Clerk Sandra Doane; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Police Chief Kevin Kemper; and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was not present. It was discussed that the grate on South Main is still tearing up tires. Mayor Stephens asked to continue trying to get this fixed properly which will require re-pouring of the entire grate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on September 11, 2017 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additional additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

Subject: Garbage Collection Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the solid waste pickup and disposal services summary ordinance (#2017-007) awarding the garbage franchise to Rumpke. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Downey to adopt the ordinance as read awarding the garbage franchise to Rumpke. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Public Works Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Reported on routine activities.

Mr. McAllister reported individuals from Brandenburg, Lemna and Henry Thompson visited our wastewater plant to review our system.

Mr. McAllister reported the road has been patched in front of Puckett Insurance with cold patch; but will not hold. He has been in contact with the State Highway Garage and they have agreed to properly fix the area when they make their scheduled rounds.

Member Meadows reported that the sign at Shadyview and Mulberry is down again. Mr. McAllister stated he would let the state know as they are the ones who maintain this particular sign.

It was reported that all the auto reads have been installed. Mayor Stephens reported we now have 786 old meters to dispose of. Discussion held. Mayor Stephens reported he has had an offer to purchase them at \$3.00 each from Larry Stevens with Complete Meter out of Rockhill, S.C. with the offer only good for one week. Attorney Brammell stated the new statutes apply to everything and if we can follow that statute by getting an appraisal which would net under the \$5,000.00; then we can proceed with selling them straight out. Otherwise, we will need to put them out to bid. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to declare the 786 meters as surplus property as they are no longer needed for our system and to further authorize Mayor Stephens to sell them per the current statutes if possible. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Chief Kevin Kemper presented the monthly activity report to council. They had 268 total contacts for the month. Seventeen citations were issued on twenty-nine charges. Five individuals were arrested on twelve charges.

Chief Kemper reported on an arrest today that pertains to a shooting on Hillcrest Drive. Some juveniles were involved. The juveniles were arguing with some Shelby County kids and a gun was brought along. It is believed that the kid who shot at the car did not know a girl was inside the car. She is lucky as having the window down is probably what saved her from being shot.

The department is experiencing a lot of burglaries, stolen cars and bicycles. There has also been an attempted mugging of a man by five individuals. The man due to some boxing experience was able to fight them off but did not report this until the next day instead of calling 911 right away.

Chief Kemper reported on training for Lieutenant Mike Wells, Officer John Wilson and Officer Phillip Parham.

Reported they will be stepping up their patrol on the walking trail.

Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has mailed out the 2017 tax bills on September 22, 2017 with several already being paid. Clerk Doane reported that we have received payment under protest of the revised CVS tax bills for tax years 2014-2016 after they lost their appeal which totaled \$20,365.16 base amount.

Clerk Doane reported on other receipts for the month. Reported receipt of a booth rental for 2018 Eminence Day already so they can have the same booths.

Clerk Doane reported on one memorial brick sale. It was suggested to put this on Facebook to refresh memories that we are still doing this.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the September report with council which showed three total runs. Reported no meeting this month. Reported they have purchased new tires for one of the fire trucks which had tires on it that were 19 years and 7 months

old. One blew out on the way to a run which almost resulted in an accident. They have also ordered new tires for one of the other trucks which have tires on it that have been on the truck for 18 years.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that the joint Halloween event with the Renaissance Fair has been scheduled for October 28, 2017 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. with no changes from last year’s venue. Chief Kemper and Lieutenant Wells will be judging the costume contests.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens reported he has arranged for the portable restroom to be delivered when we call after the park closes for the year. They will clean it weekly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Trick or Treat – Discussion held on trick or treat. It was decided to go ahead and have Trick or Treat on Main from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. on October 31st with residential to be from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Flyers need to be sent to all the businesses and the events need to be put on Facebook and Twitter.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – None.

Subject: Mayor’s Update - Mayor Stephens reported that it has been brought to his attention that New Year’s Eve falls on a Sunday this year and if we want to update our ordinance to allow expanded alcohol sales we need to consider it now to be able to get it amended. Member Armstrong stated she sees no harm in doing this. It was discussed to allow the serving of alcohol to start at 1:00 p.m. on New Year’s Eve when on a Sunday until midnight. Council in agreement for Attorney Brammell to draft an ordinance amendment to allow this as discussed.

Mayor Stephens reported a pharmaceutical drug take back program is being held on October 28 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Eminence Police Department. This is a joint project between our Police Department, the Sheriff’s Department, CVS, and Eminence Apothecary.

Reported sale of the surplus cruiser for \$4,000.00.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Downey asked if any price had been obtained on the mural previously discussed for the side of the building on Main Street. Member Mason stated he has not heard back from his contact yet.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call of vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

Member Meadows asked if we had a cost report on operating the splashpad this year. It was stated we do not have that at this time.

Subject: Closed Session – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
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