

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 11, 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. Mayor Stephens asked if anyone had anything to take back to Magistrate Bates. No one did.

Subject: North Main Sidewalk – Mayor Stephens reported that Sam Loy, who lives at 4379 North Main Street, was in to see him today to complain about his sidewalk that we replaced over nine years ago. He is claiming it was not done correctly and wants the City to replace it. He was invited to attend the meeting tonight. He has been doing work on his sidewalk and driveway and has been blocking the sidewalk which creates a hazard for kids walking to school who have to step out into the road to get around. The Mayor stated he sent Lieutenant Wells to ask him to clear the sidewalk which has upset him now. Mayor Stephens stated he attempted to explain everything to him in a peaceful manner; but Mr. Loy was not interested in hearing anything and was extremely upset with him and the City.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Bid Opening – Surplus Cruiser - Mayor Stephens reported that no bids were received for the surplus cruiser we offered for sale under sealed bid. This was advertised for two weeks per the instructions from council. Since no bids were received, we can proceed with trying to sell this in another manner. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to authorize Mayor Stephens to sell the cruiser at the best negotiated price with the starting price to be \$5,000.00. On a call for vote by clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”. Council suggested listing this on Craig’s List, Kentucky Buy, Sell, & Trade and the City’s website.

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 14, 2017 and the special session held on September 5, 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 both stand approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Chief Kevin Kemper presented the monthly activity report to council. They had 322 total contacts for the month. Thirty-Seven citations were issued on fifty-six charges. Eleven individuals were arrested on twenty charges.

Chief Kemper reported they have been very busy this month with several thefts being worked which has created a lot of overtime. The thieves are going after guns mostly. One of the burglaries has been solved with arrests being made and the property recovered. A second burglary is close to an arrest being made as well. Officer Bailey has worked these cases.

Officer Parham has worked a case involving an individual who was attempting to make contact with young girls at Coach D Park. The adult male has been arrested in St. Matthews with the assistance of the St. Matthew's Police Department. This case has required Officer Parham to be in St. Matthews quite a bit.

Council inquired about the progress of finding the individual responsible for the vandalism at the park. Chief Kemper stated no progress has been made on this, even though they know who did it. They have no proof and the individual will not admit to doing the vandalism.

Chief Kemper reported that the above crimes and required schooling has left them short-handed most of the month. He praised his officers for their great work ethic and tenacity in getting things accomplished.

Member Downey asked if the new cruiser has been ordered yet. Chief Kemper stated it has not. Member Downey stated he does not want us to start spending a lot of money on repairs to these old cruisers. Member Kemper stated he has been taking care of some safety issues on some of the cruisers with all of them being okay for now.

Mayor Stephens stated he has had a complaint about loitering at the cemetery. Chief Kemper stated he has checked this out and it is individuals who are game playing with one individual having come all the way from Indiana. They are not really doing anything wrong and are not leaving trash or destroying anything so without a no trespassing sign their hands are tied.

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 they have cleared a storm drain headwall near Dobner Way.

Mr. McAllister reported repairs to a six-inch water main break at the end of Dogwood Lane. They have also been flushing several fire hydrants to help maintain consistent chlorine residuals in sections of the water distribution system. Member Meadows asked if preventative maintenance is being done on the hydrants. Mr. McAllister stated that this has been set up and is being done.

Mr. McAllister reported they only have about 90 more auto reads to install but are waiting on replacement ERTS.

Member Armstrong inquired if the change made at the splash pad has helped with the water standing at one edge making a muddy mess. Mr. McAllister stated cutting back the pressure on the one feature has taken care of the problem.

Mr. McAllister reported that a new phase monitor had to be installed at the Libertas station and a new breaker was needed at the East Broadway station.

Subject: Second Leak Adjustment – Clerk Doane reviewed a second leak adjustment request for Sarah Poole at 117 Hillcrest Drive. The leak ran over into two months and has been repaired. The first adjustment was for \$62.94 with the second adjustment estimated to be \$72.38. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to approve the second leak adjustment for Ms. Poole at 117 Hillcrest Drive as discussed. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 97.4 % of the 2016 tax billing as of September 7, 2017. The amounts still due the City include the appeal bills sent to CVS for the tax years 2014-2016 totaling \$20,365.16. An Attorney for CVS has contacted us stating they are not owed; but after checking with our PVA he assures us they do owe this amount. Council suggested that Attorney Brammell send one final letter out to CVS on this prior to filing a lien.

Clerk Doane reported on other receipts for the month. Also reported that the audit work has started.

Subject: Financial Statements – Mayor Stephens reviewed the final budget comparison for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Asked council to review and if any questions to let him know.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the August report with council which showed five total runs with a total of 191-man hours and one special detail with a total of 8-man hours. Member Meadows reported all is going well. They are planning some activities for Trick or Treat and fire month.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that the joint Halloween event with the Renaissance Fair has been scheduled for October 28, 2017 with more information to follow. Stated she would like to have this earlier next year. The County Trail or Treat is scheduled for October 20, 2017.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens reported the splash pad is closed for the season with the lights off as well. We anticipate locking the bathrooms earlier now as well. Member Meadows asked if we could put a portable restroom at the park this fall and winter. Mayor Stephens will check into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Garbage Collection Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the solid waste pickup and disposal services ordinance awarding the franchise to Rumpke as voted on last month.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – None.

Subject: Mayor's Update - Mayor Stephens reported that a forum is being held next week on Wednesday night, September 20, 2017 at 6:30 at the 4-H building to hear discussion on the state retirement program. Encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Meadows asked Clerk Doane if this was the year to evaluate the rate for treatment of Pleasureville's sewage. Clerk Doane stated no, it will be next year.

Member Mason asked who owned the tractors on Elm Street next to Scriber's. It was stated they belonged to Ralph Ferguson; however, he has passed away so not sure. Mayor Stephens will try to look into this. Other cited properties and problems were discussed.

Member Downey asked about the status of the side of the building on Main Street next to the burnt-out ones. Mayor Stephens stated they have one year from either March or April to take care of the problem including fixing the door and windows. Member Downey asked about putting a mural on the side of the building. Discussion held on this including the cost. Member Mason stated he would check on some prices for this. Member Bell asked if we could cover the side of the building with metal and send the owners an invoice. Attorney Brammell stated we will need to check on ordinance parameters prior to doing anything.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked Chief Kemper to explain the invoice from Leads Online. Chief Kemper stated it is a program that monitors pawn shops for stolen property. They actually told him where some stolen property was located from a recent theft. The program sent him a picture of the person pawning the property and the location of the pawn shop. He is going to use the program for some old case files as well. The pawn shops do have to pay to participate, but the program allows insurance for them so they are not totally out their money. The Henry County Sheriff's Office and the State Police already participate in the program. Chief Kemper stated he believes it will be well worth the money. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call of vote, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Closed Session – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Downey to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
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