

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Fred Downey, Leo Mason, Lee Ann Armstrong and Polly Troxell. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Chief Mike Wells; Henry County Local Editor Taylor Riley, Eminence Resident Ed Steinmetz, The Wells Family Dudley Shryock, Don Wells, Rita Wells, Amanda Wells, Ryan Wells and Jordan.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business - Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report was submitted to council. Mayor Stephens reported Representative Rand acknowledged receipt of letters sent from council and they had been passed on through the proper channels but no further action has been taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 8, 2019 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Police Chief Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. Department personnel had a total of 333 contacts for the month, with six traffic collisions. Fifty-two citations were issued on eighty-seven charges. Twelve arrests were made.

Police Chief Wells reported there were a few qualified applicants for patrol officer. An offer has been extended and hopefully the new officer will start on August 29, 2019.

Police Chief Wells reported a Dodge Ram pursuit vehicle has been ordered to replace the existing Ford Explorer.

Subject: Swearing in of New Police Chief – Mayor Stephens swore in Michael L. Wells as the new Chief of Police of City of Eminence effective August 1, 2019.

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 the annual drinking water inspection was performed by the state without issues; a ruptured 6” water main had to be repaired in front of Limestone Bank on Elm Street; and a new water service was installed for a home being built in Elmcrest Subdivision.

Mr. McAllister also reported the annual wastewater inspection was performed by the state without issues; a sewer tap was performed for the library project; the groundwater protection plan was updated; and the yearly influent, effluent, sludge scan for the industries was done in order to stay in compliance.

Mayor Stephens reported Eminence School had moved the sidewalk back so that it didn’t infringe on the utilities of the city for the new gym project. Motion made by Member Armstrong to convey the property to the school and reserve the utility easement seconded by Member Mason. On a roll call all member present voted “Yea”.

A second leak adjustment was requested for Robert and Brittany Moore in the amount of \$77.18. The leak has gone on for two billing cycles and has been repaired. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to grant the second leak adjustment to Robert and Brittany Moore. On a roll call all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - City Clerk Robin Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 98% of the total 2018 billed taxes with only \$4,730.23 remaining unpaid as of August 5, 2019.

Clerk Mullins reported that Debbie Moore graduated from the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Institute and is now a Certified Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Stephens reported that Donna Rangel has jumped right in and is doing a great job.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported that all is going well in the department. The department had 9 runs and other training hours during July for a total of 205.5 manhours. Member Meadows reported the old pumper had been turned over to the Public Works; and the new lights the bay were appreciated.

Mayor Stephens reported that October is Fire Fighter Appreciation Month and at that time we will honor Stephan Sparrow. He suggested everyone think of ways to do this and a decision will be made next month.

Subject: Festivals Report – Mayor Stephens reported the Festival Committee will meet tomorrow, August 13, 2019 at 6:45 pm at the Renaissance Fair. He also reported the band for the Halloween Festival will be Josh Bogard and The Dirty South.

Member Mason reported he had been asked if we will honor past pageant winners at the Halloween Festival.

Subject: Parks Report – Mayor Stephens reported the sited survey had been received and had been sent to the inspector. The concrete guys should be at the park tomorrow, August 13, 2019.

Member Meadows reported he wanted to know if the bucket at the splash pad could be fixed. After much discussion, it was decided the issued would be researched.

Subject: Code Enforcement Report – Mayor Stephens reported he had interviewed four applicants for the Code Enforcement position. Hopefully, he will have a decision soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Property Tax Rate Discussion – Clerk Mullins reviewed the compensating and 4% allowed rates for real and personal property. The compensating rate on real property is 31.9% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 33.1% per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The compensating rate on personal property is 31.9% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 33.1% per one hundred dollars of assessed value. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to keep the rates the same as last year at 31.6 on both real and personal property and 26.6 on motor vehicles and watercraft.

Subject: Property Tax Rate Ordinance – Mayor Stephens held the first reading of an ordinance setting the real and personal property tax rates at 31.6 per \$100.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft rate at 26.6 per \$100.00 assessment for 2019.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reported paving and striping has been done. Although, there is still more striping to be done.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Downey asked if there is anything the city can do to help down town business with their facade. Mayor Stephens reported we had grants in the past, but they were not successful.

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

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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ATTEST: Robin L. Mullins, Clerk
ROBIN L. MULLINS, CITY CLERK
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