

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Bobbi Jo Frazier, Connie Nation, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Police Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matthew McAllister, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Major John Dudinskie, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, Magistrate Carl Tingle and residents James “Goodie” Goodloe, Shawn Bright, Steve Metcalfe, Cody Miracle, and Officer Rick Simmons.

Mayor Downey called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission – Mayor Downey introduced Cody Miracle and let him say a few words. He would like to appoint Mr. Miracle to the commission since Ms. Bassett-Webb has resigned.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Nation to appoint Cody Miracle as the representative of the City of Eminence on the Planning and Zoning Commission. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes Regular Meeting July 10, 2023 – The minutes from July 10, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: Sewer Smell – Mayor Downey reported Clerk Mullins had called former Public Works Director Smith and found out the prior product used was to keep grease down, it was a different product than the one he was looking at.

Member Armstrong asked if Public Works Director McAllister had time to reach out to the company Mayor Downey had mentioned last meeting and he replied no, since they were short staffed. The department has been busy with mowing, leaks, and other projects.

Consensus of the council is to review at a later date when Public Works McAllister has time to reach out to other companies.

Subject: Bingo Discussion – Member Smith reported the Rental Agreement Committee met with Jennifer and Kimberly and went over the concerns of the council. The minute notes were presented and if anyone had questions, they could ask.

Member Paris asked about the refrigerator, bingo said it couldn't be used by other renters.

Member Smith reported the city has a refrigerator in the budget, one just hasn't been purchased.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Police Chief Mike Wells presented the monthly activity report to the council.

Chief Wells reported the CAD system should be up and running next month.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director McAllister presented the monthly activity report to council.

Public Director McAllister reported that on March 3, 2023, during the windstorm we had damage to two roofs at the sewer plant and the lagoon cover. Payments were received in the amounts of \$32,000.00 for the lagoon cover, \$3,471.83 for the blower room roof and \$3,471.83 for the pump room roof.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the specialized quote received for lagoon cover with Lemna Environmental Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith to get estimates for the roofs on the buildings at the sewer plants and allow Mayor Downey to make the decision as long as it within one to two thousand above \$10,000.00. On a call for votes, the following members voted:

Member Frazier	“Yea”	Member Smith	“Yea”
Member Nation	“Yea”	Member Paris	“Yea”
Member Wayman	“Yea”	Member Armstrong	“Nay”

Second Leak Adjustments were presented in the amount of \$51.86 for Anthony Adams.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the leak adjustments for Anthony Adams in the amount of \$51.86. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: Administrative Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Clerk Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative report.

Clerk Mullins presented the 4th quarter budget review for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto) – Fire Chief Steve Lucas presented the monthly activity report. They had 18 runs and 139 manpower hours.

Subject: Park Committee: None.

Subject: Festival Committee: Member Paris reported Polly Troxell will be the Grand Marshall, the bands are in place, shirts are ordered, and booths are still coming in.

On August 25, 2023 Music @ Depot will present Gibson Wright and food will be provided by All Porked Out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Tax Discussion – Clerk Mullins presented the compensating and 4% allowed rates for real and personal property. The compensating rate on real property is 24.5% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 25.4% per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The compensating rate on personal property is 23.3% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 25.4% per one hundred dollars of assessed value. Discussion held. Consensus of the council was to go with the compensating rate on real and personal property at 24.5% for both and 26.6% on motor vehicle and watercraft.

Subject: Property Tax Rate Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading on an ordinance setting the real and personal property tax rates at 24.5% per \$100.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft rate at 26.6% per \$100.00 assessment for 2023.

Subject: Sale of Surplus Vehicle – Mayor Downey reported the new police vehicle should be in soon and we should sell the 2013 Chevy Tahoe as a Surplus Vehicle to the City of Campbellsburg.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to declare the 2013 Chevy Tahoe as a surplus vehicle that will be replaced by a 2023 Dodge Durango and to donate it to the City of Campbellsburg. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to declare the computer stand in the 2013 Chevy Tahoe surplus property and sell it to the City of Campbellsburg for \$825.00. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Open Citizens Comments/Questions – None.

Mayor’s Update: Mayor Downey reported the Theiss building had been sold. The plan is to tear down part of it and make a parking lot and the rest of the building will be a sports bar and restaurant. The owners will be at the next council meeting to introduce themselves.

Also, Mayor Downey reported another property has been sold and the owners will be in to speak with the council in the next couple of months about their plans for growth and industry.

Mayor Downey reported the sidewalks have been put out to bid and will be opened at the next council meeting. He is still working on the entrance to McDonalds. He intends to get bids on drainage problems on Bell Ave and Johnson's.

Mayor Downey reported the Merriweather/King Street Fund donated two microwaves for the Community Room.

Council – New Business – Member Wayman reported Aunt Annies Pretzel will be here on September 8, 2023 and proceeds will go towards Shop with A Cop.


Also, Member Wayman reported September 23, 2023 there will be a 5K Walk or Run and the proceeds will go towards Shop with A Cop.

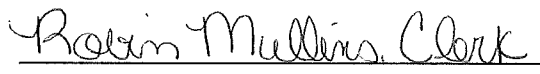
Member Wayman reported the road sign on Clear Creek is still down. Public Works Director McAllister will check on it.

Member Smith reported September 19 -22, 2023 KLC is having a Conference and Expo. Anyone interested in attending, please let Clerk Mullins know.

Member Frazier asked if the police had moved to the New Municipal Building? Major Dudinskie reported there are still some things that need to be done, but they intend to move before Eminence Day.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Wayman and seconded by Member Frazier to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 
ROBIN MULLINS, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY