

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2022

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Doug Bates and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Fred Downey, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell and Justin Wayman. Absent was Member Meadows. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Police Officer Scott Wilcoxson, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, Henry County Library Representative Desmond Richardson, residents Connie Nation, Kathy Bright, Shawn Bright, Carl Tingle, and Sandra Smith.

Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent, so no report was submitted to council.

Subject: William H. Mason Street Dedication – Sandra Smith was present to report Mr. Mason's children would be here for his induction into the Veteran Hall of Fame and if possible, she would like the city to do the street dedication at the same time. The date and time were set for August 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The city will provide tables, chairs, and refreshments in the Eminence Schools back parking lot.

Subject: Guest – The city had several guests at the meeting and the mayor asked them to stand up and introduce themselves.

Carl Tingle is on the ballot for Magistrate and is asking for your vote.

Connie Nation is on the ballot for Eminence City Council.

Kathy Bright is married to Shawn Bright who is on the ballot for Eminence Mayor.

Shawn Bright is on the ballot for Eminence Mayor.

Desmond Richardson is with the Henry County Library, and they are going to start taking an interest in what is going on in the city.

Rob Hoff with the Henry County Local reported that there will be a Candidate Showcase at Henry County High School on September 22, 2022 and would like to invite the Eminence Mayoral candidates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 11, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Wayman to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

The minutes of the special session held on July 19, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Wayman and seconded by Member Metcalfe to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

The minutes of the special session held on August 2, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Wayman to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Second Reading of Amendment of Ethics Ordinance: Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the Ethics Ordinance amending the section on Nepotism. Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Troxell to adopt the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, the following members voted:

Member Metcalfe	“Yea”	Member Troxell	“Yea”
Member Armstrong	“Yea”	Member Wayman	“Yea”
Member Downey	“Abstain”		

Second Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 437 Mulberry Pike: Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an Ordinance Annexing 437 Mulberry Pike. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Wayman to adopt the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Officer Wilcoxson presented the monthly activity report to the council.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Mayor Bates presented his report.

Clerk Mullins presented second leak adjustment for Donnetta Dixie in the amount of \$271.68. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Metcalfe for the second adjustment in the amount of \$271.68. 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 reported she has been working with auditor.

Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto) – Chief Lucas presented the monthly report.

Chief Lucas requested that if the Public Works department is not using the old Fire Truck, we donate it to one of the Fire Departments in Eastern Kentucky, since they lost everything from the flood.

Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Wayman to donate the old fire truck now in possession of the Eminence Public Works Department to Eastern Kentucky to whoever Chief Lucas finds needs it the most in Eastern Kentucky. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Chief Lucas also reported the fire department will take up donations for those impacted by the flood in Eastern Kentucky, Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fire/Police Parking Lot.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Downey reported Eminence Day is September 24, 2022. The roads will be closed during Eminence Day, Back Yard Bounce will be here, there will be a trailer for the bands, plenty of vendors. All rides will be free. The parade will leave the Eminence Auto Auction lot at 1:00 p.m.

Lucas family will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.

Subject: Park Update – None.

Subject: Beautification Committee: Member Downey reported they have received three more applications.

Clerk Mullins also reported she contacted the insurance agent as requested and he said we couldn't provide a scaffolding or bucket truck for the mural.

Member Downey reported “Hopper,” Reid Riley will allow them to use the lift for the mural.

Subject: Police Liaison Committee – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Tax Rate: Clerk Mullins reviews the compensating and 4% allowed rates for real and personal property. The compensating rate on real property is 24.7% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 25.6% per one hundred dollars of

assessed value. The compensating rate on personal property is 24.7% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 28.75% 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 24.7% 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 24.7% per \$100.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft rate at 26.6% per \$100.00 assessment for 2022.

Subject: Walking Trail – Member Wayman reported he had met with a few contractors about repairing/repaving the walking trail, but he felt we needed to just repair the part that needs to be fixed since we are planning on doing a major project and not tie up all the city’s money in case we need it in different areas.

Member Armstrong and Member Downy felt the same way, we just needed to repair whatever is unsafe.

Member Metcalfe suggested that maybe we could seal the rest of the trail to make it last a little longer.


Mayor’s Update: Mayor Bates reported that the Lucas Family has meant a lot to the city and felt they should be honored.

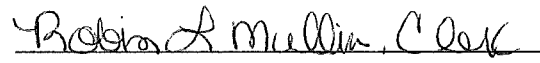
Council – New Business – Member Armstrong reported she is working with Mr. Hayes and Boy Scout Troup 421 trying to get a flag disposal box. They will be raising money.

Member Metcalfe questioned if the cameras were up at the park, and they are.

Subject: Warrants – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Armstrong 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 Metcalfe and seconded by Member Wayman to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


DOUGLAS M. BATES, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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