

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2021

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members were present: Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell and Justin Wayman. Absent was Member LeeAnn Armstrong. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Police Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Ed Steinmetz, Samuel Adams, Tony Tingle, Doug Bates, Jean Ray, Mike Ray, Amanda Ricketts, and Henry County Local Editor Aaron Nelson.

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

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

Subject: Street Dedication – Tony Tingle was present to discuss the dedication of the streets in Elmcrest Subdivision to the City of Eminence. Attorney Brammell stated the roads just need to be inspected and approved then if they meet the city’s specifications the city could take ownership. Tony stated the first set of roads were over eighteen years old and Bill Smith had inspected them, and they met his specifications back then. Mayor reported that he or Public Works Director McAllister would inspect the roads and send a letter to Tony if they met specifications.

Amanda Ricketts and Mike Rey from Planning & Zoning stated they handle the roads now and require a bond, so the city will not be responsible for the roads in any new subdivisions. They inspect them and the bond is not released until the roads meet specifications.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on November 8, 2021 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 as presented.

Subject: Discussion on Zoning Ordinance for Henry County Amending Section 670: – Amanda Ricketts and the Planning & Zoning Commission was present to discuss the changes to ordinance allowing a zone change for a solar plant. The zone change would allow local input where facilities could be located. The consensus of the council was to wait until the next meeting before they made a decision to move ahead with the zone change.

Subject: Second Reading on Ordinance Amending Ord. No. 2010-002 Updating Policies & Procedures, Comp. Plan & Classification and Repealing Ord. No. 2021-004 – Attorney

Brammell held the second reading on an ordinance updating Policies & Procedures, Compensation Plan, Classification that all persons employed from the city from March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 are eligible to receive a one-time lump sum payment for actual hours worked. Member Meadows made a motion to accept the ordinance as read and Member Metcalfe seconded the motion. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells reported there were six ordinance violations and he had been to court nine times. The judge was just giving each offender 30 days to bring their property up to compliance and the cycle was just repeating itself.

Chief Wells also reported they took eleven children on Shop with A Cop.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director McAllister presented his report.

Public Works Director McAllister reported there was still no build date on Dump Truck.

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

Clerk Mullins reported they had received 86% of the 2021 property tax bills.

Clerk Mullins also reported she had spoke with Peoples Bank about the interest rates and some adjustments were made and the money market accounts were combined.

Clerk Mullins reported she hadn't heard back from Diann Harlowe about the bank property.

Subject: Fire Report – Member Meadows presented the monthly report. He reported there were 4 fire runs and none were rural.

Mayor Stephens asked if the siren works because he did not hear it go off the other night. It hasn't gone off the last couple of months when they have monthly test. Member Meadows said he would check with Chief Lucas about the siren.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Downey reported that they plan to have a carousel, jump house, train, photobooths with the Grinch and Santa, sled with elves.

Member Downey also reported there will be a couple of vendors.

Member Wayman reported he would like to do a collection for Mayfield.

Member Meadows reported they still need to get with Stevie about moving the Fire Trucks.

Member Metcalfe requested the streets be closed at noon.

Chief Wells reported he was meeting the Tractor Committee at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 if anyone wanted to attend.

Subject: Park Update – Mayor Stephens requested port-a-pots be ordered.

Subject: Beautification Committee: Mayor Stephens reported that the committee met last month, and forms and ordinances had been mailed to everyone who was not on the council. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Open Citizens – Resident Ed Steinmetz asked if there was a siren out by industrial area because he couldn't hear the one up at the fire station.

Mayor Stephens reported he usually does on one-call to warn about the tornado, but it usually too late.

Mayor Stephens reported we could investigate about putting on up on the water tower.

Subject: Mayors Update – Mayor Stephens reported he had emailed the council members and department heads his letter of resignation dated December 9, 2021 with an effective date of December 31, 2021.

Attorney Brammell reported the council had until February 1, 2022 to fill the seat of Mayor or the Governor's office would do it. He told the council they could make an appointment at the meeting tonight or have a special meeting at a later date.

After discussion, Member Downey made the motion to appoint Doug Bates as Mayor to fill the remainder of the mayor's term. The motion was seconded by Member Troxell. On a call for votes the following members voted:

Member Downey "Yea"

Member Troxell "Yea"

Member Metcalfe "Yea"

Member Wayman "Yea"


Member Meadows "Yea"

The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Brammell advised council to call a special meeting for swearing in of Doug Bates as Mayor. Special Meeting set for January 3, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.

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".

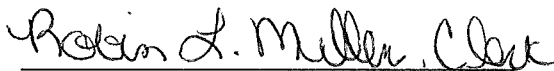
With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalfe to adjourn. All Members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



DOUG BATES, MAYOR

CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:



ROBIN L. MULLINS, CITY CLERK

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