

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2025

EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Phillip Smith, Karen Paris, Justin Wayman, Bobbi Jo Frazier, and Connie Nation. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Interim Police Chief Scott Wilcoxson, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Employees: J.R. Ellis, Michael Corley, Matt Cravens, Chase DeWitt, and Brett Downey, Residents Brian Golden, Shawn Bright, Hollie Wilson and Missy Sharpe, Henry County Local Editor Joe Durbin, Magistrate Carl Tingle, Planning & Zoning Administrator Jason Stanely and Planning, Zoning Commissioner Mike Ray, Rumpke Representatives Jeremy Rumpke and Christopher Pierce.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Future Land Use Maps – P&Z Administrator Jason Stanley and P&Z Commissioner Mike Ray asked the council to look over and update the planning and zoning map for future growth in the city. These changes will take place every five years and this is the time to make those changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous special session held on December 9, 2024, 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: Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Date, Time and Location for Meeting of the City Council - Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the Ordinance Amending Date, Time and Location for Meeting of the City Council. Motion made by Member Nation and seconded by Member Smith to approve the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Relating to the Control of Alcoholic Beverages in the City – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the Ordinance Relating to the Control of Alcoholic Beverages in the City. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all member present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

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

Member Armstrong thanked Interim Chief Wilcoxson and his wife, Sylvia, for opening the Community Room as a warming center during the freezing weather we experienced the first weekend of January.

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

Member Armstrong asked how we were doing on salt. Director McAllister stated we have used around 50% and had ordered more from Morton Salt Company.

Member Smith thanked the Public Works Department for all the work they had done removing the snow all weekend and everything they do.

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

Clerk Mullins presented the month of December 2024 expenses.

Clerk Mullins presented the second quarter budget review.

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

Member Paris asked if Chief Lucas’s command truck had been repaired. He stated he is having it hauled in and will evaluate if it can be fixed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Bid Opening Garbage Franchise – Mayor Downey opened the one bid received from Rumpke Waste and Recycling.

Residential:	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	\$30.00	(Up to two 90 Gallon Carts)
	7/1/2026-6/30/2027	\$31.20	(Up to two 90 Gallon Carts)
Commercial:	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	\$30.00	(Up to two 90 Gallon Carts)
	7/1/2026-6/20/2027	\$31.20	(Up to two 90 Gallon Carts)

Monthly charge for each additional cart \$3.50


Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to approve the bid from Rumpke as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea"

Subject: Approval and Swearing of Police Chief – Motion made by Member Wayman and seconded by Member Smith to appoint Interim Police Chief Scott Wilcoxson as full-time permanent Police Chief. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea"


Mayor's Update: Mayor Downey reported the roads are cleared of the snow and we are still waiting to hear back on the Water & Sewer Grant Expansion.

Council - New Business – Member Armstrong reported a mailbox was hit during snow removal. Clerk Mullins reported she could call the office with this information, because it happens every year and we just replace the mailboxes.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Nation to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 

DEBBIE MOORE, ASST. CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

