

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDIN

JANUARY 9, 2023  
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 9, 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, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, and see attached sign in sheet.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: Bingo** – Jennifer Hegg presented a proposal to allow bingo in the new municipal building. The bingo would start out as one night a week and maybe progress to two nights a week. The money raised goes back to the American Saddle Bred Rescue Society which is a non-profit organization. The council presented many questions and concerns and decided to meet back next month with a contract for both parties to look over.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous special session held on December 12, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all Members present voted, “Yea”.

**Subject: Second Reading Ordinance Updating Location of Council Meeting:** Attorney Brammell held the second reading updating the location of the council meeting. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to accept the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all Members present voted, “Yea”.

**Subject: Bid Opening – 2005 Chevy 1500 Truck** – No bids were received. Council agreed to rebid the 2005 Chevy 1500 Truck with no minimum.

**REPORTS:**

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

Chief Wells reported officers are making more traffic stops and checking businesses.

Also, Chief Wells reported seventeen children went to Shop-With-A-Cop.

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

Clerk Mullins presented second leak adjustments for the following residents: Anna Quincy, Nathaniel Chestnut, Tessa Renfro, Heather Cameron, and Donna Roberts.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to approve the second leak adjustments for the following residents:

Anna Quincy	\$30.54	Nathaniel Chestnut	\$865.83
Tessa Renfro	\$737.81	Heather Cameron	\$80.50
Donna Roberts			\$71.28

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 second quarter budget review. She asked the council to review and contact her with any questions.

Clerk Mullins presented the check registers of the bills paid during the month of December, 2022. She asked the council to review and contact her with any questions.

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

Chief Lucas reported they had an audit by the Kentucky Fire Commission, and they should be receiving a check between from 11K to 20K.

Member Paris reported the floor in the bay in the fire department is coming up in spots. Mayor Downey reported he had been in contact with George, and he will contact Tennis Technologies.

**Subject: Beautification Committee:** Member Smith reported the committee met and had approved additional invoices for Valero and Subway.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Garbage Franchise Resolution:** Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to sign the Garbage Franchise Resolution. On a call for votes, all Members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Mural – Project Proposal:** Mayor Downey presented the council with a proposal of what the cost would be to have the mural professionally done.

Member Wayman reported he would like to have Greg Robinson to do the mural, since he is local.

Attorney Brammell reported we could commission Greg Robinson do the mural and pay him the cost of supplies, paint, general liability insurance and workers compensation coverage.

Mayor Downey will meet with Greg Robinson and get an estimate of the total cost to do the project.

**Subject: Committee Appointments** – Mayor Downey asked the council to turn in their committee sheets and he will let them know which committees they are on later.

**Open Citizen Comments/Questions** – Steve Metcalfe asked the council to consider putting a plan together to maintain the sidewalks in the city. He would be willing to help.

Attorney Brammell reported that right now the ordinance states the homeowners are responsible for the sidewalks, but she will look into the ordinance.

Member Armstrong does not mind fixing the sidewalks, she just doesn't want the city to be responsible for yard maintenance of the sidewalks.

**Mayor's Update:** Mayor Downey reported he had met with the developers of the new subdivision, and they plan to build fifty homes per year for a total of 200. Right now, all we have to do is sign off on Phase I for the first fifty.

Public Works Director McAllister reported they are waiting until we find the best place to tap on to the sewer before he signs off. He has given them two options. The first fifty homes will not put us over our sewer capacity, but if we don't do something, by the time we get to 200, we will be over capacity. We need to either work on I/I or upgrade the sewer plant.

Attorney Brammell reported we could charge the developers for upgrades to the sewer plant. She had another utility company do that and she will look into it for the city.

Mayor Downey reported the first phase of work has been completed at the new municipal building. He also stated that a wall has to be constructed before the police can move in.


Mayor Downey reported that Park Duvall is putting in a mobile unit on the property located on West Broadway. A Planning & Zoning meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. if anyone want to attend.

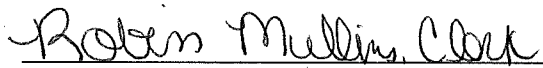
All members were in favor of allowing Park Duvall to move forward.

**Council – New Business** – Member Smith asked if the city could look into getting a microphone system, because it is hard to hear in the new building.

Also, Member Smith reported that in 1976 his grandfather William H. Mason wrote a resolution for the city offices to closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Wayman to adjourn. All Members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
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FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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