**CITY COUNCIL MEETING** **JULY 13, 2026**

**EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING** **EMINENCE, KENTUCKY**

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: Lee Ann Armstrong, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, Bobbie Jo Frazier, and Connie Nation. Absent was Member Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Police Chief Scott Wilcoxson, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Utility Clerk Donna Rangel, Public Work Director Troy Popp, Utility Maintenance J.R. Ellis, Asst. Public Works Director Jonathan Bates, Henry County Local Representative Joe Durban, and Residents Doug Bates, Ronetta Vargas, Kenya Vargas, Wayne Dixie, Steve Metcalfe, Missy Ayers, and Mr. & Mrs. Russell Merker .

Mayor Downey called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. ET/5:00 p.m. CT.

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: Shooting on East Broadway & Police Presence** – Kenya Vargas was at the council meeting to report a shooting on East Broadway that happened Saturday, July 11, 2026, that could have killed her two-year-old child, sister, finance and herself. She reported she called 911 at 11:36 p.m. and an officer didn't show up until 12:15 a.m.

Ms. Vargas asked for more police presence during cruise night, because only one officer was on duty.

Also Ms. Vargas asked if something could be done about speeding on E. Broadway, maybe speed bumps. Mayor Downey will get a speed bump installed.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 8, 2026, 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: Minutes** – The minutes of the special meeting held on June 18, 2026, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Nation and seconded by Member Paris to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the special meeting held on June 25, 2026, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member

Frazier and seconded by Member Paris to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Resolution for Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement** – Attorney Brammell gave a brief overview of Resolution for Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith approved the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement Resolution. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement Between the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways and the City of Eminence** – Attorney Brammell gave a brief overview of the Resolution which is for the LARP Funds.

Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Nation to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Eminence for the LARP Funds. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Surplus Property John Deer Skid Steer** – Public Works Director Popp stated we were ready to put the skid steer out for bid as surplus property, since the new one is coming tomorrow.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier, Pursuant to KRS 82.083 the City would like to dispose the John Deer Skid Steer that was purchased for the purpose of street maintenance and leak repairs. The reason for disposition is a new skid steer was purchase and it will be put out for bid. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Surplus Property Five-Foot King Kutter Bushhog** – Public Works Director Popp stated the bushhog should be put out for bid as surplus property because it hadn't been used in years and it's too small.

Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith, Pursuant to KRS 82.083 the City would like to dispose of the Country Pride Bushhog that was purchased to bushhog the sewer plant. The reason for disposition is it's too small and hadn't been used in a long time. The bushhog will be put out to bid. On a call for votes. All members present voted "Yea".

**Mayor's Update** – Mayor Downey stated we should be ready to bid out the Five Roads soon.

Mayor Downey reported we will be applying for more roads to be paved soon.

Also, Mayor Downey reported we are going to hire another person for the Public Works Department. The position will be posted in the paper and website in the next couple of weeks.

**Council – New Business –** Member Armstrong wanted to thank the mayor for suggesting a committee for the Coach D Park Upgrade. The committee had spoken to one company about mulch replacement with the option of a grant to use towards another piece of equipment. Another idea the committee had were trees and benches which the community could purchase or donate.

Member Armstrong also reported the ACDC Committee will participate in one or two days of the state fair. Magnets have been purchase for giveaways. A city-wide yard sale will be held on September 5th, with dumpsters and food trucks.

Member Armstrong reported Theater Down Stream will use the council chambers on August 14, 15, and 16 for their production.

Member Armstrong reported August 8th is the Back-to-School Event at the library, she is still waiting to hear when the school will have theirs.

Member Paris reported that Eminence Day is September 26th. The performers will be Restoration Life, Sight Unseen, American Idol Finalist Kennedy Reed, Jerry Green, Dalton Daly and Josh Bogart. The Community Room will be open with games for kids and one room will be used for the bands. Other things that will be at the event will be Spiderman, princes, train, pirate ship, fun house, foam party, etc.

**Open Citizen Comments –** None.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Paris to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. ET/5:53 p.m. CT.

FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: Robin Mullins, Clerk
ROBIN MULLINS, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ROBIN MULLINS
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MATT McCALLISTER
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SCOTT WILCOXSON
POLICE CHIEF

STEVIE LUCAS
FIRE CHIEF

Fred Downey
MAYOR

**July 1, 2026**

Honorable Fred Downey
5115 South Main Street
P.O. Box 163
Eminence, KY 40019

Dear Mayor Downey:

Please see the following for police department activity in June 2026:

**General Activity**:

| Complaints | Written Warnings | Traffic Stops | Criminal Cases |
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| 282 | 4 | 26 | 7 |
| **Domestic Violence Reports** | **Traffic Collisions** | **Incident Reports** | **TOTALS** |
| 3 | 6 | 7 | |

City Ordinances: 12
Business Checks: 140
Crisis Intervention: 3
(Complaints = Alarms-MA-Assists-911 hang ups-welfare checks)

**Number of Individuals Arrested**:

EXPLANATION: These figures represent the number of individuals arrested and the number of charges attributed to these individuals.

| Individuals Arrested | Total Citations |
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| 2 | 2 |

## Comments

June 2, 2026, a mandatory meeting was held at the PD. County Attorney Dees attended the meeting. In full transparency the meeting consisted of County Attorney bringing everyone up to speed on how things are done in Henry County so that all officers are doing the same procedures. Also discussed was a yearly meeting with the County Attorney to discuss new laws going into effect that year. DOJ provides a service to transport juveniles to detention was discussed as a possible option. Details are still being checked into. Other topics discussed were reports, reasoning behind saving and moving reports into specific folders, Possibility of 12-hour shifts and the different options and obstacles that are associated with 12 shifts. The hiring of a new officer, and the current state of morale within the department.

## Fuel Report

| 24/25 MONTH OF YEAR | GAS | | MAINTENANCE | | TOTAL COST PER MONTH | MILES DRIVEN PER MONTH |
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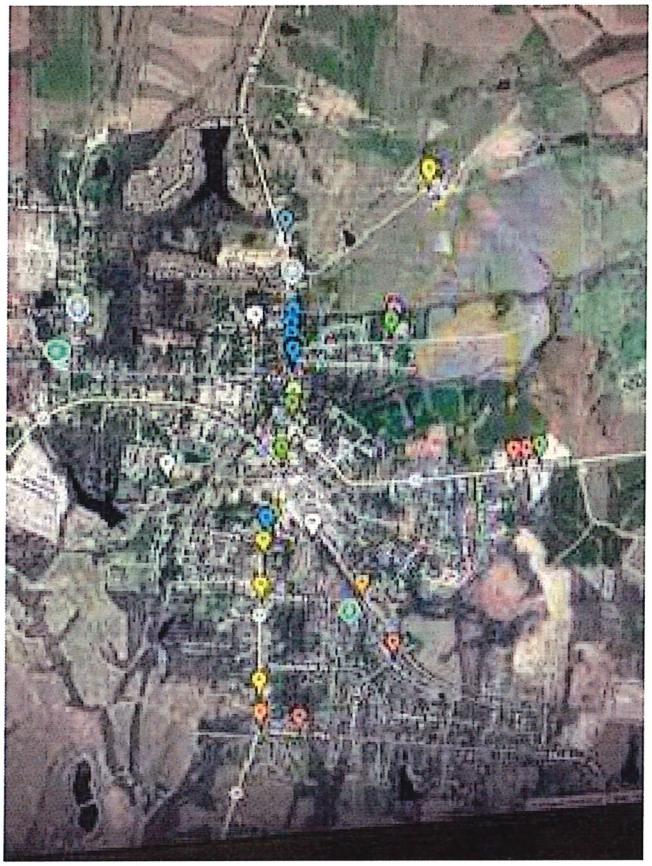
| | GAL. | COST | TOTAL PARTS | TOTAL LABOR | | |
| JULY | 738.9 | $2104.15 | | | $2,104.15 | 3943 |
| AUGUST | 637.5 | $1,825.18 | | | $1,825.18 | 5785 |
| SEPTEMBER | 674.0 | $1,942.14 | | | $1,942.14 | 6405 |
| OCTOBER | 653.0 | $1,764.69 | | | $1,764.69 | 7100 |
| NOVEMBER | 693.1 | $1,841.61 | | | $1,841.61 | 6909 |
| DECEMBER | 626.7 | $1,611.55 | | | $1,611.55 | 6816 |
| JANUARY | 631.8 | $1754.53 | | | $1754.53 | 6019 |
| FEBRUARY | 500.3 | $1273.79 | | | $1273.79 | 5033 |
| MARCH | 582.8 | $2033.74 | | | $2033.74 | 6985 |
| APRIL | 646.9 | $2586.88 | | | $2586.88 | 7356 |
| MAY | 614.8 | $2315.83 | $824.98 | $600 | $3805.07 | 7416 |
| JUNE | 533.3 | 2112.49 | | | 2112.49 | 6488 |
| TOTALS | 7533.1 | $23166.58 | $824.98 | $600 | $23166.58 | 76255 |

## KY-OPS Agency Activity



Red – Call Response Green – Collisions Orange – Courtesy Notices
Blue - Citations White - NIBRS Yellow – JC3

Eminence Police Department
Police Activity Report

Sincerely,
Scott Wilcoxson
Chief of Police

Cc: Council Member: Lee Ann Armstrong
Council Member: Justin Wayman
Council Member: Bobbi Jo Frazier
Council Member: Connie Nation
Council Member: Karen Paris
Council Member: Phillip Smith

# Public Works Activity Report JUNE 2026

**City Department:**

- Routine - We picked up & emptied trash and performed typical upkeep & maintenance of City property, Mowing and Bushhogging season.
- Public Works have been preparing for summer and cleaning up around the sewer plant, removing limbs, trash, clearing overgrown vegetation on side streets & also, they had the Backhoe building insulated with spray foam.
- Speed Bump signs will be installed on both sides of speed bumps throughout the city streets.
- 2 bags of Perma Patch were put into the hole on the right side of the entrance to Lou Avenue off N. Main St. (State was contacted and will check it to see if they are responsible for repairs to this apron).
- Some potholes are still showing up on city streets, we are addressing them as we have them reported.
- Near 318/323 Shadyview Dr, Public Works will be getting some estimates to replace the collapsed culvert pipe that runs under the road.
- E Broadway Ave/Ballardsville Rd (Hwy 22) the paving has been completed by LIBS Paving around 7 miles of new asphalt.
- 2 Bags of Perma Patch were placed at the entrance of Lou Ave; we contacted Ky Hwy Dept to see if they are responsible for replacing or repairing the entrance off State Hwy.

**Water Department:**

- Routine-We performed required samples, utility locates, read meters, and maintained the water distribution system.
- 3 water meters were set on Zelcova Dr. in the new Arborview subdivision.

**May 2026-12,077,677 gallons/purchased**
**June 2026- gallons/purchased**

**Wastewater Department:**

- Routine-We performed required samples; utility locates and maintained the wastewater collection system and treatment plant.
- 3 Manholes have been repaired in the city- Bell Avenue and Crabb Ave areas.
- Public Works has been working on some blockages in the new Arborview Sub.
- Strand engineering came for the 60% design completion meeting for the Sewer Plant expansion.
- The permit for the Sewer Force Main extension on Mulberry Pike has been applied for by Strand Engineering.

**Coach D Park Updates:**

- Jr has still been picking up trash on the walking trail & throughout the city, removing vegetation, limbs, and mowing and weed eating at Coach D Park.
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# Office of City Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT – July 2, 2026

The following information details some of the extra projects being worked on by the administrative office staff and provides miscellaneous information. It also details some of the quarterly and additional items beyond the normal day-to-day billing, bookkeeping, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, etc.

Water & Sewer Services:
Processed Nineteen New or Temporary Services and Thirteen Final Bills and/or Changes.

Processed Several Leak Adjustments & Oversaw Misc. Complaints and Questions

City General:
Processed Insurance Premium Tax/License Fee Receipts for June - $1,467.77

Processed Occupational Tax Receipts for June – $148.28.

Processed Business & Misc. Licenses for June – $825.00.

Processed Alcohol Licenses for June - $2,900.00.

Processed Net Profits Returns & Extensions for June – $459.50.

Processed Property Taxes/Franchise Fees from June 1st through June 30th in the amount of $2,101.10. Collected 98% of 2025 Property Tax Bills.

Received $3,284.14 for local collection of vehicle taxes from Henry County.

Received $3,642.56 1st quarter vehicle tax.

Received $7,723.63 May Trash Transfer

Eminence Fire and Rescue Department

June 2026

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| Fire Runs- 2 |
| City- 2 Rural- 0 |

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| Alarm Runs- 2 |
| City- 2 Rural- 0 |

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| EMS Assist Runs- 2 |
| City- 1 Rural- 1 |

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| Accident Runs- 4 |
| City- 1 Rural- 3 |

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| Other Runs- 0 |
| City- 0 Rural- 0 |

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| Total Manpower Hours- 109 Hours/0 Minutes |
| Day Hours- 56 Hours/0 Minutes Night Hours- 43 Hours/0 Minutes |
| Total Runs- 10 Total Run Hours- 66 Hours/0 Minutes |
| Training Hours- 33 Hours/0 Minutes |
| Special Detail Hours- 0 Hours/0 Minutes<br>**CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN ALL WEEK 6-2-26 THRU 6-7-26** |

CC: Eminence Fire Board

Report By: Paige Lucas-Jamiel

July 1, 2026