

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 14, 2025

EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Karen Paris, Justin Wayman, Connie Nation, Bobbi Jo Frazier and Phillip Smith. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Utility Clerk Donna Rangel, Police Chief Scott Wilcoxson, Public Works Director Troy Popp, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Employees: Jonathan Bates, Rita Tipton, Resident DeAnne Downey, Emily Gilbert, Missy Ayers, Steve Metcalfe, Mike Paris, Polly Troxell, Tyler Wayman, Henry County Magistrate Carl Tingle, Troop Member Benjamin Whitaker and Boy Scout Troop #421 and Henry County Local Representative Joe Durban.

Mayor Downey called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Service Project: Troop Member Benjamin Whitaker with Boy Scout Troup #421 presented an Eagle Scout Project to clean and paint the splash pad. He would like to request the city to provide the products, and the troop would provide the labor. He provided an estimate from Andriots for paint and brushes in the amount of \$\$608.30. Mayor Downey reported the city had located the specifications of the original products used on the splash pad and would see which products would be best to use.

Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Wayman to allow Troup Member Benjamin Whitaker and Troop 421 to provide the labor and the city to furnish the products to paint the splash pad. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

City of Smithfield: Mayor Greg Gephart with the City of Smithfield was present to ask if the Public Works Department would assist with putting up Christmas Decorations in Smithfield. They would prefer the decorations be put up in November and taken down in January. Mayor Downey reported the bucket truck had been repaired, and this would not be a problem. No fee would be charged.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting held on June 9, 2025, 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: Food Trucks – Last month the city discussed whether to propose an additional tax to food trucks because of complaints by a brick-and-mortar restaurant. A letter was read by Mayor Downey from the new owners of Puckett's Family Restaurant stating that they did not oppose the

food trucks, the only problem they had was on cruise night with cars parking in front of their building, so patrons didn't have a place to park. The consensus of the council was to do nothing at this time.

REPORTS:

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

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Utility Clerk Donna Rangel presented the monthly activity report.

Subject: 2nd Leak Adjustment – A second leak adjustment was requested for April Keley in the amount of \$74.09. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Nation to approve the second leak adjustment for April Keley in the amount of \$74.09. On a call for votes, all members present voted, "Yea".

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

City Clerk Mullins Presented June 2025 Check Disbursements.

City Clerk Mullins Presented the 4th Quarter Budget Review.

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

Member Armstrong and the council thanked Fire Chief Lucas and the volunteers for everything they did on June 30th. Chief Lucas reported it was a seven-alarm fire, seven fire departments were present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Bid Opening – 2007 Chevy Tahoe

Roger Beasley	\$1,600.00	James Vogt	\$1,000.00
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Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to accept the bid from Roger Beasley in the amount of \$1,600.00 for the 2007 Chevy Tahoe. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: First Reading of An Ordinance Annexing United Pentecostal Church of Eminence – Attorney Brammell held the First Reading of An Ordinance Annexing United Pentecostal Church of Eminence. No Action Required.

Subject: Old EMS Building – Mayor Downey reported the council needed to decide if they wanted to keep, sale or rent the old EMS Building. The EMS Board wasn't interested in putting an ambulance in the city. After discussion.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Armstrong to get appraisal on the old EMS Building to determine Fair Market Value. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Fire Chief Lucas stated that whatever is decided the plaque on the building needs to be taken down and presented to Wayne Gunnell, for whom the building is named.

Mayors Update – Stop Signs – Mayor Downey asked the council if they wanted to leave the stop sign on Vernon or take it down?

DeAnne Downey read a text she received from Elisa Rader who lives in Vernon, and she would like to keep the stop signs. She and one of the neighbors Sara said it had really slowed down the traffic.

Tyler Wayman reported the stop sign on Vernon was illegal due to the way they are being used and the incorrect height. He had emailed someone at the state although they couldn't find something pertaining to city's they thought didn't fit within the parameters of the statutes. He had driven all over the city and seen where we were in violation and thought we should at least try and do the right thing.

After discussion, Mayor Downey polled the council to see if they wanted to leave the stop sign or put in speed bumps on Vernon Street. The poll results were:

Member Wayman	"No"	Member Smith	"Yes"
Member Frazier	"Yes"	Member Armstong	"Yes"
Member Nation	"Yes"	Member Paris	"Yes"

The consensus was to leave the stop sign up.

Mayor Downey reported the flowmeter the reads the sewer inflow from Pleasureville had been malfunctioning for about three years. We have been receiving around 14,000.00 annually for sewer treatment and with the new meter we are estimating annually around \$42,000.00. This will result in an increase of about \$26,000.00 annually.

Also, according to Justin Carter at KIPDA, one of the reasons we are not getting grants for the sewer expansion is because our rates are low. Mayor Downey presented the council with a sewer bill from Fincastle, which is a comparable city to Eminence and our sewer bill is lower. He stated this is something we need to look at raising.

Mayor Downey reported the contract with Pleasureville has been in effect since 1996. The amount the city receives is \$15,000.00 for our guys doing the maintenance on the pump stations and in

other problems associated with the sewer system for Pleasureville. Mayor Downey asked if the council would like him to try and renegotiate this contract.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Nation for Mayor Downey to meet with Mayor Young of Pleasureville to see if the contract can be renegotiated. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Mayor Downey presented council with the breakdown of the Occupational Tax/Net Profits Year End Disbursements. He reported that we no longer put money in the Recreational Park Fund due to it being closed. He asked the council to think about if this is something they would like to do in the future.

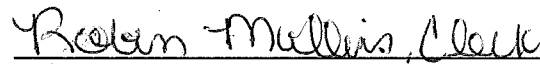
Council – New Business – Member Armstrong reported the community room is being rented around eight to ten times a month. Bunco is starting on August 13th and will be every second Wednesday of the month.

Member Wayman thanked the Public Works for bush hogging and the basketball nets.

Open Comments – Emily Gilbert was present to report a complaint on East Broadway. She wanted to know if there was anything we could do to make sure people kept their property clean and grass cut. Mayor Downey reported we have the code enforcement program and to report any complaints to Member Frazier.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Smith and seconded by Member Nation to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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