

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 13, 2022

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Doug Bates and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, Residents Ed Steinmetz, and James "Goody" Goodloe.

Mayor Bates called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: Public Hearing – Municipal Aid Programs Funds and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds** – Mayor Bates explained the required uses for the Municipal Aid program funds stating they must be used for streets, roads, sidewalks, etc. Mayor Bates explained the required uses for the Local Government Economic Assistance funds stating they must be used for public safety.

Clerk Mullins stated no comments, written or oral, have been received from the public concerning either fund or proposed uses.

With no written or oral comments from the public regarding the proposed uses for the MAP and LGEA funds Mayor Bates closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with all persons listed above in attendance.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on May 9, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Metcalfe to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the ordinance updating the pay/compensation plan. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Wayman to adopt the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Second Reading of Budget Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the budget ordinance for fiscal year 7/1/2022-6/30/23. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Wayman to adopt the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Water & Sewer Service Fees** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of ordinance amending Water & Sewer Service Fees. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to adopt the ordinance as read. 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 they had their first Cookout with A Cop and they plan to have more events. The next events will probably be in the evening or the weekend.

Member Wayman asked if they were doing more patrolling at the park, since fights have been going on. Chief Wells reported the juvenile has been apprehended and the officers are patrolling more.

Member Armstrong wanted to know where we were on the park cameras. Chief Wells reported he and Public Works Director McAllister would get together and see about getting some put up.

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

Member Downey asked Public Works Director McAllister if he had checked on the chemicals that could be used for the sewer plant smell. Public Works Director McAllister reported that he wasn't getting good reports about it from his contacts.

Member Meadows asked if the state paid for the 10-foot pipe in Lockport. Public Works Director McAllister reported they helped put it together and they did the backfill.

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

**Subject: Fire Report** – Member Meadows presented the monthly report.

Member Meadows reported he had emailed the lady about the siren to see where they wanted the electric.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Eminence Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Member Downey reported they plan to close the road where Penn Ave meets Main Street.

**Subject: Park Update** – None.

**Subject: Beautification Committee:** Member Downey reported they are still waiting on people to turn in paperwork.

Spring Cleanup was a success.

**Subject: Police Liaison Committee** – No Report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Declaring Chromebooks and Tablets Surplus Property and Donating to Eminence School** – Council decided to wait until July council meeting.

**Subject: First Reading of Ordinance Amending Budget 2021/2022** – Attorney Brammell held first reading of Budget Amending Budget 2021/2022. No action needed.

**Subject: Hiring Full-Time Officer instead of Part-Time School Resource Officer** – Chief Wells presented the pros to hiring a full-time police officer versus a part-time officer as being covering overtime, vacations, and holidays.

Council agreed.

**Subject: Tearing Down Building Behind PD/FD** – Mayor Bates wanted the councils' approval to tear down the building being it is unstable and hazardous. Council decided to see if he could find someone who would do it for metal and lumber.

**Subject: Empower Me Fitness Invoice** – Clerk Mullins reported she received an invoice from Empower Me Fitness for \$1,000.00. Council decided to pay \$500.00 for January – June 2022 and no longer use the services.

**Mayor's Update:** Mayor Bates reported he would like to make Juneteenth an official City holiday. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong for Monday, June, 20, 2022 to be observed as Juneteenth by the City of Eminence. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Mayor Bates reported the two Johnson Lots have been purchased and Monty Brody is coming on Thursday to survey them.

**Council – New Business** – Member Wayman asked if anything had ever happened on the Police getting a shooting range at the sewer plant. Public Works Director McAllister reported he would have to get three new permits to put a shooting range at the sewer plant and at this time he didn't have time to do it.

Member Metcalfe reported that we should check with Steel Tech again about using their range. Member Downey reported he would contact John Carmack at Steel Tech.

Member Armstrong reported our first installment of the Litter Abatement Grant was used. She also, inquired about the street sweeping on Main Street.

Member Wayman reported the volleyball court has been overtaken by grass. Public Works Director McAllister reported they will till it and then kill it.

Member Wayman also asked whose fault is it when a car bottoms out at CVS – the State.

**Subject: Warrants** – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Metcalfe to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Attorney Brammell** – Attorney Brammell reported that tonight would be his last meeting and his daughter-in-law Chelsey would take over with the councils blessing. Attorney Brammell reported he had been with the city for 40 years and would be there to help Chelsey until he retires later.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Wayman to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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DOUG BATES, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN MULLINS, CITY CLERK  
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