

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 14, 2021

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a special session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members were present: Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell, Justin Wayman and Member Leann Armstrong. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Chief Mike Wells, General Maintenance Employee Trent Ashlee, Henry County Local Editor Aaron Nelson, Residents Janet Young and William Smith. and Randy Hartford.

Mayor Stephens called the public hearing to order at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: Public Hearing – Municipal Aid Program Funds and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds** – Mayor Stephens explained the required uses for the Municipal Aid program funds stating they must be used for streets, roads, sidewalks, etc. Mayor Stephens reviewed the estimated funds available and presented the proposed expenditures from the Municipal Aid Program for the FY 2021/2022.

Mayor Stephens explained the required uses for the Local Government Economic Assistance funds stating they must be used for public safety. Mayor Stephens reviewed the estimated funds available and presented the proposed expenditures from the LGEA for the FY 2021/2022.

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 Stephens closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Mayor Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 6:22 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 10, 2021 and the minutes from the special session held on May 24, 2021 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand as presented.

**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 Troxell and seconded by Member Metcalfe to adopt the ordinance as read. All Members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Second Reading of Budget Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the budget ordinance for fiscal year 7/1/21-6/30/22.

Member Downey inquired about the use of the Interlocal Agreement Funds being used to purchase a dump truck. Member Downey reported the funds should come from the City General Fund. Mayor Stephens explained that once the funds are received, they can be used to purchase equipment and the equipment will also be used when fixing repairs in Pleasureville.

Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to adopt the ordinance as read. All members present voted "Yea".

### **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** - Chief Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. Chief Wells reported the code enforcement would be heavily enforced.

Chief Wells also reported construction on the building would not start until after the new fiscal year.

**Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Public Works Director McAllister introduced Trent Ashley as the new General Maintenance employee.

Public Works Director McAllister presented his monthly report.

Resident Janet Young and William Smith reported that water was running on their properties 116 Merriweather and 140 Merriweather because the road is higher than storm drain. Mayor Stephens asked Public Works Director McAllister to investigate the issue.

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

Clerk Mullins reported liens had been placed on delinquent property tax bills above \$25.00.

Also, Clerk Mullins reminded Council Members to visit the new website.

**Subject: Fire Report** – Member Meadows presented the monthly activity report to council. Member Meadows reported the cost recovery is now active.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Mayor Stephens reported no activities at this time.

**Subject: Park Update** – Chief Wells reported graffiti had been found in the boys’ restroom. Public Works Director McAllister reported the public works department cleaned it off. Mayor Stephens reported he and Public Works Director McAllister have been working on getting the cameras fixed for quite a while, but the problem is the internet. He will continue to work on it.

Member Metcalfe reported the tennis courts should be done in the next two weeks and he has been working on the fence.

Mayor Stephens reported he has been in talks with Superintendent Berry about the additional tennis court and nothing solid has been decided at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Bid Opening 2010 Ford Explorer** – Mayor Stephens reported no bids were received after advertising for a minimum of \$4,000.00. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Wayman to authorize Mayor Stephens to sell the 2010 Ford Explorer for the best price he can receive since all avenues have been exhausted. On a call for votes all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** - Mayor Stephens reported he had a request for additional speed bumps on Hillcrest Drive.

Mayor Stephens reviewed the new insurance premium renewals with the council. He advised the council we did solicit additional quotes from Kentucky League of Cities, but they decided not to proceed.

Mayor Stephens read a letter he received from Jim Willhite asking to be removed from consideration for interim mayor.

Mayor Stephens officially withdrew his resignation, stating the previous letter with the effective date 6/30/2021 is now null and void. He then read an email wrote to the City Clerk, Chief and Public Works Director stating he is committed to moving forward unified.

**Subject: Council Update** – Member Troxell reported that she received a request from Brent Moore for speed bumps on Maple Ave. She was advised to tell Mr. Moore he needs a petition from residents on Maple Ave and to bring it to the July meeting.

Member Metcalfe inquired about the cost of the rubber speed bumps.

**Subject: Beautification Committee** – Member Metcalfe reported the plan was to start at the building next to Theiss and go to Snappy Tomato. He is going to contact the owners of the buildings and see if they are interested in the grant that the city will pay up to \$5,000.00 on facade improvements.

Member Downey wanted on record that he was remodeling/repairing his building on Main St himself and was not taking any money from the beautification grant.

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

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Meadows to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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ATTEST: Robin L. Mullins, Clerk  
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