

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 8, 2026

EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: Lee Ann Armstrong, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, and Connie Nation. Absent were Member Frazier and Member 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, Police Detective Brett Downey, Henry County Local Representative Joe Durban, Magistrate Carl Tingle, Magistrate Ed Frederick and Residents DeAnne Downey, Ashley Raymer-Brown, Mike Paris, Shawn Bright, Steve Metcalfe, Christine Evans, Missy Ayers, Alexandra Shirely, Spencer Gordon, Kennedy Hartford Capps, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Merker .

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Public Hearing – Municipal Aid Program Funds and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds – Mayor Downey explained the required uses for the Municipal Aid Program funds stating they must be used on streets, roads, sidewalks, etc. Mayor Downey reviewed the estimated funds available and proposed expenditures from the Municipal Aid Program fund for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

Mayor Downey explained the required uses for the Local Government Economic Assistance funds stating they must be used for public safety. Mayor Downey reviewed the estimated funds available and proposed expenditures from the LGEA fund for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

Mayor Downey asked the public for comments. No comments, written or oral, were received.

With no written or oral comments regarding the proposed uses and budget for the MAP and LGEA funds, Mayor Downey closed the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Downey called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the same individuals present as listed above.

Subject: Concerns of Traffic and Speeding on Zelcova Drive – Spencer Gordon represented the residents of Zelcova Drive with concerns of traffic and speeding. He asked if more speed bumps could be put in to slow the traffic down.

Mayor Downey stated because roads had not been dedicated to the city there was nothing we could do at this time. He will contact the developer and see if there was anything he could do.

Also, Mr. Gordon was concerned about Zelcova Drive being a pass-through for the Renaissance Fair. Magistrate Ed Frederick said he would put something on social media to help alleviate the problem.

Police Chief Wilcoxson said the police would start patrolling more.

Revolutionary War Memorial – Mayor Downey reported Olivia Herrell had contacted him about the city donating to the memorial.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to donate \$500.00 to the Revolutionary War Memorial. On a call for voted, all members present voted “Yea”.

The Theater Downstream – Ashley Raymer-Brown requested to use the council chambers for a staged reading of a legal thriller. The reading would only be for two weekends in September or October and would have an audience of 75 to 80 people.

Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Nation to donate the council chambers for the Theater Downstream to use in 2026. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2026, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Armstrong 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 May 18, 2026, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Nation and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of Noise Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the Second Reading of the Noise Ordinance.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the Noise Ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of Pay/Compensation Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second Reading of the Pay/Compensation Ordinance.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the Pay/Compensation Ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of the Ethics Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the Second Reading of the Ethics Ordinance.

Member Armstrong gave a speech about why she thought we should approve the ordinance. (attached)

Member Smith reported he thought we should wait until the next meeting until the full council is present to discuss the ordinance further.

Member Paris stated a committee head met and went over the ordinance with KLC Attorney Michael Simon and if we didn't go ahead and vote, it felt like all the work was for nothing.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, the following members voted:

Member Armstrong	"Yea"	Member Paris	"Yea"
Member Nation	"Nay"	Member Smith	"Nay"

Tie broken by Mayor Downey voting "Yea". Motion passed.

Subject: Second Reading of the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year end 6/30/27 – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the Budget Ordinance. First Reading no action required.

Motion made by Member Armstrong to approve the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year end 6/30/2027 as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: First Reading of an Amendment to the Occupational Tax Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an Amendment to the Occupational Tax Ordinance. First Reading no action required.

Subject Line-Item Changes: Clerk Mullins presented the following line-item changes for fiscal year end 6/30/2026 Budget:

City General Fund

Police Department:

\$10,000.00	21-665 Insurance →	21-635 Maintenance – Vehicles/Equipment
\$10,000.00	21-920 Capital →	21-635 Maintenance – Vehicles/Equipment

Fire Department:

\$2,000.00	22-695 Insurance →	21-650 Building Maintenance & Repairs
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Park Department:

\$3,000.00	22-665 Insurance →	24-650 Repairs & Maintenance
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Community Room:

\$3,000.00 25-625 Professional Fees → 25-665 Insurance

Streets & Sanitation Department:

\$600.00 30-665 Insurance → 30-647 Litter Abatement

Festivals:

\$2,000.00 40-621 Advertising → 40-895 Miscellaneous

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\$1,000.00 40-625 Professional Fees → 40-645 Utilities

Eminence Water Works O & M**Water Department:**

\$20,000.00 715 New Service Installation → 712 Maintenance-Service Meters

Sewer Department:

\$15,000.00 760 Main. Sewer Collections → 759 Main. Station/Plant & Pump

\$20,000.00 764 Main. Sewer Manholes → 759 Main. Station/Plant & Pump

\$10,000.00 754 Supplies – Chemicals → 755 Outside Lab Expenses

Admin. & General:

\$2,000.00 817 Uniform & Access → 811 Main. Grounds & Streets

\$15,000.00 821 Bldg. Main. & Repairs → 811 Main. Grounds & Streets

IMPACT FEES

\$50,000.00 East Broadway Lift Station → Engineer

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve the line-item changes as presented. On a call votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Pleasureville Contract – Mayor Downey reported he went to a Pleasureville Council Meeting to ask for a raise on the amount received for the Intermunicipal Agreement Relating to Operation and Maintenance of the Sewer Collection for the City of Pleasureville Contract. The current amount receive is \$15,000.00 annually and he would like to raise it to \$32,000.00 with a 3% increase annually for the next eight (8) years.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Nation to increase the Intermunicipal Agreement Relating to Operation and Maintenance of the Sewer Collection for the City of Pleasureville Contract to \$32,000.00 with a 3% increase for the next eight (8) years. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Rental Contract – 128 Eminence Terrace – Mayor Downey reported he is working on a contract to rent 128 Eminence Terrace for \$2,000.00 a month. The renters would take care of all the renovations and maintenance of the interior building and we would take care of the exterior of the building along with cutting the grass and mulching.

Consensus of the council was for Mayor Downey to move ahead with the contract.

Subject – Variance requested for a Mobile Home at 5622 S Main St. – Mayor Downey reported he attended a Board of Adjustments meeting where a variance was requested to put in a mobile home at 5622 S. Main Street.

HB 160, which takes effect on July 1, states that manufactured homes should be treated as single-family homes.

No action taken by council.

Mayor's Update - Mayor Downey reported Aaron Lyons is working on the curb on Crabb Ave, so it will be ready when the streets are paved. He went over the streets to be paved which include Crabb Ave., Eminence Terrace, Blackaby, Dogwood and Bell Ave.

Next year he wants to apply for a grant to pave Tolle Ct. and Warrior Ave.

Also, Mayor Downey spoke with the school and they would like to put a sidewalk behind the houses on Eminence Terrace to OVEC.

Mayor Downey reported with the changes being made to the Occupational Tax Ordinance he would like to do a facelift on the park.

A committee was formed for the Park Renovations with Member Armstrong, Member Wayman, Steve Metcalfe, Missy Ayers and Lynn Wilson.

A special meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for the second reading of the Occupational Tax Ordinance Amendment and the first readings of the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 budget amendments.

Also, a special meeting was scheduled for June 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for the second reading of 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 budget amendments.

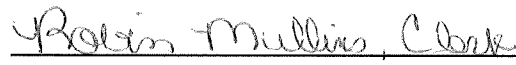
Council – New Business – None.

Open Citizen Comments – Alexandra Shirly said she was still waiting to hear from the Mayor.

Detective Downey stated he would like to thank the council members who voted for the Ethics Ordinance.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Nation and seconded by Member Smith to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

ROBIN MULLINS
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MATT McCALLISTER
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



Fred Downey
MAYOR

SCOTT WILCOXSON
POLICE CHIEF

STEVIE LUCAS
FIRE CHIEF

June 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 May 2026:

General Activity:

Complaints	Written Warnings	Traffic Stops	Criminal Cases
424	18	38	6
Domestic Violence Reports	Traffic Collisions	Incident Reports	TOTALS
3	6	7	436

City Ordinances: 12

Business Checks: 279

Crisis Intervention: 1

(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
4	4

Comments

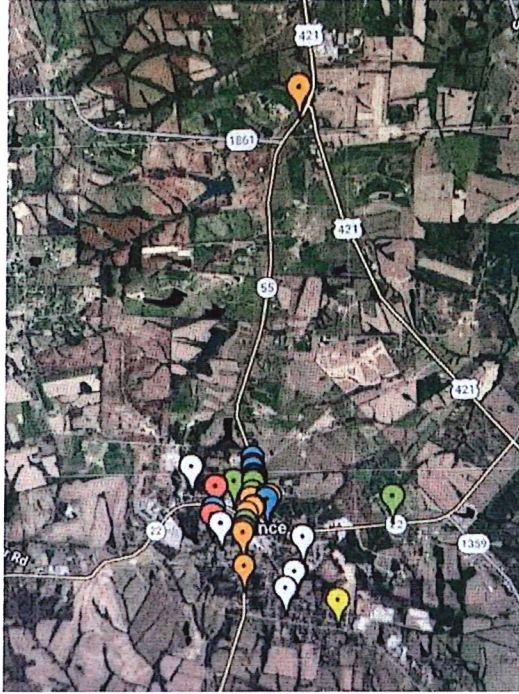
Officer Carney completed LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING OFFICER 40 Hours the Law Enforcement Training Officer program presents post academy training with a focus on problem solving, leadership, adult-learning principles, emotional intelligence, generational differences, mentoring and coaching, legal liability, stress and wellness, and scenario-based training. The course provides instruction to potential training officers on the management and administration aspects of conducting a post academy training program for recent academy graduates, as well as lateral transfer officers and addresses safety concerns that training officers should stress to new officers.

Sgt Corley completed ACADEMY OF POLICE SUPERVISION 122 Hours APS is the first course in the Leadership Development for Sergeants or First-Line Supervisors. Students are expected to complete all reading and writing assignments and to actively participate in practical-based exercises designed to develop or enhance their supervisory abilities. Students can expect assignments that will require them to perform activities during hours outside normal classroom times. The learning outcomes for this course will be for students to apply situational leadership and demonstrate an understanding of constitutional and administrative law, emotional and social intelligence, change, ethical decision-making, problem-solving, emotional survival, and public speaking in their role as a supervisor.

Fuel Report

24/25 MONTH OF YEAR	GAS		MAINTENANCE		TOTAL COST PER MONTH	MILES DRIVEN PER MONTH
			TOTAL	TOTAL		
	GAL.	COST	PARTS	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						
TOTALS	6999.8	\$21054.09	\$824.98	\$600	\$22543.33	71009

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 MAY 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 spring and 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.
- City Hall had the old lighting inside replaced with LED lights
- Spring Clean-up was on May 9, 2026, and the community filled 3 dumpsters.
- RLM-contractors (Spectrum Fiber) are in Eminence putting Fiber Optic lines in for Spectrum Internet.
- 5 Lights have been installed on existing poles along the walking trail; 1 light was installed at the intersection of Zelcova Drive and Walking trail.
- Contractors have been assessing the Crabb Ave curb area for drainage issues.
- Speed Bump signs will be installed on both sides of speed bumps throughout the city streets.
- Tree Limb fell during the rainstorm near Henry and Shelby Street, Public Works removed it.
- State Hwy Dept repair the large hole in front of Subway and LJ Café recently.
- Libs Paving from Indiana are starting the milling process on Hwy 22 June 1st, 2026.
- State Hwy dept is supposed to look at the entrance to Lou Ave/Cannon Ct off N. Main St to see if they need to repair the Apron. (Jonathan put 2 bags of Perma Patch temporarily in the Hole.

Water Department:

- Routine-We performed required samples, utility locates, read meters, and maintained the water distribution system.
- RLM Contractors hit a water service line on Mulberry Pike while installing fiber lines.
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April 2026-5,772,960 gallons/purchased

May 2026-12,077,677 gallons/purchased

Wastewater Department:

- Routine-We performed required samples; utility locates and maintained the wastewater collection system and treatment plant.
- Jonathan and Jr jetted out several sewer lines and found that contractors had put a pole through an old sewer line. Brady and Wurtsmith will be repairing that for the city.
- Brady & Wurtsmith has repaired a sewer line at 5810 S Main St, that a contractor for AT& T had installed a new utility pole and hit our sewer line and caused sewer issues. (Concrete sidewalks should be repaired soon at this location.)

Coach D Park Updates:

- Jr has still been picking up trash on the walking trail, removing vegetation, limbs, and mowing and weed eating at Coach D Park picking up trash.
- Splash Pad has been flooding some due to the Rubber mulch clogging the drains.

Office of City Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT – June 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 Thirteen New or Temporary Services and Ten Final Bills and/or Changes.

Processed Several Leak Adjustments & Oversaw Misc. Complaints and Questions

City General:

Processed Insurance Premium Tax/License Fee Receipts for May - \$123,415.08.

Processed Occupational Tax Receipts for May – \$9,630.76.

Processed Business & Misc. Licenses for May – \$1,525.00.

Processed Alcohol Licenses for May - \$0.00.

Processed Net Profits Returns & Extensions for May – \$800.00.

Processed Property Taxes/Franchise Fees from May 1st through May 31st in the amount of \$2,522.52. Collected 98% of 2025 Property Tax Bills.

Received \$5,509.17 for local collection of vehicle taxes from Henry County.

Received \$131.00 for omitted tangible taxes from Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Received \$8,185.03 May Trash Transfer

Received \$39,082.12 for KU Franchise Fee

Eminence Fire and Rescue Department

May 2026

<i>Fire Runs- 1</i>
<i>City- 1 Rural- 0</i>

<i>Alarm Runs- 1</i>
<i>City- 1 Rural- 0</i>

<i>EMS Assist Runs- 5</i>
<i>City- 2 Rural- 3</i>

<i>Accident Runs- 3</i>
<i>City- 1 Rural- 2</i>

<i>Other Runs- 4</i>
<i>City- 1 Rural- 3</i>

<i>Total Manpower Hours- 268 Hours/0 Minutes</i>
<i>Day Hours- 35 Hours/0 Minutes Night Hours- 233 Hours/0 Minutes</i>
<i>Total Runs- 14 Total Run Hours- 136 Hours/0 Minutes</i>
<i>Training Hours- 132 Hours/0 Minutes</i>
<i>Special Detail Hours- 0 Hours/0 Minutes</i>

CC: Eminence Fire Board

Report By: Paige Lucas-Jamiel

June 4, 2026

