

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 9, 2025

EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a Public Hearing on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 5:45 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Karen Paris, Justin Wayman, Connie Nation, and Phillip Smith. Absent was Member Bobbi Jo Frazier. 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: J.R. Ellis, Rita Tipton, Police Detective Brett Downey, Resident Polly Troxell and Henry County Local Representative Joe Durban.

Mayor Downey called the Public Hearing to order at 5:48 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Mayor Downey stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was for the citizens of Eminence to be afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. The city had applied for a Land and Water Conservation Grant for 50% match to replace the rubber mulch at the park.

Dustin Dunkin from KIPDA was present to introduce himself and answer any questions.

No comments from the public.

Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Smith to close the Public Hearing and open the regular session. On a call for votes, all members present voted, "Yea."

Mayor Downey called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 12, 2025, 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: Second Reading Ordinance Amending Reconnection Fees on Water/Sewer Bills – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Reconnection Fees on Water/Sewer Bills. Motion made by Member Nation and seconded by Member Smith to approve the Ordinance Amending Reconnection Fees on Water/Sewer Bills as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea"

Subject: Second Reading Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan. Motion made by

Member Wayman and seconded by Member Smith to approve the Ordinance Updating the Pay/Compensation Plan and read. On a call votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of Budget Ordinance 2025-2026 – Attorney Brammell held the second reading the Budget Ordinance for 2025/2026. Motion made by Member Justin and seconded by Member Nation to approve the 2025/2026 Budget Ordinance as read on a call for votes the following members voted:

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| Connie Nation | “Yea” | Justin Wayman | “Yea” |
| Phillip Smith | “Yea” | Karen Paris | “Yea” |
| Lee Ann Armstrong | “Nay” | | |

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.

Clerk Rangle reported there have been stop signs put up in front of the library and the new subdivision on Zelcova Drive.

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

City Clerk Mullins Presented May 2025 and April 2025 Check Disbursements.

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

Fire Chief Lucas also reported the Fire Department collected \$16,877.80 for Crusade for Children. He wanted to thank El Nopal and Our Best for feeding them during the Crusade.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Land and Water Resolution – Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Wayman to allow Mayor Downey to sign Land and Water Resolution. On a call for votes, all member present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Bid Opening – 2010 F250

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| Rodney Abbott | \$5,000.00 | Jeff Perry & Bryan Perry | \$2,875.00 |
| Chris Heichelbech | \$1,000.00 | | |

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Justin to accept the bid from Rodney Abbott in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the 2010 F250. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Bid Opening – Finish Mower

Rodney Abbott \$250.00

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Nation to accept the bid from Rodney Abbott in the amount of \$250.00 for the finish mower. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Bid Opening – 2007 Chevy Tahoe

Emergency Remarketing \$787.18

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Nation to reject the bid from Emergency Remarketing for \$787.18 and advertise the 2007 Chevy Tahoe as Surplus Property for bid again. On a call for votes, all members present voted, "Yea".

Mayor's Update: Mayor Downey reported he would like to try and put in a stop sign instead of speed bumps to slow down traffic on Vernon Street. The council was to try and see if it works.

Also, Mayor Downey reported the sale of property has hit some roadblocks with the state.

Council – New Business: Member Armstrong reported had asked Clerk Mullins to check on people selling food in the community room. Clerk Mullins check with our Jeff, our insurance agent, and he replied that anyone selling food for money or donations would be required to give the city a certificate of insurance.


Also, Member Armstrong also brought up yard sales in the community room. The consensus on the council was not to allow yard sales and it would be put on the contract along with the requirements for the certificate of insurance.

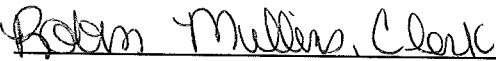
Member Paris reported she has received some complaints about the food truck taking away business from the brick-and-mortar businesses. The council will investigate the possibility of charging a daily rate for food trucks or a special license. The Clerks office will check with surrounding cities and revisit next month.

Member Smith reported there are two vacancies on the Beautification committee, and he would like to appoint Shawn Bright and Polly Troxell to fill those vacancies. Mayor Downey agreed.

Member Paris reported the Eminence School will have another Food Truck Fundraiser on September 13th and Car Cruise for their trip to Spain.

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 7:36 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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