

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2025

EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Phillip Smith, Karen Paris, Justin Wayman, Bobbi Jo Frazier, and Connie Nation. 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, Residents Brian Golden, Doug Bates, Matthew McAllister, Shawn Bright, Henry County Local Editor Joe Durbin, Magistrate Carl Tingle, Blue Grass Fiber Representatives Shawn Shaw and Derek Phillips.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Park Duvall – No Report.

Subject: Bluegrass Fiber – Shawn Shaw and Derek Phillips reported Bluegrass Fiber had applied for a BEAD grant to bring Fixed Wireless Technology to Henry County and would like letters of support from the Mayor and Council. Rural residents would benefit the most from this grant mainly in Eastern Henry County. The grant is due on Friday, so the Mayor and Council signed letters of support and returned to the representatives.

Subject: Economic Development Resignation – Doug Bates resigned his position from Henry County Economic Development Council after thirty years of service. He reviewed several projects he had been a part of over the years. Mayor Downey asked the council to think about who they would like to appoint for the Economic Development Council, he plans to appoint someone in the next two weeks. They meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 10, 2025, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Nation to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Special Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the previous special session held on February 24, 2025, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Future Land Use Maps – Mayor Downey reported he is attending an Economic Development Meeting in Shelby County on March 26, 2025, which would give him knowledge on how we should proceed with our future land use maps. So, he would prefer not to discuss the future land maps until after the meeting.

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wilcoxson reported he purchased seven (7) ballistic mini shields and one full-sized shield to be stored in the School Resource Officer's Office. Member Smith ask if this is the first time we had made a purchase like this. Chief Wilcoxson replied yes.

Member Nation reported cars driving through neighborhoods with radio blaring. Chief Wilcoxson reported he is stepping up target traffic violations.

Chief Wilcoxson reported Officer James Carney started today, March 10, 2025.

Member Frazier asked if the two new officers would be able to come to the next meeting, so the council could meet them.

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

Clerk Rangle reported Public Works is moving to City Hall.

Also, Clerk Rangle reported potholes are being repaired and the State Road Department repaired some potholes on Main Street and will repair others when the weather permits.

Subject: 2nd Leak Adjustment – A second leak adjustment was requested for Gerry Sacra in the amount of \$72.08 and Angela Raisor in the amount of \$48.85. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Paris to approve the second leak adjustments for Gerry Sacra in the amount of \$72.08 and Angela Raisor in the amount of \$48.85. 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 February 2025 Check Disbursements.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Line-Item Changes - Clerk Mullins presented line-item changes for the Operation and Maintenance Account to the Mayor and Council for the purpose of purchasing gravel for the sewer plant road.

Move \$5000 756 Main – Sewer Structures → 811 Main Grounds/Streets

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Nation to move \$5,000 from line-item 756 Main-Sewer Structures to 811 Main Grounds/Streets in the Operation and Maintenance Account to purchase gravel for the sewer plant. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: First Reading of Solid Waste Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the Ordinance Solid Waste Ordinance. No action required.

Subject: Audit Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024 - Mayor Downey presented the Audit for Fiscal Year End 6/30/2024 and asked if there were any questions.

Subject: Acceptance Audit Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024 - Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Smith to accept the audit for Fiscal Year end June 30, 2024, as presented. On a call for voted, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Mayor’s Update: Mayor Downey reported that two vehicles had been purchased, one for the Fire Chief and one for Public Works. They still need striping, lights, equipment, and spray liners.

Mayor Downey thanked Mike Lucas for helping facilitate the purchase of the two vehicles.

Mayor Downey reported we will have two surplus vehicles.

Mayor Downey reported there are eighteen or nineteen redundant signs at the park that can be condensed down to one big sign.

Also, Mayor Downey reported looking forward to next budget year he would like to spend about 200K in projects, being the Fire Department, Park and Parking Lot across from the Municipal Building.

Mayor Downey reported the P&Z information in the council packet is about a modular building the school wants to give his niece to expand her childcare center. However, the problem is it’s fifteen years old and a modular building can’t be over five years old plus it’s a childcare center. It goes before the board of adjustments on March 24th.

Mayor Downey also included in the council packets information explaining zoning land use districts.

Mayor Downey reported a special meeting was needed to finalize the future land maps. Meeting scheduled for March 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Council - New Business – Member Armstrong reported March 15, 2025; Project Prom will be doing Litter Abatement.


Also, Member Armstrong reported the Community Center is rocking and rolling with all the rentals coming in.

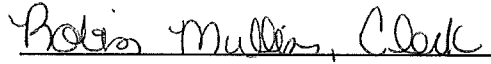
Member Frazier reported we should go ahead and plan the spring clean-up. Spring Clean Up planned up for April 5th.

Member Paris reported she had been contacted about a food truck fund raiser. She will make sure they have certificates of insurance.

Also, Member Paris reported Eminence Day is September 27th.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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