

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 11, 2026**

**EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**EMINENCE, KENTUCKY**

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: Lee Ann Armstrong, Bobbi Jo Frazier, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, Justin Wayman, and Connie Nation. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Police Chief Scott Wilcoxson, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Public Works Asst. Director Jonathan Bates, Utility Clerk Donna Rangel, Public Work Director Troy Popp, Utility Maintenance J.R. Ellis, Police Detective Brett Downey, Henry County Local Representative Grant Gerstner, Magistrate Carl Tingle, and Residents (See Sign In Sheet).

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Mayor Downey asked Grant Gerstner to tell the council about the award he has received. Mr. Gerstner said he receive the Center for Integrity and News Report Award for articles he has wrote about Oldham County. He is going to Washington DC to accept the reward.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 13, 2026, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Nation and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Second Leak Adjustment** – A second leak adjustment was requested for Mike Dixie in the amount of \$56.17. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve the second leak adjustment for Mike Dixie in the amount of \$56.17. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: First Reading of Noise Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the First Reading of the Noise Ordinance. First Reading no action required.

Member Smith asked who would enforce the ordinance. Attorney Brammell stated the police will enforce the ordinance.

Member Paris stated she had received noise complaints and asked that the ordinance be addressed.

Council asked who would receive the fines. Attorney Brammell stated they would go the courts.

**Subject: First Reading of Pay/Compensation Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the First Reading of the Pay/Compensation Ordinance. First Reading no action required.

**Subject: First Reading of the Ethics Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the First Reading of the Ethics. First Reading no action required.

**Subject: Mayor’s Budget Message** – Mayor Downey presented his written budget message and reviewed the summaries for all departments with council.

**Subject: Proposed Capital Projects and Expenses** – Mayor Downey reviewed the proposed Capital Projects and Expenses budgeted for 2026/2027.

Council decided to leave the \$90,000.00 in the budget for the Park Department and decide which projects to do at a later date.

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

**Mayor’s Update** - Mayor Downey reported the city is receiving \$200,000.00 from the state through a CPPP Road Grant to pave roads that were declared a ten in the rating. He has budgeted to spend around \$350,000.00 for roadways including the grant.

HB501 is another grant to pave roads, but the grant will not be available until next year. The grant is a 50/50 match with the state giving \$100,000.00.

Mayor Downey reported he has asked Clerk Mullins to see if there is a CBDG Grant available to purchase and rebuild dilapidated houses on Sulphur Avenue, the part from Jackson Road up.

Mayor Downey also reported he had received a zoning packet for a P&Z Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The zoning request is to change a property on Eminence Road from an A2 to a B2 for storage units.

**Council – New Business** – Member Armstrong reported the county didn’t get the money they were hoping to get for roads.

Magistrate Tingle stated they only had enough money to blacktop about four miles.

**Open Citizen Comments** – Alexandra Shirly said she still hasn’t heard back from her complaint and asked that the police officers receive training in Autism.

Mayor Downey stated he would meet with her after the meeting.

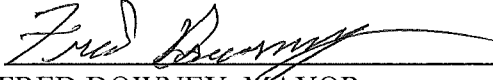
**Closed Session** – Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Nation to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f) to discuss matters that might lead to the appointment or discipline of individual employees. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

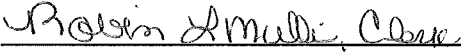
Meeting Closed at 7:03 p.m.

**Opening of Meeting** – Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member ,ation to end the closed session and go back into the regular session at 8:29 p.m. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Public was asked if they had any additional comments. None received.

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 8:30 p.m.

  
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FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

