

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Bobbi Jo Frazier, Connie Nation, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Police Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matthew McAllister, Lieutenant Scott Wilcoxson, Public Works Employee John Ellis, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, Magistrate Carl Tingle, and residents Carroll Hancock, James Goodloe, and Campbellsburg Police Chief Rick Simmons.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Special Meeting Minutes October 9, 2023 – The minutes from the special meeting on October 9, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: Minutes October 9, 2023 – The minutes from October 9, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: Sidewalk Discussion – Member Downey reported that about \$16,000.00 had been used of the municipal aid money and wanted to proceed with the rest of the allocated funds for sidewalks. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Paris to proceed with the sidewalk project. On a call for votes, the following members voted:

Smith	“Yea”	Paris	“Yea”
Armstong	“Yea”	Frazier	“Yea”
Nation	“Yea”	Wayman	“Absent for vote”

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells reported Shop with a Cop will be on December 16th and volunteers are appreciated. Applications will be accepted until December 1st.

Member Armstrong asked what JCB stood for in the police report. Chief Wells reported Family Related issues.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director McAllister presented the monthly activity report to council.

John Ellis was introduced as the new Public Works employee.

Member Paris reported a hole in the street on Elm Street. Public Works Director McAllister will contact the state.

Member Nation reported that the speed bumps on Eminence Terrace need to be painted.

Second Leak Adjustment was presented for Little Pea Preschool in the amount of \$68.19. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the second adjustment in the amount of \$68.19. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

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

Clerk Mullins presented the month of October 2023 expenses.

Clerk Mullins presented the 1st quarter Budget Review.

Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto) – Member Paris presented the monthly activity report. They had 11 runs and 155.5 manpower hours.

Member Frazier presented the estimate she received on painting the floors, walls, and ceilings for the fire department (see attached).

After discussion, the consensus was to get a quote from Ricky Brooks for painting the walls and ceiling.

Subject: Festival Committee: Member Paris wanted to thank everyone for their help with Halloween. Candy was left over and will be handed out at the Christmas Event. The event will consist of a Carriage Ride, Winter Wonder Land, Tree Lighting, Booths, and Tractor Parade.

Mayor Downey reported the success of the Veteran’s Day Candlelight Vigil held November 11th. Richard Hayes wanted to bring awareness to veteran’s suicide prevention.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Ethics Committee Members: Mayor Downey presented the names of James Puckett, Carroll Hancock and Steve Metcalfe as Ethics Committee Members.

Member Smith wanted to have a more diverse ethics committee and suggested adding a fourth member or alternate.

Consensus of the council was to wait until the next meeting and find an alternate member.

First Reading of Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplement to the Code of Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an ordinance enacting and adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

Open Citizens Comments/Questions – Magistrate Tingle wanted to know the status of the situation with the dogs on Mulberry Pike. No-one has seen the dogs out.

James Goodloe wanted to know why the house down the street on Sulphur hadn't been forced to clean up and he was. Chief Wells reported they had been cited and now it is in the court's hands.

Mayor's Update: None.

Council – New Business – Member Smith reviewed the modifications to the rental agreement with the council.

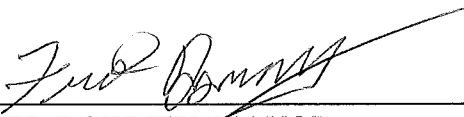
He also reported the decision was made not to renew the contract with Bingo.

Member Frazier asked if the locks had been changed. Mayor Downey reported we are looking into getting a keypad instead of locks.


Member Smith thanked Member Armstrong for the kitchen updates.

Member Paris reported the walking trail is cracking. Public Works Director McAllister will contact Buddy John Stanley and see what can be done.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made was by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 

ROBIN MULLINS, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

