

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, October 9, 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, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, Magistrate Carl Tingle, and residents Steve Metcalfe, Nina Hoagland, Mike Paris, and Rita Tipton.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Leash Law – Resident Nina Hoagland was present to report an incident where she was walking her dog and was surrounded by three dogs off leash. She was able to fend off the dogs, but what if she hadn't. She noted that there needs to be stricter penalties for people who let their dogs run loose. Chief Wells reported the owner of the dogs has been cited numerous times and picked up, but we are at the mercy of the court. He asked Ms. Hoagland to call each time she sees the dogs, because if the police see them, maybe we can present a stronger case.

Subject: Merriweather King Street School Foundation – Member Smith presented Mayor Downey with a George Foreman Grill and Panni Press for the Community Room on behalf of the Merriweather King Street School Foundation. The Foundation raises funds to provide scholarships based on income.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes Regular Meeting September 11, 2023 – The minutes from September 11, 2023, 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: Sewer Smell – Member Downey reported he hadn't received any complaints about the sewer smell.

Subject: Firefighters Pay – Discussion was held on when the last time the firefighters' pay was increased, and where we could get the money to increase the pay. The Fire Board will meet and make a recommendation to the council at a later time.

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells reported they are moved in and operating out of the new building.

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

Member Armstrong asked about the trees being trimmed on Cherokee Ln. Public Works Director McAllister reported he talked to the Manager and Maintenance Person at Eminence Village, and they said they would take care of it. Member Armstrong asked for a letter to be sent.

Member Smith asked if the speed bumps on Sulphur Avenue could be refreshed. Public Works Director McAllister will paint them first to see if that works.

Second Leak Adjustments were presented for the following:

Joyce Greer	\$135.37	Miguel-Joseph Terrell	\$107.47
Norma Wilson	\$ 62.83		

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve leak adjustments for Joyce Greer in the amount of \$135.37, Miguel-Joseph Terrell in the amount of \$107.47 and Norma Wilson in the amount of \$62.83. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

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

Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto) – Fire Chief Steve Lucas presented the monthly activity report. They had 15 runs and 164.5 manpower hours.

Fire Chief Lucas updated the 2023 Crusade for Children’s collection to \$16,402.73.

Subject: Festival Committee: Member Paris wanted to thank everyone for their help with Eminence Day. The next events are Monster Mash at the Renaissance Faire October 28th and Trail or Treat at Henry County Recreation Part on October 20th.

Trick or Treating will be on October 31, 2023

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Trick or Treat on Main

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Residential

Member Smith reported he had heard nothing but good things from the public and wanted to give kudos to the festival committee.

Member Smith suggested navigational signs next year for Eminence Day for out-of-town guests on how to exit Eminence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Citizens Comments/Questions – Mike Paris suggested lighted stop signs be installed on Sulphur Avenue.

Mayor's Update: Mayor Downey reported sidewalks are being replaced.

The clerk's office was able to get the interest increased on the Water and Sewer Account.

Mayor Downey would like to thank Steve Metcalfe for his help with the sidewalks.

Council – New Business – Member Wayman wanted to remind everyone about the Hussey Copper Tour on October 17th.


Member Armstrong asked about the beehive at the park. Mayor Downey reported it should have been moved last Sunday, October 7, 2023.


Attorney Brammell informed the council she is working with the City of Campbellsburg on a Code Enforcement Board and once it is done, we can adopt the same model. We could also be on the board with an interlocal agreement. This would allow us to enforce civil penalties, put liens on properties and foreclose properties.

Mayor Downey wanted to look into getting a qualified building inspector and passing the fee we charged the homeowners/builders onto the inspector.

Member Smith wanted to thank Mayor Downey for the speaker system. Mayor Downey reported he must give the credit to Major Dudinskie.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

