

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Doug Bates and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, and Justin Wayman. Absent was Polly Troxell. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Police Chief Mike Wells, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, Henry County Library Representative Desmond Richardson, residents Jerry Roberts, Ed Steinmetz, Phillip Smith, Kimberly Hinkel-Browning, Carl Tingle, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller, and Boy Scout Troup #421.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent, so no report was submitted to council.

Subject: William Mason Historical Plaque – Phillip Smith was present to report he had researched getting an historical plaque in honor of his grandfather, William Mason and at no cost to the city. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Metcalfe for Mr. Smith to move forward with the historical plaque in honor of William Mason.

Subject: Sulphur Ave and Merriweather Ave Property – Jerry Roberts was present to ask the council to consider giving Deidrick and Amy Young the property on Sulphur Ave and Merriweather Ave that backs up to his property. The council agreed to look into the matter and get back to Mr. Roberts at a later date.

Subject: Flag Donation Box – Boy Scout Troup #421 was present to report they would like to put a flag donation box in the courthouse and eventually put a box in other locations through out the county. The boxes would cost anywhere from \$14.00 for a cardboard box to a few thousand for a metal box.

Member Meadows asked how they would let people know about the boxes. They plan to advertise in the Henry County Newsletter, Schools, and Facebook.

Member Wayman asked how soon they would be available. He was informed that it would be in about a month.

Subject: Guest – The city had several guests at the meeting and the mayor asked them to stand and introduce themselves.

Rob Hoff with the Henry County Local

Kim Hinkel-Browning is on the ballot for State Representative.

Michelle Keller is our Kentucky Supreme Court Justice and is running for re-election.

Ed Steinmetz is a resident of Eminence.

Carl Tingle is on the ballot for Magistrate District 6.

Phillip Smith is resident of Eminence and on ballot for City Council.

Jerry Roberts is a resident of Eminence.

Desmond Richardson is with the Henry County Library

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 8, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Bates stated that they would stand as presented.

The minutes of the special session held on August 18, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Bates stated that they would stand as presented.

The minutes of the special session held on August 25, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Bates stated that they would stand as presented.

Subject: Second Reading of Property Tax Rate Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second reading on an ordinance setting the real and personal property tax rates at 24.7% per \$100.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft rate at 26.6% per \$100.00 assessment for 2022. Member Downey made a motion to accept the ordinance as read and Member Wayman seconded the motion. On a call for votes, all Members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells reported some residents had been cited for violation of street numbers not being visible.

Chief Wells also reported students were caught vaping in the school restroom and this provided them time to educate the students on vaping.

Mayor Bates presented Chief Wells with a letter and medallion from the City of Lawrenceburg for volunteering and aiding whenever needed.

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

Member Downey asked if the new dump truck had an undercoat on it, and if not, could we check on getting it applied. Public Works Director McAllister will investigate it.

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

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

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Downey reported they have been meeting and getting all the last-minute details ironed out.

Subject: Park Update – Member Metcalfe asked if we could look into getting a drain buried between the splash pad and bath house. Public Works McAllister will look into putting concrete there.

Subject: Beautification Committee: Member Downey reported they have received several applications for the downtown beautification grant and will probably use the whole allotted budget.

Subject: Police Liaison Committee – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pleasureville Rate Change: Clerk Mullins presented the new Pleasureville rate of \$1.32 per 1,000 gallons that will go into effect in December, 2022.

Subject: ARPA Resolution Regarding Purchase of Rowan Center & Parking Lot – Motion made by Meadows and seconded by Member Wayman to sign the resolution regarding the purchase of the Rowan Center & Parking Lot. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Municipal Order - Holidays – Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Meadows to approve the Municipal Order amending the holiday schedule adding Juneteenth. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Municipal Order – Military Leave – Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Downey to amend the section under paid and unpaid leaves referring to military leave pursuant to HB 345, amending KRS 61.394 from the 2022 Legislative Session. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Open Citizen Comments/Questions – Resident Ed Steinmetz wanted to know if the speed bumps though out town could be restriped because they are hard to see when it is raining? Public Works Director McAllister reported he will take care of that.

Resident Ed Steinmetz also asked if a part-time code enforcement person could be hired to enforce code violations. City Clerk Mullins reported we previously had a part-time code-enforcement officer and when she resigned the city decided to hire a full-time police officer to enforce code violations and patrol the city.

Kimberly Hinkle-Browning was present to introduce herself and ask for support as she runs for the office of State Representative.

Michelle Keller was present to introduce herself and ask for support as she runs for re-election of Kentucky Supreme Court Justice.


Mayor’s Update: Mayor Bates reported that he had Troy Popp measure the walking trail and Member Downey had contacted concrete companies on getting estimates for concrete. He reported we could pave the trail in sections or all at once.

Member Armstrong reported she thought that we decided to table this until later since we are going to purchase Rowan Center. Council consensus to table the walking trail at this time.

Council – New Business – Member Wayman reported he had been contacted about people parking on McElroy St. and making it hard for residents to get in and out of their driveways. Public Works Director McAllister reported he could order No Parking Signs. Police Chief Wells reported he will observe the area.

Subject: Warrants – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Meadows to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Wayman to adjourn. All Members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



DOUGLAS M. BATES, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

