

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Karen Paris, Justin Wayman, Connie Nation, Bobbi Jo Frazier and Phillip Smith. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Police Chief Scott Wilcoxson, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Utility Clerk Donna Rangel, Magistrate Carl Tingle, Henry County Local Representative Joe Durban, and Residents (See attached sign in sheet).

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Comment from Mayor Downey Regarding Sale of Property on Plantside Drive: Mayor Downey reported the council had given him the authority to investigate/negotiate the sale of the Plantside Drive Property and after going to Indiana and Georgetown he didn't feel like the Waste Transfer Station was a good fit for the City of Eminence. So, the project was dead.

Member Armstrong asked Attorney Brammell if anything was needed to kill the project, Attorney Brammell advised a motion to take the sale of the property off the table was needed.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to resend the offer to sell the 34.065 acres of vacant land near the Sewer Plant on Plantside Drive. On a call for votes, all members present voted, "Yea".

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting held on August 11, 2025, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the special meeting held on August 21, 2025, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the minutes as presented.

Member Armstrong asked if a member was not present, should they make the motion to approve the minutes, Attorney Brammell advised they shouldn't.

Member Smith rescinded the motion to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

REPORTS:

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

Police Chief Wilcoxson showed the council an example of the helmet and plate carrier vest purchased with the Attorney General's Grant.

Officer David Patterson was present to introduce himself to the council and gave a brief history of himself, his previous employer was Simpsonville and he was also previously employed by the City of Eminence.

Member Frazier reported citizens are reaching out to her about people speeding through town.

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

Member Armstrong wanted to let Troy, Jonathan, JR, Dillion, the Fire Department and the Police Department know they are appreciated for the work they did on the water main break on South Main Street.

Subject: 2nd Leak Adjustment – A second leak adjustment was requested for Cameron Capps in the amount of \$86.09, for Matthew Johnson in the amount of \$76.50, and for Charlie Gist in the amount of \$105.08. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Paris to approve the second leak adjustment for Cameron Capps in the amount of \$86.09, for Matthew Johnson in the amount of \$76.50, and for Charlie Gist in the amount of \$105.08. On a call for votes, the following members voted:

Member Smith	"Yea"	Member Paris	"Yea"
Member Nation	"Yea"	Member Frazier	"Yea"
Member Wayman	"Yea"	Member Armstrong	"Abstain"

*Abstain because of family member

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

City Clerk Mullins presented August 2025 Check Disbursements.

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

Fire Chief Lucas reported the burn ban is still in effect and will be until we have substantial rain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Line-Item Changes

Clerk Mullins presented line-item changes for the General Fund, O&M, and Impact Fee Acct. (See Attached Sheet)

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to accept the line-item changes for the General Fund, O&M, and Impact Fee Account as present. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

First Reading of Budget Amendment 2025-2026: Attorney Brammell held the First Reading of the Ordinance Amending the 2025-2026 Budget. First Reading no action needed.

Review of Appraisal – 128 Eminence Terrace: Mayor Downey presented the appraisal for 128 Eminence Terrace, which was at \$275,000.00. Mayor Downey asked if the council wanted to sell the property.

Member Armstrong wanted to hold onto the property and think about it for a while before we put it up for sale.

Member Smith wanted to try and rent the property before we sell it.

After discussion, Mayor Downey took a poll of the council to see what the council wanted to do with the property.

Member Wayman	“Sell”	Member Smith	“Rent”
Member Frazier	“Rent”	Member Armstrong	“Rent”
Member Nation	“Rent”	Member Paris	“Sell”

Property will be advertised for rent at this time.

Mayor’s Update – Mayor Downey reported the following:

- Repairs have begun at the fire department and should be done in sixty days.
- Aaron Lyons started repairs on Crabb Avenue where we have drainage issues.
- Speed bumps on Raintree have been replaced.
- Applied for a grant to pave five roadways (Crabb, Eminence Terrace, Blackaby, Bell & North Penn).
- Next budget would like to pave Sulphur Ave with a walking/bike lane.

Mayor Downey stated he will be out of town on October 13th and will need to reschedule the next council meeting. Meeting rescheduled for October 20th at 6:00 p.m.

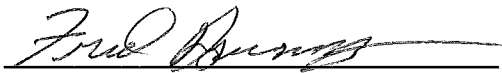
Council – New Business – Member Armstrong reported the Boy Scouts finished painting the swing set and the public works installed the swings. If there are any Community Service Projects, let the Boy Scouts know.

Also, Member Armstrong gave the Council Members a letter received by the residents of Arborview Neighborhood Extension to keep them informed of the upcoming developments in the subdivision.

Member Paris reported Eminence Day is September 27th and starts at 10:00 a.m. with activities until 10:00 p.m.

Clerk Mullins reminded council members of Special Meeting September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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 7:15 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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