

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn 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 Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matthew McAllister, Residents Polly Troxell, DeAnne Downey, Jamie Puckett, J.R. Ellis, Mike Paris, and Magistrate Carl Tingle.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: Property Tax Public Hearing** - Clerk Mullins asked for comments or questions about the tax rate. Clerk Mullins stated no written or oral comments had been received from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

With no questions or comments the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 12, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Nation and seconded by Member Smith to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the special session on August 30, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Property Tax Rate Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading on an ordinance setting the real property tax rate at 24.0% per \$100.00 assessment, the personal property tax rate at 30.26% per \$1000.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate at 26.6% per \$100.00 assessment for 2024. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to accept the ordinance as read. 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.

Police Chief Wells reported eighteen haircuts were given to students, as part of the back-to-school community support.

Member Armstrong reported she had asked the Police Department to demonstrate how to administer Narcan at the Body and Mind Health Fair.

Chief Wells reported they had received two applications for the police officer position, but no decision has been made at this time.

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

Member Armstrong asked what the approximate cost is to repair a water service line. Public Works Director McAllister reported the cost depends on the situation.

Member Frazier thanked Public Works for clearing out the island on Elm Street.

Council suggested getting with the state to remove an additional parking spot in front of Cupp Chiropractic for better driver visibility.

Member Paris reported the directions signs are in for Eminence Day.

A second leak adjustment was requested for Dulce Reza in the amount of \$296.33. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to approve the second leak adjustment for Dulce Reza in the amount of \$296.33. On a call for votes, the following people voted:

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| Armstrong | “Yea” | Wayman | “Yea”     |                |
| Frazier   | “Yea” | Paris  | “Yea”     |                |
| Smith     | “Yea” | Nation | “Abstain” | Property Owner |

Clerk Mullins explained the reason for the large leak adjustment last month was the resident went on vacation and the toilet got stuck. The only thing that was adjusted off was the sewer. The resident paid for all the water.

The council agreed there was no need to change the ordinance concerning leak adjustments at this time.

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

Clerk Mullins presented the month of August 2024 expenses.

**Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Mayor Downey presented the monthly activity report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor’s Update:** Mayor Downey reported he received a letter from the Henry County Board of Adjustments about Klempler Excavating wanting to build another building and needing a 35-foot variance. The meeting is on September 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry County Extension Office.

Mayor Downey also received a letter from Henry County Planning & Zoning Commission about a property on Merriweather wanting to go from R2 to R3. This would be a four-plex unit, but we need to look at the plans because our sewer runs straight through the property. The meeting is on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The Crabb Ave drainage issue will be repaired, and the road will be widened and blacktopped.

The October council meeting needs to be rescheduled due to vacation, the date is Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Downey asked if anyone had names for code enforcement board members. Member Armstrong reported George Armstrong therefore, one member is still needed. Member Downey will find someone.

Mayor Downey reported the library had an event at the same time the Merriweather/King Street Block Party was happening and he had to shut down the music because of the vulgar language. The council stated the library needs to be aware of the date of the block party because it has been happening for years, but the music does need to not have profanity.

**Council – New Business** – Member Wayman report Auntie Anne’s Pretzels will be here Friday, September 13, 2024.

Member Wayman asked if we could purchase benches to go in area beside Puckett’s, since the mural is about finished. Clerk Mullins stated we probably need to put it in the budget for next year.

Jamie Puckett said he is willing to purchase picnic tables and take care of the area if the city will allow it.

Member Armstrong brought up the safety issue with the area. Clerk Mullins reported they are getting audited by KLC and she can check and make sure they approved it before we do anything.

Motion made by Member Nation and seconded by Member Wayman to allow Jamie Puckett to purchase picnic tables, put on city property, and maintain city property. On a call for votes, the following members voted:

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| Member Nation    | “Yea” | Member Wayman | “Yea” |
| Member Frazier   | “Yea” | Member Paris  | “Yea” |
| Member Armstrong | “Nay” | Member Smith  | “Yea” |

Member Paris reported Eminence Day is Saturday, September 14, 2024, rain, or shine. If it does rain, the music will be moved inside.

Member Armstrong reported the Body and Mind Health Fair is September 28. They have 31 confirmed vendors. Paige Lucas-Jamiel is giving an AED class.

Library trick or treat is October 10, 2024, from 6-9


Henry County trick or treat is October 18, and the Renaissance Fair trick or treat is October 26.

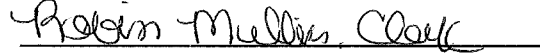
Member Armstrong reported the Community Room kitchen is painted, and butcher block had been donated for the one cabinet that didn't have a counter. She has two estimates for floors.

Member Armstrong also reported litter abatement is scheduled for October 18.

Member Nation reported she went for a walk on main street and cars were parked across the sidewalk and she had to walk around them.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Nation to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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