

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AUGUST 11, 2014  
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with the following members present: Polly Troxell, Tom Shroyer, Treva Browning, Danny Meadows, Lee Ann Armstrong, and Leo Mason. Absent was Mayor Drane Stephens. Also in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Fire Chief Gary Lucas, and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

Attorney Brammell called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and stated that due to the Mayor's absence the council needed to elect one of themselves to serve as presider over the meeting. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to elect Member Tom Shroyer to preside over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Stephens. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Business** – Magistrate Scott Bates was not present to report on County business or concerns. Member Shroyer asked if any member had anything to take back to Magistrate Bates. None did.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes From June 9, 2014** – Clerk Doane reviewed two typographical errors she discovered in the minutes after their approval last month, neither of which affected content or motions made. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Browning to approve the changes to the June 9, 2014 minutes due to typographical errors as reviewed. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 14, 2014 were reviewed. Member Shroyer asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes forthcoming, Member Shroyer stated they would stand approved as presented.

**Subject: Budget Ordinance Amendment** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an ordinance amending the budget ordinance for fiscal year 7-1-14/6-30-15 to add the amount of \$13,000.00 to the Fire Department as detailed last month. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the ordinance amendment as read. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

## **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report** – In the absence of Police Chief Carey Duncan, Member Shroyer reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Member Shroyer reported the department had 299 total contacts for the month. Ten individuals were arrested on twenty-seven separate charges. The Department had six DUI's and four other alcohol related charges this month.

No property ordinance violations were noted this month

**Subject: Public Works Department Report** – In the absence of Public Works Director William Smith, Member Shroyer reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Council inquired how the auto reads were working. Clerk Doane stated they are working great and the employees are anxious to get the ones recently ordered for this year installed. Council expressed their appreciation to the Public Works Department for all their help with Eminence Day.

**Subject: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project Update** – Mr. Smith had stated in his report that the sludge removal is complete and did run over the estimated bid. Clerk Doane stated it is hoped that this difference can be made up elsewhere in the project.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report** – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council, reporting that approximately 98.02% of the 2013 tax bills and franchise additions have been collected at August 5th. Council inquired how long we should keep delinquent taxes on the books. Discussion held with Council requesting that any charge-offs come before the Council for approval.

Clerk Doane reported that the City has received an additional \$425.00 for Eminence Day booth rentals this past month.

Clerk Doane reported that we have received our HB 413 quarterly payment this month.

Clerk Doane reported we have received a health insurance subsidy from the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the amount of \$3,398.76. We have been receiving a subsidy twice a year of varying amounts for several years due to our participation in the state's health insurance plan.

Clerk Doane reported that the second edition of our newsletter has been prepared and mailed out. Clerk Doane stated her office is still working on preparing everything for the auditor who is scheduled to come in September.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed fifteen total runs and special details in July for total man-hours of approximately eighty-four.

Fire Chief Lucas gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recent fire on Main Street which destroyed two buildings and damaged a third one. Chief Lucas stated the department lost approximately \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 in equipment including a 24 foot extension ladder, one air pack face mask, and foam for both Eminence and Shelby County. Approximately ½ million gallons of water was used to fight this fire. At the peak of the fire, they used 5,000-6,000 gallons of water a minute. It took two days to get the City's tank refilled. Chief Lucas credited the quick actions of our Police

Department for seeing this when they did which was a major help. We had approximately 55-60 firefighters from various departments assisting with the fire. We will not be billed by any department as we have written mutual aid agreements with each department here. Chief Lucas stated the fire was dispatched at .0015 with someone on the scene at .0021 with the fire being controlled at 13:47:33 p.m. The first truck was on the scene within twelve minutes of dispatch. There is a fence around the properties with no trespassing signs up. All of the buildings are insured by the same company thru Insurance Associates. The investigation is on-going. It has been determined that it was not a lightning strike as the closest lightning at that exact time was five miles away. They have been asked to have the buildings down and the property cleaned up by August 31, 2014. The air quality and asbestos control offices have been called with samples to be done prior to demolition. Some of the roof will need to come off now for the investigators to get inside.

Chief Lucas suggested that we might want to take out the street light in front of the businesses prior to demolition.

Council commended the Fire Department for the great job in handling this fire and also thanked the other departments who assisted. Mayor Stephens will be sending out official thank you letters to the other departments. Chief Lucas explained some of the behind the scene jobs necessary during a fire and the required hours to continue to be certified. We currently have 16 on our roster of volunteers.

Member Shroyer thanked the entire Lucas family for their many years of commitment to the Fire Department. Chief Lucas has been with the department for 46 years and has been the Chief for 43 years. Chief Lucas thanked the Council for the support to him and his family.

**Subject: Ronnie Lucas Benefit** – It was announced for Council to put October 11, 2014 on their calendar for the Ronnie Lucas benefit. No location has been decided upon at this time.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Member Armstrong reported on Eminence Day and thanked the Fire Department for leading the parade. The committee meet at 6:00 a.m. to decide whether to hold the event or not due to the weather. They decided to proceed. Member Armstrong stated we were able to get the parade, the bake-off, the pageant, the pizza eating contest and the pie-in the face event completed prior to the heavy rain. Due to the possibility of jeopardizing about \$8,000.00 worth of band equipment, most of the music had to be cancelled. Due to this, we will be having music on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 11:00 with some food booths to set up earlier in the day if they want to. This will be advertised in the paper. The EHS juniors will do the cleanup afterwards.

**Subject: Parks Update** – Discussion held concerning a complaint we received because a large group reserved both pavilions. A person reading under one of them was asked to move and there was no reserved signs up and she felt we should not allow both to be reserved. Discussion held on allowing both to be reserved and how to move forward with the reserved signage. Council in agreement to continue renting both; but to make a better effort to get reserved signage up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Line Item Budget Change** – Clerk Doane reviewed the need for a line item budget change due to a decision to pay for the sludge removal from HB 608 funds rather than local funds. The amount budgeted for sludge removal of \$170,750.00 needs to be moved to the line item of transfer to the water and sewer reserve for the overall plant expansion. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to approve this line item change as presented. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Resolution Approving Wastewater Treatment Project Expenses** – Attorney Brammell reviewed a resolution to approve one invoice on the wastewater treatment project payable to H & A Resources in the amount of \$191,388.00 (from KIA IEDF funds) for sludge removal. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Meadows to approve the resolution as presented approving the invoice for payment. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Noise Ordinance** – Nothing new to report.

**Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions** – No one present to address Council.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** – Council was reminded that the filing deadline to run for office is tomorrow by 4:00 p.m.

**Subject: Council New Business** – No one had any new concerns.

**Subject: Warrants** - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Closed Session** – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Meadows to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK  
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