

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Fred Downey, Leo Mason, Polly Troxell and Lee Ann Armstrong. Also, in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Major Mike Wells; Assistant City Clerk Debbie Moore; Henry County Local Representative Tammy Shaw; Project Prom Representative Kellie and Kayla Dixon and Resident Darrell Hinkley.

Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business - Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report was available. Member Meadows updated the council that the hole had been patched on Shawnee Road. Mayor Stephens updated the council that the potholes were filled on Main Street but had washed back out due to the heavy rain.

Subject: Eminence Project Prom – Kellie Dixon with Eminence Project Prom was present to request the City’s sponsorship of Project Prom. She reported they will be holding Project Prom at the school, and would rent games and inflatables from Louisville Inflatable after prom on April 27, 2019. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Downey to authorize payment of an invoice on behalf of Project Prom in the amount of \$500.00. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”. Kellie Dixon passed out flyers to the council members for the project prom fundraiser selling bulk 5-gallon buckets of soap.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on February 11, 2019 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additional additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

Subject: Audit Acceptance – Mayor Stephens reported we need to accept the audit which was presented last month. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Mason to accept the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 as presented. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Police Major Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. They had a total of 255 contacts for the month, with two traffic collisions. Thirty-four citations were issued on forty-two charges. Fourteen individuals were arrested on sixteen charges.

Major Wells reported an attempted burglary on South Main St., which was investigated by Officer Parham and Detective Bailey. Officer Parham recovered a stolen vehicle. Detective Bailey is working with Franklin County to prosecute the Pleasureville man arrested on the sexual abuse charge.

Major Wells had also introduced a roll call policy to keep officers refreshed on law changes and this was implemented the first of the year.

Member Downey reported he had spoken with Attorney Brammell and people could be charged with trespassing who enter vehicle but do not take anything. Attorney Brammell requested Major Wells get with him on this issue.

Subject: Public Works Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Reported on routine activities.

Mr. McAllister reported the repair of several potholes due to salt erosion and painted no parking on South Main and Elm Street sidewalks where vehicles are obstructing views.

Mr. McAllister reported he updated the GIS information for the utilities and also added the Pleasureville sewer system and force main going to the river in Lockport.

Member Meadows reported the culvert in his yard on Vernon is now underground and needs to be looked at; this is the same culvert we had repaired due to an accident. Mayor Stephens and Public Works Director McAllister will stop by and check it out.

Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - City Clerk Robin Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 95% of the total 2018 billed taxes with only \$21,611.98 remaining unpaid as of March 5, 2019.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported that all is going well in the department. The department had 3 runs and other training hours during February for a total of 242 manhours. Member Meadows also reported that lights are still out at the fire department. Public Works Director McAllister said they are working on getting them repaired. Mayor Stephens reported the concrete repairs will be done soon. Member Meadows reported the rescue truck is back in service and the new truck may be here by the 1st Saturday in June.

Subject: Festivals Report – Mayor Stephens asked the council how they felt about Eminence Day and if they were opposed to doing something different. The Festival Committee will meet on March 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm to decide how to proceed.

Subject: Parks Report – Mayor Stephens reported bathhouse plans are printed and bids are ready to be put in the paper, but he needed help on the more detailed work, such as the electric. Public Works Director McAllister reported we will need a temporary pole to run the splash pad.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Open Citizens Comments/Questions: - Darrell Hinkley: Darrell Hinkley was present to discuss a drainage problem he believes the city has created. Mr. Hinkley believes when the city repaired the sewer line on Dill's property it forced the drainage on his property. Mayor Stephens and Public Works Director McAllister will look into the problem and report back to the council and Mr. Hinkley.

Mr. Hinkley also requested the phone numbers of council and magistrates.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor reported El Nopal was 95% going to happen but still didn't know the exact location.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Metcalfe reported that he had been in contact with the Kentucky Department of Transportation Cabinet regarding a permit to get the specification for the sign. They advised him to go ahead and fill out the application for the permit and send it in with the drawings and specifications. A 6x3 sign will cost \$1,300.00 and the base will cost another \$1,000.00. The total shouldn't go over \$2,500.00. The council agreed he should proceed with the application.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to approve the warrants for payment as presented. All members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Closed Session – Mayor Stephens stated a closed session is needed to discuss a personnel matter. Motion made at 7:32 p.m. by Member Downey to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter which may lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and seconded by Member Metcalf. All members present voted yea.

Motion made at 7:39 p.m. to return to open session by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Troxell. All members present voted "Yea". Open session resumed at 7:39 p.m.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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