

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Leo Mason, Joey Bell, Fred Downey, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent was Mayor Drane Stephens. Also in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Police Chief Kevin Kemper, Citizens Holly Kinderman, Michelle Sweeney, Edward Sweeney and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

In the absence of Mayor Stephens, Clerk Doane called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Selection of Person to Preside over Meeting – Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Mason to elect Member Meadows to preside over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Stephens. On a call for vote, voting “Yea” were Members Armstrong, Mason, Troxell, Bell, and Downey. Abstaining was Member Meadows. Motion carried. Member Meadows assumed the chair.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report available. Member Meadows asked if there was anything which needs to be addressed by Magistrate Bates. No one had anything new for Magistrate Bates.

Subject: Project Prom – Holly Kinderman was present to request Council assistance with Eminence Project Prom. Reported they will be holding Project Prom at the House of Boom after prom with all students required to stay there until the bus brings them back home. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Meadows to authorize payment of an invoice on behalf of Project Prom in the amount of \$500.00. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Annexation – Edward & Michelle Sweeney of 628 East Broadway were present to discuss annexation into the city limits in order to be on the City’s sewer system. Attorney Brammell stated this would require an ordinance to be adopted and that he had advised Mr. & Mrs. Sweeney to get council’s consensus for annexation prior to going to the expense of a survey which would show the property being annexed and the contiguous borders with other properties in the city limits. They are only requesting a partial annexation of their property. Public Works Director Matt McAllister has met with them and the sewer is available on their property with them only needing to put in 180 feet of line to get to the tap. Their septic system has totally failed so they need to be on the sewer system as soon as possible. Having special meetings to speed this up were discussed and recommended by Council. Council consensus was to allow the Sweeney’s to hook up to the City’s sewer system once the annexation is complete and the necessary paperwork and fees are paid.

Subject: Cemetery – Jim Pettitt, Chairman of the Cemetery Board of Directors was present to discuss various projects being done at the cemetery and the need for financial assistance. They have been working with the school kids on various projects including a walking bridge connecting

the two sections and also an entrance monument. They will also be holding some classes on cleaning and setting of stones for the school kids to learn the proper way to do this. They are also considering a cremation garden. The cemetery board is asking for donations and have sent letters to the Churches and businesses. Lucas Monument helps them out a lot too. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Mason and seconded by Member Armstrong to authorize payment of an invoice on behalf of the cemetery up to \$300.00 within the next six months. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on February 13, 2017 were reviewed. Member Meadows asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes forthcoming, Member Meadows stated they would stand approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Police Chief Kevin Kemper presented the monthly activity report with council. They had 349 total contacts for the month. Fifty-Eight citations were issued on ninety-three charges. Eleven individuals were arrested on twenty-one charges.

Chief Kemper reported on an arrest for trafficking in controlled substance by Officer Bailey which was handled well.

Chief Kemper reported that the Eminence School requested a drug detecting K-9 walk through of the school parking lots and building. The Frankfort Police Department sent us two handlers and dogs who worked for us for about three hours. The dogs did alert on a car and some book bags but no contraband was found.

Reported that all the officers went to a 7 hour close quarters rifle class recently in Crestwood.

Chief Kemper reported that they have ordered an all-wheel drive police car to replace one of the old blue Explorers. They are having a lot of issues with the Explorers and are trying to rotate them out of the fleet. Purchasing a car will save several thousand dollars over purchasing of an SUV.

Reported that State Archives and Records are coming to their office to assist with records destruction and retention. Clerk Doane stated the City's records manager/office assistant could also help with this project if needed.

Chief Kemper reported they are trying a new computer system in Officer Parham's car on a trial basis. The purchase price will be \$3,000.00 per car. So far it seems to be working well. Currently all hand citations are being entered into the system by office staff at the State Police. Once these ladies retire hand citations will no longer be accepted. They do not have internet in the cruisers so would have to dock the computers at the office and send the forms from there but that should not be a problem.

Chief Kemper reported he received a compliment on our department from the Commonwealth Attorney's office on our reports and testimony being among the best in the areas that they deal with.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council.

Mr. McAllister reported they have finished the hydrant relocation at the intersection of Mulberry Pike and Clear Creek Road with only seeding and strawing needed.

They have tested, sampled and flushed the new 6” water line at Tristan Ridge. It is now live and connects the 12” main on Blackaby Lane with the 2” main on North King.

Mr. McAllister reported the remaining auto read meters have been picked up from Bardstown which will allow us to finish this project and have all our customers on auto-read.

Mr. McAllister reported they have had several sewer issues around town that have been resolved with our camera and augering equipment.

Reported that the annual wastewater inspection was performed and everything passed with no violations or issues.

Member Mason asked when the restrooms at the park will be opened. Mr. McAllister stated we can open them whenever we have consistent warm weather which will hopefully be the first of April sometime.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 97.5% of the 2016 tax billing as of March 8, 2017.

Clerk Doane reported on other receipts for the month including receipt of \$21,046.53 for Kentucky Utilities franchise tax and receipt of \$700.00 for a 2014 grass lien.

Clerk Doane reported on the closing of the lobby at PBI Bank effective April 1, 2017 which will possibly cause some problems for us. This will be evaluated on an ongoing basis. Clerk Doane reported she and Mayor Stephens have transferred over \$400,000.00 in certificates of deposit from PBI Bank to United Citizens Bank for a better interest rate.

Clerk Doane reported KEMI will be providing CPR, AED, and First Aid training at City Hall on the 29th of March starting at 9:00 a.m. This will be 4-1/2 to 5 hours in length. If anyone wants to attend just let her know.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows presented the fire department report for February which shows a total of four runs, meeting and special details for a total of 25 man hours. Member Meadows stated the department is doing a lot of in-house training now.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Mason reported that the committee meet on March 6th to start planning for Eminence Day. They have decided to have a well-known musical group perform around noon to keep people in town. Member Bell reported the parade is being worked on with several of the car show participants wanting to participate in the parade. Member Troxell reported that Chassity Tuggle will be doing the pageant due to resignation of Samantha Thompson this year. Having a children’s play area is also being discussed

Subject: Parks Update – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: County Economic Development – Council reviewed a letter from Judge Brent asking for assistance with the I-71 Economic Development Group of which Henry County is a part. Requesting \$1,000.00. Member Troxell stated she feels we should do this as the Director is always working for economic development for us. Consensus for Director Gary Mathis and/or Judge Brent to attend the next meeting to discuss this in person.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – None.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – No report available.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Armstrong reported that the first police liaison meeting went well with Chief Kemper and Sergeant Wells both attending.

Member Downey asked Clerk Doane if all our funds are secured by FDIC insurance. Clerk Doane reported all are secured with a combination of FDIC insurance and pledged securities.

Member Downey inquired if the community center is being offered for rent by the school and if this was part of the agreement. It was discussed that it was part of the agreement when we gave the center to the school. He would like to make sure the agreement is being honored and also wants to know how much money the City spent on the construction of the center.

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, 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 Troxell to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY