

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2021

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members were present: Fred Downey, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell, Justin Wayman and Leann Armstrong. Absent was Danny Meadows. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Police Chief Mike Wells, Henry County Local Editor Aaron Nelson, Olivia Herrell and Residents Steve and Jennifer Cassity.

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

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent, so no report was submitted to council.

Subject: Christmas Tractor Parade – Olivia Herrell was present to report the Chamber was sponsoring a tractor parade in Eminence on December 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The permits to close the Main Street and West Broadway have been submitted for approval. The parade will start at the Auto Auction and anyone interested should contact Holly Wilson. Burn Out BBQ and Jericho Farms will set up in the tattoo parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on September 13, 2021 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand as presented.

Subject: Second Reading of An Ordinance Updating Policies, Procedures, Compensation Plan, Classification – Attorney Brammell held the second reading on an ordinance updating Policies, Procedures, Compensation Plan, Classification that all persons employed from the city from March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 are eligible to receive a one-time lump sum payment for actual hours worked. Member Troxell made a motion to accept the ordinance as read and Member Downey seconded the motion. On a call for votes, all Members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells reports there were six ordinance violations were cited and they go back to court in November. He also reported, four out of the six have already made improvements.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director McAllister was absent, so Mayor Stephens reviewed his report.

Member Armstrong reported she had received a letter from LG&E that they were going to be in town this week cutting down limbs.

Clerk Mullins presented a second leak adjustment for the following:

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| 1. Bradley Tingle | \$90.81 |
| 2. Amanda Moore | \$97.83 |
| 3. Richard Simpson | \$280.91 |
| 4. Larry Dixie | \$181.01 |

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to allow the second leak adjustments for Bradley Tingle, Amanda Moore, Richard Simpson, and Larry Dixie. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

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

Mayor Stephens reviewed the 1st Quarter Budget Review.

Clerk Mullins reported that the auditor did come and had a couple of suggestions:

1. Update the Occupational/Net Profits Tax Ordinance
2. Change the Time Period for Payroll

Clerk Mullins also reported we could use the CARES Act money in the General Fund to do a utility grant. The consensus of the council was to wait and see if we needed the money for another project.

Subject: Fire Report – Chief Lucas presented the monthly report. He reported there were 4 fire run and all were rural.

Mayor Stephens reported the striping in front of the fire house should be done in the next couple of weeks.

Subject: Festivals Update – Council decided to have Light Up Eminence December 4, 2021 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Santa will arrive at 6:00 p.m.

Subject: Park Update – Member Metcalfe reported they are still waiting on the fence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Open Citizens – Residents Steve and Jennifer Cassity were present to report on the parking space in front of his building. There is a handicap parking space that he would like to go back to a regular parking space, because it is technically owned by him all but about eight feet. The consensus of the council was to change it back to a regular parking place.

Mr. Cassity also reported he would like to put up a fence and a no trespassing sign between his building and Mr. Stivers.

Olivia Herrell asked when we would have trick or treat. Council decided Friday, October 29, 2021. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Businesses and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residential.

First Reading of Beautification Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading on an ordinance establishing a grant program for the beautification of the downtown business district.

First Reading of Planning & Zoning Ordinance Amending Section 670 – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of a planning & zoning ordinance amending section 670 (1) (A) (29).

First Reading of An Ordinance Renaming Sulphur Ave to Mason Ave – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an ordinance changing the name of Sulphur Ave to Mason Ave.

Resolution on Wireless Phone Policy – Mayor Stephens reviewed the wireless phone policy with council. Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Troxell for Mayor Stephens to sign the resolution on the Wireless Phone Policy.

Resolution on Fire Department Premium Pay – Mayor Stephens reviewed the premium pay resolution with the council. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Metcalfe for Mayor Stephens to sign the Premium Pay resolution.

Subject: Council Update – Member Armstrong asked if the orange sign had been taken down.

Member Wayman reported he had received two bids on the walking trail and was waiting on a couple more.

He also reported, he checked in to the rubber pad at the park and the quote he received was \$100,000.00.

Member Wayman reported he would be attending a virtual webinar on the ARPA fund and the park on October 18, 2021. If anyone had questions, they wanted him to ask, please get them to him.

Member Wayman also had a couple of questions about things not getting done, like:

- Generator @ WAC (Standards are not achievable)
- Widening Franklin
- Sealing Coach D Parking Lot (Early Spring)
- Widening Blackaby (no one has agreed)
- Slum Lord Issue (Code Enforcement)


Member Downey reported the problem with Member Armstrong's yard, Blackaby and Browning's is that they do not have curbing. Mayor Stephens suggested we put concrete in the holes to deter vehicles from driving off the edge of the road. Member Armstrong agreed with the concrete in her yard.


Member Downey received a complaint that there wasn't a flagpole in front of city hall. Member Armstrong will investigate to see what type of flagpole is needed and how much it will cost.

Member Metcalfe asked if it would be feasible to seal in front of the fire station before it is striped. Mayor Stephens suggested he get with Elias and let him know what he would like to do and get a quote, since he also would like to have parking places in front of the bell done also.

Subject: Warrants – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Troxell to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call for votes, all Members present voted "Yea".

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 7:55 p.m.


DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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