

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members were present: Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell, Justin Wayman and Leann Armstrong. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Police Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Residents Ed Steinmetz, Chad and Angela Johnson, and Sandra Smith.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

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

With no question or comments the public hearing was closed and regular meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m.

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

Member Meadows asked if we had received any information about the repair work on the repair entrance to Blackaby. Mayor Stephens reported Commonwealth Paving couldn't do that type of work and Derby City Paving could do it when they do big jobs.

Member Armstrong asked if we could put a no U-turn sign in front of Prewitt Funeral Home. Mayor Stephens didn't know if the state would have to do it since it was a state road or if Prewitt's could do it. He would talk to Guy Prewitt.

**Subject: Street Name Change** – Sandra Smith was present to request Sulphur Avenue be renamed Mason Avenue. Ms. Smith gave a presentation on her Grandfather William Mason's history and with all his contributions to the city, his achievements, and accomplishments. Ms. Smith had gone to the residents on Sulphur Ave. and majority of them agreed to change the street name. The consensus of the council was to change the name after to ordinance readings. Attorney Brammell will prepare the ordinance for the October, 2021 meeting.

**Subject: Beautification** – Chad and Angela Johnson were present to let the counsel know what was going on with their building. The Johnson's have plans to do exterior work in phases and the building will house four business. They are excited about the possibility of a beautification grant.

The council discussed the ordinance and what was needed to move forward. Attorney Brammell reported he needed to know who would be on the committee, a map of the area, and specifications for improvements. The council decided the committee would be comprised of three council members, two local business owners, and two citizens at large to be appointed by the mayor. The mayor asked for names by the next month.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 9, 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: Property Tax Rate Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading on an ordinance setting the real and personal property tax rates at 31.2% per \$100.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft rate at 26.6% per \$100.00 assessment for 2021. Member Meadows made a motion to accept the ordinance as read and Member Metcalfe 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 11 ordinance violations and 3 cases going to court with one being the Crabb Ave. he has been working on for over a year and a half.

Chief Wells also reported Shop with A Cop received the “Humanizing Badge” Grant in the amount of \$500.

Mayor Stephens reported no bids were received on the police department due to the lack of specs by the architect.

Member Downey suggested we think of doing something else before we invest a lot of money into that old building. He suggested we either move the Police Department to the Public Works Building and build and pole barn for the Public Works.

**Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Public Works Director McAllister presented his monthly report.

Member Metcalf asked if there was anything that could be done to make the splash pad drain better. Public Works Director McAllister reported they have a couple of ideas they are looking into.

Clerk Mullins presented a second leak adjustment for Shannon Woods in the amount of \$42.91. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Meadows to allow the second leak adjustment. On a call for vote, all members present voted "Yea".

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

Clerk Mullins reported that the auditor would be here the week on September 30, 2021 to do the audit for fiscal year end 6/30/2021.

Clerk Mullins also reported we were able to apply for another round of CARES Grant and would be able to request the fund this week.

**Subject: Fire Report** – Member Meadows presented the monthly report. He reported there was one fire run and four other runs.

Member Meadows also reported he still needed the lines restriped in front of the firehouse.

Chief Lucas was present, he and Member Meadows discussed that the City of Pleasureville would like the Eminence Fire Department to respond to their fire runs per the mutual aid agreement.

Attorney Brammell stated it would be alright if the insurance covers mutual aid on the equipment. The firefighters are covered by the state.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Mayor Stephens reported no activity at this time.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Open Citizens** – Resident Ed Steinmetz was present to report he appreciated the grass being mowed he voiced concerns about last month.

**Subject: Mayor' Update** – Mayor Stephens reported that Jeremiah has someone interested in the Theiss building.

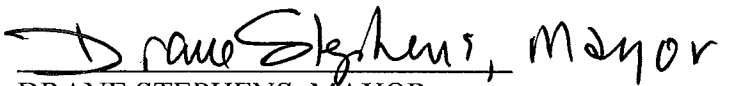
Mayor Stephens also reported granite business is still a go.


**Subject: Council Update** – Member Downey requested we credit each water bill account \$100.00 with the COVID money. Clerk Mullins reported she would ask the auditor if it was possible when he is here next week.

Member Armstrong ask if there had been any progress on Mike's building next to Valero. Mayor Stephens reported they would get in touch with him.

**Subject: Warrants** – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Wayman 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 8:30 p.m.

  
DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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