

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2021

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 9, 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; Henry County Local Editor Aaron Nelson, and Resident Ed Steinmetz.

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 submitted to council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 12, 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.

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells reports there were 10 ordinance violations and 8 were summoned to court. Sgt. Parham is giving the offenders two-week warnings.

Chief Wells also reported they need more Narcan as they are using it rapidly.

Chief Wells reported they are short a vehicle with the school resource officer set to return in the next couple of weeks. The vehicle that was order, will not be ready for five or more months. A similar vehicle is available in Indiana but is a lot more expensive.

Mayor Stephens reported that he, Mike, and Clerk Mullins will look at the budget and see what the best option is for a vehicle.

Mayor Stephens reported that we should have the drawing from the architect by Friday.

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

Member Meadows requested public works to cut down the overhang of trees on Cherokee. Public Works McAllister reported the county usually does this as a tradeoff, but their equipment is down now. They will contact the apartment building to see if they can do it or they will cut them down at ground level.

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

Clerk Mullins reported that we have received the first installment of the ARAP funds.

Clerk Mullins also reported that she and the Mayor decided to partner with KIPDA on the administering and reporting of the funds at a rate of 1%. The council agreed of this decision.

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

Member Meadows also reported there is a recall on the new fire truck.

Member Meadows also reported the fire department would like the front of the building restriped.

Subject: Festivals Update – Mayor Stephens and the council decided to put the Light Up Eminence planning on hold until October.

Subject: Park Update – Mayor Stephens reported the court is finished, net cable and fence are coming.

Member Metcalfe suggested we look to change the rubber mulch in next year's budget to a mat.

Mayor Stephens reported at the end of the season the splash pad and fixtures will be painted.

Member Wayman inquired about the walking trail. Mayor Stephens reported he had received the quote from Derby City Paving and he was meeting with Commonwealth Paving for a quote.

Subject: Beautification Committee – Member Downey reported the beautification committee met and gave the information they developed to Attorney Brammell. Attorney Brammell reported he would have something to present by next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Discussion of Property Tax Rates – Clerk Mullins reviews the compensating and 4% allowed rates for real and personal property. The compensating rate on real property is 30.3% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 31.5% per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The compensating rate on personal property is 36.48% per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 37.93% per one hundred dollars of assessed value. Discussion held. Consensus of the council to keep the rates the same as last year on real and personal property at 31.2% for both and 26.6% on motor vehicle and watercraft. Public Hearing will be held before the next council meeting on September 13, 2021.

Subject: Property Tax Rate Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first 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.

Subject: Open Citizens – Resident Ed Steinmetz was present to report about the grass being overgrown behind his property on Spring Oak Drive and the property on the right.

Chief Wells reported he would get Sgt. Parham to investigate these areas of concern.

Subject: Council Update – Member Armstrong asked Chief Wells to speak on the Back-to-School Bash. Chief Wells reported the Back-to-School Bash will be August 19, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be free food and giveaways. So far there are 26 businesses and Churches involved. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. if anyone would like to attend.


Member Metcalfe reported maybe more parking could be obtained if we restriped in front of the Family Dollar Store where the bell is located. Mayor Stephens asked Public Works Director McAllister to investigate it.

Member Armstrong reported the citizens on West Broadway were concerned about the overflow parking from the new gym being allowed to park on the street during games. Mayor Stephens reported no parking signs could be put up. Public Works Director McAllister asked if the school would be interested in the property on Dobner for additional parking.


Member Downey asked about the striping on Main Street in front of the Christian Church. Public Works Director McAllister reported he didn't know why they made some parking places that way.

Subject: Warrants – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Metcalfe 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 7:32 p.m.



DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 

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