

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Phillip Smith, Karen Paris, Justin Wayman, and Connie Nation. Absent was Member Bobbi Jo Frazier. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Interim Police Chief Scott Wilcoxson, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Employees: Troy Popp, J.R. Ellis, Brett Downey, Resident DeAnne Downey, Henry County Local Editor Joe Durbin, and Magistrate Carl Tingle.

Mayor Downey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous special session held on November 12, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Zoning for the Purpose of Permitting and Regulating Cannabis Business Operations in the City** - Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the Ordinance Amending Zoning for the Purpose of Permitting and Regulating Cannabis Business Operations in the City. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

### **REPORTS:**

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

Member Armstrong asked the date for Shop with A Cop? Chief Wilcoxson reported December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Downey reported he planned to bring the vote before the council in January to approve Interim Chief Wilcoxson as Police Chief.

**Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** - Public Works Director McAllister presented the monthly activity report to council.

Member Paris asked who paid for the force main break in Pleasureville, Director McAllister reported the contractor did.

Member Armstrong asked if we had enough salt for this winter. Director McAllister reported we have plenty.

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

Clerk Mullins presented the month of November 2024 expenses and answered Member Armstrong's questions.

**Subject: Fire Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Fire Chief Lucas presented the monthly activity report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: First Reading of Ordinance Amending Date, Time, and Location for Meetings of City Council.** Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ordinance amending the date, time, and location for City Council Meeting when they occur on Holidays. No action required.

**Subject: First Reading of Ordinance Relating to the Control of Alcoholic Beverages in the City.** Attorney Brammell held the first read of an ordinance relating to the control of alcoholic beverages in the city. No action required.

**Subject: Resolution Providing for the Sale of a Franchise for the Business of the Collection and Disposal of Garbage, Trash, and Debris within the City of Eminence.** Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Smith to approve the resolution providing the sale of a Franchise for the business of the collection and disposal of garbage, trash, and debris within the city of Eminence. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Authorizing Resolution for CBDG Grant for the Sewer Expansion.** Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to authorize Mayor Downey to sign on behalf of the City of Eminence all documents related to the CBDG Grant for Sewer Expansion. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Municipal Order Updating the City of Eminence Employee Handbook with provisions for Medicinal Cannabis.** Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve the Municipal Order updating the City of Eminence Employee Handbook with provisions for Medicinal Cannabis. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

**Mayor's Update:** Mayor Downey reported a zone request was put in the packet for property on Ballardsville Road asking for a change from A1 to A2. The plan is to put 60 homes in.

Also, Mayor Downey reported Officer Corley has been promoted to Sergeant and Officer Downey had been promoted to Detective.

Mayor Downey reported the city has applied for CPPP Road Grants to pave Blackaby Lane and Crabb Avenue.

Mayor Downey reported the city had been approved for the state portion of the Land and Water Grant for the mulch replacement, but we are still waiting to hear on the federal portion.

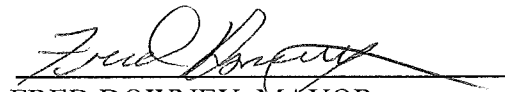
**Council - New Business** – Member Armstrong reported how good the community room looks and there are seven or eight rental applications for the next couple of months.


Also, Member Armstrong reported CVS plans to use the community room for their district meetings each quarter.

Member Paris wanted to thank Public Works for the lights and all the work on the Christmas tree. There were around 3,000 or more people here for Light Up Eminence. Santa Claus will be here Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Member Wayman asked us to keep Steve Metcalfe in our prayers.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Smith and seconded by Member Nation to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

  
FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

