

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2022

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Doug Bates and the following members were present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Police Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Ed Steinmetz, Samuel Adams, Mike Ray, Henry County Local Editor Tammy Shaw, Phillip Smith, Sandra Smith, Phillip Bizer and Cheryl Nelson.

Mayor Bates 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: Discussion on Zoning Ordinance for Henry County Amending Section 670: – Mike Ray and Sam Adams were present from Henry County Planning and Zoning Commission to answer any additional questions the council had regarding the zone change.

Member Downey wanted to know if a new zone could be created for the solar farms. Mike Ray said it would be very difficult. Mr. Ray explained that when someone applied for the I zone change they would only be able to use it for what it was specifically applied for. They could request the change for a solar farm and then put something else on the property.

Member Wayman asked if any studies had been done to see how solar farms effect the environment. Mr. Ray said no, but they do know there are run offs and surface water concerns.

Member Downey asked if the planning commission had considered a conditional use, and the answer was yes. Mr. Adams said the only problem with the conditional use is that you have to set parameters for each zone and the solar farms have to be a certain number of acres and some solar farms the acreage is too big to fit in that particular zone.

The consensus of the council was to look at the Zone change ordinance next month.

Subject: 150 Zelcova Drive – Cheryl Nelson was present to request the city relinquish the property in front of her house that was part of the cul-de-sac before the new subdivision was put in. The Mayor and Council said they would look into it and get back with her. Before she left, she said a prayer for the city.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on December 13, 2021 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Wayman to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes all members present voted “Yea”

The minutes from the special meeting held on January 3, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Metcalfe to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes all members present voted “Yea”

Subject: Discussion on Changing the name of Sulphur Ave to WM. H. Mason Jr. Ave. – Member Meadows reported he had received phone calls from citizens about the cost of changing the address on services such as driver and vehicle licenses. There are a lot of services to consider that would need to be changed.

Mayor Bates concern was he didn’t want this name change to set a precedent for other people to want to change the name of streets when there was a death in the family.

Clerk Mullins reported we need to make sure it is done in enough time for the residents to get the voter registration changed for the primary.

Member Armstrong reported we need to move forward because we should have considered all these concerns before now.

The family was present and was alright with moving forward even if it was done before May, Mr. Mason’s birthday. The council agreed the ceremony could be done in May, 2022.

Subject: First Reading of Ordinance Changing Name of Sulphur Ave to WM. H. Mason Jr. Ave. - Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an ordinance changing the name of Sulphur Ave to WM. H. Mason, Jr. Ave.

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells gave the final report numbers for the 2021 year with Criminal Cases 136, Accidents 60, Incidents 48 and City Ordinance Violations 33.

Chief Wells also reported they took eleven children on Shop with A Cop.

Also, Chief Wells reported they hosted Cram the Cruiser again this year and collected items and donations for the tornado victims in Western Kentucky.

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

Public Works Director McAllister reported the two old dump trucks were ready to be surplus, he thought the county was interested in them but since they can't be DOT certified they are not interested.

Member Meadows inquired about the new truck that was ordered. Public Works Director McAllister reported it was ordered May 11, but no build date has been set.

Member Downey suggested they look at Allstate Ford for an F-450. He also suggested we sub-contract someone to do snow removal when there was a big snow fall or a water leak. Mayor Bates said to get him the information.

A second leak adjustment was requested for Little Pea Preschool in the amount of \$142.89. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Metcalfe 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 they had received 89% of the 2021 property tax bills.

Clerk Mullins reported she had received the litter abatement grant for 2022. Member Armstrong reported she has some ideas she would like to discuss with Mayor Bates about the grant.

Clerk Mullins reviewed the 2nd Quarter Budget Review with the council.

Subject: Fire Report – Member Meadows presented the monthly report. He reported there was 1 fire run and none were rural.

Member Meadows reported he would like to see the lights on the side of the building fixed. Public Works McAllister reported Greg Hutchison has been notified and it is on his to do list.

Member Meadows reported an emergency testing on the siren will be done on the 18th or the 19 of January. Also, he is getting bids on putting a siren on the water tower.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Metcalfe reported the tractor parade went well.

Member Wayman reported he raised \$520.00 for the tornado victims.

Subject: Park Update – None.

Subject: Beautification Committee: Resident Ed Steinmeitz needed clarification on the Beautification ordinance. Attorney Brammell explained the business could be reimbursed or submit a bill to be paid once the work is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Resolution Regarding Use By The Police Chief of Personal Electronic Devices Other Than Cellular Phones - Attorney Brammell explained the resolution was about the police chief adding his smart watch to the cellular phone bill. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Wayman to accept the Resolution as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Municipal Order Regarding Application of the Work Week for City Employees – Attorney Brammell read the Municipal order regarding changing the work week for City Employees. Motion Made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to change the work application of the work week for City Employees. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Open Comments – None.

Subject: Mayors Update – Mayor Bates wanted to thank everyone for their help. He thanked the Police and Public Works Department for their help during the snow. He also wanted to thank the council for their support.


Subject: Council – Member Wayman reported he would like to see the city make a shooting range at the sewer plant. The police department is beginning to have issues using Steel Tech’s shooting range.

Police Chief Wells reported they are required to certify 2 times a year at night.

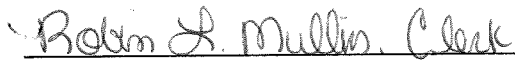
Mayor Bates requested Chief Wells get with Public Works Director McAllister and see if there is someplace at the sewer plant.

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 Troxell and seconded by Member Downey to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



DOUG BATES, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 

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

