

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Bobbi Jo Frazier, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, and Justin Wayman. Absent was Connie Nation. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Police Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matthew McAllister, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, and residents, Doug Bates, James Puckett, Mike Paris, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Darrell Dees, Ronda Dees, Polly Troxell, Amy Charles, Carl Tingle, Rita Tipton, and Steve Metcalfe.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Project Prom – Jennifer Fitzgerald from Eminence Project Prom was present to request the Eminence City Council pay \$500.00 towards the invoice to BYB Event Services for Project Prom. The invoice is for a mechanical bull and inflatable axe throwing. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to pay \$500.00 towards the BYB Event Services invoice for Project Prom. On a call for votes the following members voted:

Member Armstrong	“Yea”	Member Smith	“Yea”
Member Frazier	“Yea”	Member Paris	“Yea”
Member Wayman	“Absent from vote”		

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes December 11, 2023 – The minutes from December 11, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

REPORTS:

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

Member Armstrong reported the Police Liaison Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss updating the Juvenile Curfew and the Noise Ordinance.

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

Public Works Director McAllister reported he needed to advertise to bid for an Engineer in case we received grant money for the sewer plant expansion. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Armstrong to advertise to bid for an Engineer for the Sewer Expansion Project. On a call for votes, all members present voted, "Yea".

Second Leak Adjustments was presented for Joan Mason in the amount of \$60.10 and Guru 3 Enterprises in the amount of \$136.35. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the second adjustment for Joan Mason in the amount of \$60.10 and Guru 3 Enterprises in the amount of \$136.35. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

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

Clerk Mullins presented the month of December 2023 expenses.

Clerk Mullins presented the 2nd Quarter Budget Review.

Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto) –Chief Lucas presented the monthly activity report. They had 10 runs and 49 manpower hours.

Also, Fire Chief Lucas reported the fire department will have State Fire Training on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Member Armstrong requested Chief Lucas add two extra lines to his report for the accidents that occur on Highways 22/322 and Highway 55 and Mulberry.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Per Diem Rate set for Meals – Mayor Downey introduced the idea of a per diem for meals for employees and council when they travel overnight for training. Attorney Brammell said an executive order will accomplish this. The council was in agreement to use the federal per diem for meals.

Subject: Municipal Aid – Road Repair – Mayor Downey reported he had received an estimate from Jessee Pullen Construction to repair the potholes with 5,000 mix and the labor would be \$1,375.00.

Mayor Downey would also like to repair the entrance to Vernon and Penn Ave. with the same concrete rate that was used for the sidewalks.

After discussion, the council was in agreement.

Mayor Downey asked for comments from the public. No comments.

Mayor's Update: Mayor Downey wanted to know if the council would like to entertain the idea of selling the other part of the municipal building that Public Works was going to use. After discussion, the consensus was for the Mayor Downey to move forward with getting a quote on getting the electricity divided in the building and getting the architect in to do the drawing.

Mayor Downey reported Major Dudinskie asked for more storage and in order to do that, a new drawing has to be done with all the changes. Then the changes have to go back to the state for approval. After the meeting Mayor Downey will walk the council through the suggested changes in the building.

Mayor Downey also reported he had received a complaint on Facebook about a tree that prevented people from getting to the mailbox at the post office. Mr. and Mrs. Dees have cleaned up the tree and now it is up to the post office to move the mailbox.

Council – New Business – Member Wayman asked where we were on the entrance to CVS. Mayor Downey reported he is trying to set up a meeting with the State Engineer.

Member Wayman asked James Puckett when they were going to start on the mural. April is the expected start date.

Member Armstrong asked where we were on getting an AED for the new municipal building. Clerk Mullins reported we had applied for a grant.

Member Armstrong wanted to set a date for the Spring Cleanup. April 13, 2024, was selected.

Also, Member Armstrong reported the Affordable Housing Committee is waiting to appoint additional members to the committee until after they have had some training.

Member Paris reported the volunteer firefighters wanted to complete the repairs to the additional space and the Fire Department once the police have completely moved out. Mayor Downey reported that may be a liability and we probably just need to get a contractor.

Member Smith reported vehicles are still running the stop sign at the corner of Sulphur and Warrior Avenue. Police Chief Wells will step up patrol there.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made was by Member Smith and seconded by Member Wayman to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR

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ATTEST: Robin Mullins, Clerk
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