

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 10, 2023

EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Bobbi Jo Frazier, Connie Nation, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Police Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matthew McAllister, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Major John Dudinskie, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, and residents of the city (see sign in sheet).

Mayor Downey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance held.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes Regular Meeting June 12, 2023** – The minutes from June 12, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

**Minutes Special Meeting June 20, 2023** – The minutes from June 20, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Nation to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

**Minutes Special Meeting June 26, 2023** – The minutes from June 26, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

**Minutes Special Meeting June 29, 2023** – The minutes from June 29, 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 inquired about the CAD system. Chief Wells reported it was the system that gives them the total for the runs that are reported on the monthly council report.

Mayor Downey reported a new police vehicle has been procured and is at L&W to get the striping package which should take around six to eight weeks.

Chief Wells reported he intends to keep one of the Tahoe's as a pool vehicle and surplus the other.

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

Member Armstrong inquired about the sewer situation at Pleasureville. Public Works Director McAllister reported the new pumps were installed and functioning.

Second Leak Adjustments were presented in the amount of \$87.63 for James Parrott, Jr. and in the amount of \$270.80 for Bridget West.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve the leak adjustments for James Parrot, Jr. in the amount of \$87.63 and Bridget West in the amount of \$270.80. 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 reported the City General Fund closed out the year with a balance of \$1,228,531.33 and the Water Works Operations and Maintenance Fund closed out with \$1,566,896.26.

**Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Fire Chief Steve Lucas presented the monthly activity report. They had 14 runs and 216 manpower hours.

Chief Lucas reported he had another certified officer in the Fire Department.

Mayor Downey reported he is getting bid specs for the walls and ceiling for painting the bay.

Also, Mayor Downey reported the total cost of the floor was recovered thanks to a letter sent by Attorney Brammell.

Member Armstrong asked if Fire Chief Lucas would do a one-call on the burn ban.

**Subject: Park Committee: None.**

**Subject: Festival Committee:** Member Paris reported the music is in place. The Festival Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Open Citizens Comments/Questions** – James “Goodie” Goodloe thanked Chief Wells and the Police Department for the card. He received his first code enforcement violation notice and wanted to know what happens to the people who don’t comply.

Chief Wells explained the process of giving the resident so many days to comply, then they are cited and have to go through the court process, which can take a while.

Also, Mr. Goodloe questioned his son being able to sell fish on Eminence Day because NabVets were selling fish. Member Paris reported they would just put them in different locations, and he would just need to fill out the application and have insurance.

**Facebook Live:** Mayor Downey asked the council if they were interested in streaming the council meetings on Facebook Live. A discussion was held.

Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Frazier to put the council meeting up on the website, but not to stream on Facebook live. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

**Bingo Discussion:** Mayor Downey reported that since there are three months left on the bingo contract he wanted to see if they wanted to continue the contract. The council decided the rental agreement committee would meet with Jennifer to go over some concerns and the contract before the next council meeting.

**Sewer Smell Discussion:** Mayor Downey reported he had reached out and found a chemical that is supposed to eliminate the sewer smell everyone is complaining about. A salesman came out and tested the sewer and gave a recommendation. The price would be around \$20,000.00.

Member Armstrong asked Public Works Director McAllister what he thought about the chemicals, and he said they had used something similar in the past and it didn’t work, and he wasn’t sure this would either.

Consensus was for Public Works Director McAllister to get more information on the chemicals to see if it is the same or similar to what was used last time and report back next month.

**Sewer Expansion Discussion:** Mayor Downey reported that the cost to expand the system we have now is 1.5 to 2 million dollars and a new conventional system would cost around 20 million dollars. KIPDA is looking for sewer expansion grants. We will need to bid out the engineering, which would be the first step.

**Mayor’s Update:** Mayor Downey reported drainage/road on Plantside Drive has been replaced.


Walking trail is completed still waiting on grates.

**Council – New Business** – Member Armstrong reported Park Duval looks nice with the landscaping and blacktopping done.

Member Smith wanted to thank Attorney Brammell for the work on the Rental Agreement.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Paris to approve the Rental Agreement for the Community Room. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Frazier to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

  
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FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: Robin Mullins, Clerk  
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