

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Bobbi Jo Frazier, Karen Paris, Phillip Smith, Justin Wayman, and Connie Nation. 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, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, and see sign in sheet.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Code Enforcement Board: Campbellsburg Mayor David Gray and City Clerk Kim Boyer were present to discuss the code enforcement board the City of Campbellsburg has set up. The city has an attorney that represents them and the board that is made up of two council members, three residents and one alternate. Once a formal complaint is filed, a warning is given by placing a placard on the property and the resident has seven days to respond. If there is no response, then a warning letter is written, and another seven days is given. The final step is a fine and the property owner has the option to appeal the fine. As of now, all fines have been paid. If the fines are not paid, a lien can be put on the property and the owner taken to court.

Mayor Downey asked the council to think about this and we will discuss it next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Special Meeting Minutes May 21, 2024 – The minutes from May 21, 2024, Special Meeting were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Paris to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, the following members voted:

Member Smith	“Yea”	Member Paris	“Yea”
Member Wayman	“Yea”	Member Nation	“Yea”
Member Frazier	“Yea”	Member Armstrong	“Abstain”

Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an ordinance updating the Pay/Compensation Plan. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Paris to approve the Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of Budget Ordinance –

Member Wayman reported at the special meeting on May 21, 2024, he had made a motion for a 5% pay increase for the Supervisors plus Major Dudinskie and 4% for all the other employees which was tabled until this meeting because all members were not present. Motion made by member Wayman for a 5% pay increase for the Supervisors plus Major Dudinskie and 4% for all the other employees. Motion died for lack of a second.

Member Armstrong reported that she had gone to the KLC training last week and they had said if you have a good team you have to keep them happy. She believes we have a good set of employees, and we need to keep them here and happy.

Motion made by member Wayman and seconded by Member Nation for a 4.5% pay increase across the board for all employees. On a call for votes, all members present voted, "Yea".

Second Reading of Budget Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Wayman to approve the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025, as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted, "Yea".

Subject: Authorizing Resolution Land and Water Conservation Fund – Attorney Brammell read the Authorizing Resolution for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the resolution as read. 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 asked what happens to the old weapons when we purchase new weapons. Police Chief Wells reported, a quote is received on the value of the old weapons and then they are offered for sale to the police officers. Confiscated weapons are turned over to KSP.

Member Wayman thanked the police for all they do.

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

Member Wayman asked if our water is affected by the high lithium levels. Public Works Director McAllister reported no.

Member Paris reported the light on the Coach D sign is not pointed in the correct direction. Public Works Director McAllister will get with Steve Metcalfe.

Mayor Downey presented second leak adjustments for the following:

Terry Hazelwood \$118.09 Ciara Payton \$269.22

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the second leak adjustment for Terry Hazelwood - \$118.09 and Ciara Payton - \$269.22. 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 May 2024 expenses.

Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto) – Fire Chief Lucas presented the monthly activity report. They had 9 runs and 155 manpower hours.

Fire Chief Lucas reported they collected \$13,502.80 for Crusade for Children.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor's Update: Mayor Downey reported on progress on the Municipal Building, the doors should be in tomorrow, having trouble finding compliant handrails, and painting should be done by the end of the week.

Mayor Downey reported the construction progress on the Fire Department, projected to be completed are the HVAC, painting, and finish floors. The city will do a temporary fix from the sidewalk to road for the fire trucks.

Mayor Downey reported the drainage work is complete on Bell Ave. He doesn't plan to blacktop right now, but will wait and make sure the rock is well compacted. There are plans to take the drainage four feet off the existing road.

Mayor Downey would like the council to consider giving taxpayers a tax amnesty for unpaid taxes. Clerk Mullins reported we would still need to bill them for the penalty since we filed the tax lien with the penalty included. Clerk Mullins and her staff will look at the numbers and bring them back next month for a decision.

Council – New Business – Member Smith reported the Beautification Committee awarded a grant to Douglas Johnson of Electro Logic Inc. The business plans to be open no later than July and build small computers that run motors. He will employ ten employees full-time and is working with the school to get three to five co-op students. Tours are welcome.

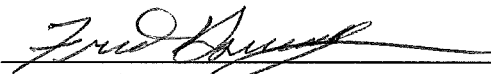
Member Armstrong wanted to address why she voted no last month on Recreational Trail Fund for the Jim Green Walking Trail. An 80/20 is a great opportunity, but for another grant. Last year Mayor Downey told us we had missed the deadline for the grant, but we could wait and apply next year. We chose to spend taxpayers' money and now, if we receive the grant, we are going to tear

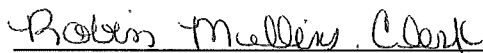
up the trail and spend taxpayers' money to replace it and she just didn't feel comfortable doing that.

Member Armstrong wanted to thank Clerk Mullins, her team, and the council for all their assistance.

Mayor Downey reported he met with Buddy John Stanley, and he can repair the cracks in the trail with the rubber snake and dig and patch and replace areas that have tree roots if we do not get the grant.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Nation and seconded by Member Frazier to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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