

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 12, 2023

EMINENCE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, June 12, 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, Major John Dudinskie, Public Works Director Matthew McAllister, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, 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.

Merriweather Development Project – Jerry Roberts was present to report on an eight-plex building planned to be built on Merriweather by Deidrick and Amy Young. There is an alley behind the property he would like to buy from the city. Attorney Brammell said the property would have to be declared surplus property, independently appraised, and sold for the appraised price. Public Works Director McAllister stated he cannot find anything that says the city owns the property. Attorney Brammell will look into researching the property and get back with the council. Mr. Roberts said there is no hurry, it would probably be another year before the property was developed if Planning and Zoning allowed it.

Pleasureville Sewer Questions – Pleasureville Commissioner Chris Rice was present to request the timeline for the new pumps being installed. Public Works Director McAllister reported that new brackets are being built and hopefully it will be installed tomorrow or later in the week.

Commissioner Rice also asked if the public works was going to move ahead with looking for illegal connections. Public Works Director McAllister reported they are, and letters would be sent to the offenders, although it is hard to catch everyone who has an illegal connection.

Commissioner Rice also asked if the two inch lines needed to be upgraded and if so, who was responsible for the cost. Public Works Director McAllister reported we will have to wait until after the pumps are installed to see if this solves the problem and if they need to be upgraded Pleasureville is responsible for the cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes from May 8, 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”.

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

Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2022/2023 – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Paris to accept the Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Questions or Comments from the Public regarding the MAP and LGEA Fund - Mayor Downey called for questions or comments from the public regarding the MAP and LGEA Fund.

No written or oral comments were received.

Second Reading of Annual Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2023/2024 – Attorney Brammell held the Second reading of an Annual Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Motion made by Member Smith to amend the salary increase for employees at 2.5% across the board. No second was made so motion died.

Motion made by Member Wayman to approve the budget as presented. No second was made, so motion died.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Armstrong to amend the salary increases for employees to 3.5% across the board. On a call for votes, the following members voted,

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

Special meetings will be called to have another first and second reading for the Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Police Major John Dudinskie presented the monthly activity report to the council.

Major Dudinskie also spoke passionately about the importance of having good officers and making sure they are compensated well.

Member Wayman presented Major Dudinskie with \$463.84 raised from Aunt Annies Pretzel for Shop with a Cop.

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

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

Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto) – Fire Chief Steve Lucas presented the monthly activity report. They had 8 runs and 131 manpower hours.

Chief Lucas reported they raised \$14,340.85 for the Crusade for Children.

Subject: Park Committee: Mayor Downey reported the elephant trunk at the park had been removed.

Subject: Festival Committee: Member Paris reported the committee meeting will be June 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Gary Gibson is the 1st option to play but will not have an answer until Wednesday.

Denny and Jeff want to set up music.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading of Solid Waste Pickup and Disposal Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the Solid Waste Pickup and Disposal Ordinance. No action required.

Insurance Proposals – Mayor Downey presented the two insurance proposals:

EMC Renewal: \$91,370.37

KLC Renewal \$87,692.47

Also, with KLC the city would be able to apply for Grants and get back as much as \$9,500.00 on premiums.

Mayor Downey reported he had asked the agent to see if they could increase the limits of uninsured/underinsured on the KLC policy. The agent reported KLC would increase the limit to \$300,000.00 for an additional 765.60.

After discussion, the council had questions about the special events coverage. Mayor Downey reported we will contact our agent and let them know at the next meeting.

Open Citizens Comments/Questions – Chris King was present to make a complaint against Fire Chief Lucas. Mayor Downey reported he needed to file a formal complaint at city hall.

Mayor's Update: Mayor Downey reported that sidewalks and blacktop are going in at the new subdivision.

Mayor Downey also reported the walking trail should be done by the end of the week. The quote Buddy John Stanley gave for fill dirt and seed in the sides of the walking trail was around \$6,000.00. Consensus of the council was to wait until after the trail was finished to see if it needed to be done.

Mayor Downey also reported that the largest and second largest homebuilders in the state are looking to build homes in Eminence.


Mayor Downey reported he needed someone to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Polly Troxell volunteered.

Council – New Business – Member Paris asked where we were on the floor at the Fire Department. Attorney Brammell reported a letter had been sent on May 16, 2023 which gave them thirty days to respond, or we would file a complaint.

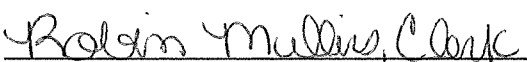
Member Smith asked where we were on the ethics ordinance. Attorney Brammell stated it was a tedious ordinance to go through and it was taking longer than originally thought.

Special meeting dates set for Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 4:30p.m. and Wednesday, June 21 at 4:30 p.m.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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