

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, March 13, 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, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, and see attached sign in sheet.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous special session held on February 13, 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 with the name correction. On a call for votes, all Members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: Mural – Mayor Downey reported he had received a lot of calls about the mural proposal, and he suggested we allow James Puckett to use our property to put the mural of his choice as long as whoever he uses has general liability and workers compensation insurance. The city will not contribute any funds to the project.

Member Wayman wanted to know if we could sell the property to Mr. Puckett, but Attorney Brammell reported the property would have to be declared surplus property and anyone could purchase it at that point.

Mr. Puckett was in agreement with the suggestion of Mayor Downey.

Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Frazier to allow Mr. Puckett to use the city property to put up a mural of his choice with no funds from the city and his contractor must provide general liability and workers compensation insurance to the city clerk. On a call for votes, all Members present voted, ‘Yea’.

Subject: Sidewalks – Member Wayman reported the sidewalks at Sammy’s and Browning’s had been replaced. The students from Ms. Montgomery’s class have been cleaning and edging the sidewalks.

Member Wayman would like to move 30 – 35K from the park budget to use for sidewalks.

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to move 35k from Parks Department category, Capital - 2400-920 to the Street Department, Maintenance Grounds and Streets – 3000-637 for sidewalks. On a call for votes, all Members present voted, “Yea”.

Mayor Downey suggested we repair the walking trail with dense grade rock instead of concrete or blacktop. It would take about ten loads and cost anywhere from 5 – 6K.

Subject: Garbage Franchise Bid – Mayor Downey reported we received the updated rates from Rumpke with the 20% lowered franchise fee.

Council decided they would like to see if Rumpke would cut back the contract to two years and look at dropping franchise fee by 5% at the end of the first year if Rumpke is in agreement then Mayor Downey may sign the contract.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Paris to reach out to Rumpke to see if he would cut back the contract to two years and look at dropping franchise fee by 5% at the end of the first year and if Rumpke is in agreement, then Mayor Downey may sign the contract. On a call for votes, all Members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Audit Fiscal Year End 6/30/2022 – Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Simon-Frazier to accept the Audit for Fiscal Year End 6/30/2022.

Subject: Rental Agreement – Mayor Downey reported he would like to form a committee to come up with a rental agreement for the community room. Members Wayman, Armstrong and Smith agreed to be on the committee.

Member Paris reported the Guild would like to rent the community room for Eminence Day and just pay a set fee.

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells reported they had received a grant for KLOXXADO. This form of Naloxone is 8mg as opposed to Narcan which is 4mg per dose. Member Paris asked how many doses were received. Chief Wells reported thirty-two doses.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director McAllister was absent, so Mayor Downey asked council to review his report.

Clerk Mullins presented second leak adjustments for the following:

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| Dolly Tucker | \$67.69 | Shannon Woods | \$414.05 |
| Evelyn Stivers | \$87.37 | | |

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve the second leak adjustment for Dolly Tucker - \$67.69, Shannon Woods – \$414.05 and Evelyn Stivers \$87.37. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

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.

Chief Lucas reported three volunteers went to fire school.

Member Karen reported the fire board had met and decided they would like to move now on the floor instead of waiting. Board Member Brian Golden had someone come out and do a moisture test and they said either the product was put down wrong or the wrong product was used. The board recommends meeting with the company again to try and come up with a resolution either repair the floor or reimburse the money.

Attorney Brammell reported there needs to be a consensus of one or the other before they proceed.

After discussion, the consensus of the council was for Mayor Downey, Steve Metcalfe, Member Paris, Member Frazier and Board Member Brian Golden to meet with George and Tennis Tech to see if the city can receive reimbursement so a new floor can be put down.

Subject: Festival Committee: Member Paris reported the committee had booked Eric Taylor and the last Ronde Vue and Leo Mason. The stage, rides (rock wall, carousal and train), and tent (seat 50) were confirmed. Ala Mae would sing the National Anthem, Member Wayman would do the 5K run and Central will perform. Donnie Webster is bringing state police cars and the substance abuse trailer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Citizen Comments/Questions – None.

Mayor’s Update: Mayor Downey reported Clerk Mullins called AT&T to see about getting internet and phone lines in the new municipal building and all they could provide was hot spots.

Clerk Mullins met with Spectrum at City Hall today and will meet with them tomorrow at the new municipal building for them to do a site survey. This will help determine where the new equipment will need to be placed. Still, no date has been given for work to be started.

Mayor Downey reported he met with the Carey Graham, the building inspector, and we need to get the fire alarm panel up and going before we let anyone use the building. He will come back and inspect the alarm system and give us the go ahead once that is done. We would still need to have an architect draw up plans and submit them for permits.

Mayor Downey reported he met with Megan McCombs with Architect at Saltbox Studio to draw up and submit the plans for the building. Her quote was \$6,250.00 if she could obtain the CAD plans from the previous firm and, if not it, would be another \$750.00.

Mayor Downey asked if anyone had any suggestions on the letter received in the packet. Member Smith suggested increasing the citation amount, because with it so low, people would just pay it and still let their dogs run loose.

Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Frazier to increase the penalty on the dog ordinance to \$50, \$75, and \$100. On a call for votes, all Members present, voted "Yea".

Council – New Business – Member Wayman reported Auntie Anne's will be here April 14th from 11:00 AM– 6:00 PM and proceeds will go to Shop with a Cop.

Member Wayman reported signs were ordered to put up in the park about lewd music.

Member Wayman also reported he had obtained quotes for rubber mats to replace the mulch in the park. Attorney Brammell reported this project would have to be put out to bid.


Member Armstrong asked if anything had been done about the lights in the parking lot. Mayor Downey reported not at this time.

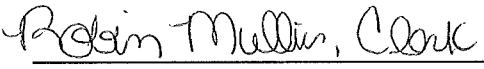
Member Armstrong reported the box placed at the courthouse by boy scouts for collection was a success.

Member Armstrong reported Spring Cleanup will be May 20th.

Member Armstrong also reported the park will be closed a couple of days at the end of the month for power washing.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Nation to adjourn. All Members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

