

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2022

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Doug Bates and the following members were present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Henry County Local Publisher Jane Ashely Pace, Bobbie, Frazier, Angie Gibson & Jackie Hayden.

Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent, so no report was submitted to council.

Subject: Project Prom – Bobbie Frazier and Angie Gibson were present to request the city help with project prom as in previous years. The event is scheduled for May 6, 2022 at Malibu Jack's, and the students will be bussed to and from the event.

Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Wayman to pay \$500.00 toward the invoice for Malibu Jacks. On a call for votes, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Jim Green Trail – Jackie Hayden was present verify the timeline for the Jim Green Trail repairs. Her Uncle is in bad health, and she would like it to happen before he is unable to enjoy it.

Member Wayman reported we have received some quotes and we are waiting for the weather to get better so we can move forward on our plans. We plan to use the ARPA fund to upgrade the trail to concrete with a budget of 80 – 90K.

Subject: Affordable Housing – Jackie Hayden reported she would like to see more affordable housing in Eminence. She currently rents and she wanted to know if the city was doing anything to help people who couldn't afford the new houses that are being built. She also asked what could be done about landlords who do not keep up their property.

Member Downey reported we are working on updating our ordinance that will allow us to inspect a property before a new tenant moves into make sure it is up to code. This will keep a landlord from renting out unsafe properties.

Mayor Bates reported he had a list of houses for rent she could pick up at his office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on February 14, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Fred and seconded by Member Metcalfe to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”

Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Time Change of City Council Meetings - Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an ordinance to change the time of City Council Meetings from 6:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion made by Member Meadows to accept the ordinance as read, seconded by Member Downey. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”

Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance on Planning & Zoning Text Amendment (Solar Farms) – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of a Planning & Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance about Solar Farms. Motion made by Member Meadows to accept the ordinance as read, seconded by Member Troxell. On a call for votes the following members voted:

Member Meadows	“Yea”	Member Wayman	“Nay”
Member Troxell	“Yea”	Member Metcalfe	“Nay”
		Member Downey	“Nay”
Member Armstrong	“Abstain”		

The motion didn’t carry it was dead.

Subject: Jake Brakes – Member Downey reported he had met with Magistrate Bates, and they cannot require truckers not to use their safety devices. Major Dudinskie and Magistrate Bates had both confirmed this with the Department of Transportation.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Mayor Bates presented the monthly activity report to the council.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director McAllister presented his report.

Member Armstrong reported some of the William H. Mason Jr. dedication signs are leaning and wanted to see if they could be straightened up.

Member Downey reported street signs are leaning all over town.

Clerk Mullins presented second leak adjustment for Jessica McAllister in the amount of \$26.29. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalfe to give a second adjustment in the amount of \$26.29. 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 they had received 95% of the 2021 property tax bills.

Clerk Mullins reported the phone system went down one day last month and the network provider informed them the system is outdated. To update the system the monthly bill will increase \$100.00 a month. The council requested Clerk Mullins get quotes from Spectrum.

Clerk Mullins asked the departments heads to start working on their budgets for fiscal year 2022/2023.

Clerk Mullins presented the Audit for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2021. Clerk Mullins asked the council to look over it and get back to her with any questions.

Subject: Fire Report – Member Meadows presented the monthly report. He reported there was one rural fire run.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Metcalfe wanted to know if the council wanted to do the Christmas Festival when they had the Tractor Parade again this year. Member Downey reported he was fine with it as long as Santa was here early in the month.

Member Downey wanted to know if we wanted to do Eminence Day. A festival committee meeting will be planned to discuss these matters.

Subject: Park Update – Member Metcalfe reported Ms. Montgomery's class is going to paint the pump house.

Subject: Beautification Committee: Member Downey reported that he received a quote from a painter for \$5,000.00 for the Saloon. The building next door to the saloon is going to be painted in the next couple of weeks. The Mexican Grocery Store is going to put up new bricks and doors. Pontrich Flooring is not interested in doing anything at this time. The Beautification Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

Subject: Police Liaison Committee – Mayor Doug Bates reported the Police Liaison Committee met a couple of times. He also met with Public Works Director McAllister and received a drawing of what he would like for the public works facility. The committee plans to meet again and discuss the public works facility as well as the police department moving to the current public works building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Limited Land Lease – Mayor Bates reported he would like to award the contract to Kevin Kemper for the limited land lease with same agreement as last year \$75.00 an acre. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Troxell to enter into a limited land lease contract with Kevin Kemper at the Sewer Treatment Plant for \$75.00 an acre. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Bid Opening for Dump Trucks – Mayor Bates held the bid open for the 1999 GMC 8500 Dump Truck Vin #1 GDP7H1C4XJ503032 with 25,392 miles. The following bids were received.

Paul Case	\$6,050.00
Tim Fitzgerald	\$3,500.99
Morris Powell	\$3,500.00
J&W Auto Sales	\$2,620.00

The bids received on the 1999 GMC C7500 Dump Truck Vin #1GDM7H1C9XJ503627 with 173,821 miles. The following bids were received:

Morris Powell	\$3,600.00
J&W Auto Sales	\$3,120.00
Paul Case	\$1,050.00

Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Armstrong to award the bid to Paul Case for the 1999 GMC 8500 Dump Truck for the amount of \$6,050.00 and award the bid to Morris Powell for the 1999 GMC C7500 Dump Truck for the amount of \$3,600.00. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”

Subject: Estimates on Tornado Siren – Danny Meadows presented the council with three bids for the tornado siren:

Federal Signal 508-128	\$27,711.00
Federal Signal 2001-130	\$26,096.00
ASC Mass Notification Solutions T-128-DC	\$35,052.10

Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Wayman to enter into a contract with Federal Signal for Model No. 508-128 for a tornado siren at the price of \$27,711.00. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Resolution – Granting the Use of ARPA Funds to Pay KIPDA FEES - Attorney Brammell held the reading on the resolution granting the use of ARPA funds to pay KIPDA Fees.

Subject: Resolution – Declaring One-Time Election of Standard Allowance – Attorney Brammell held the reading of the resolution declaring the city electing a one-time standard allowance for the ARPA Funds.


Subject: Resolution – Tornado Siren Project – Attorney Brammell held the reading stating the city planned to use the ARPA funds for a tornado siren.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Bates reported he wants to get going on the committee meetings.

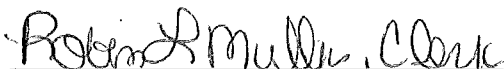
Subject: Council New Business – Member Wayman reported Aunt Annie’s Pretzel will be at Doc’s Tattoo on April 1, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 20% of proceeds will go to Shop with a Cop.

Subject: Warrants – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Downey to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call for votes, all Members present voted “Yea”.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Wayman to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



DOUG BATES, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

