

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, May 8, 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, Tate Lucky, Intern with Henry County Local, Pastor Mike Fitzgerald and members of his congregation, Pastor Nathan Shaw and members of his congregation and Pastor William Thomas and members of his congregation.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Project Prom** – Crystal Ernst was present to speak on behalf of the Eminence Project Prom Class of 2023 requesting an invoice be paid for Malone’s. The invoice will be for a taco bar provided for the seniors and the guests. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to pay an invoice for Malone’s up to \$500.00 for Eminence Project Prom for the Class of 2023. On a call for votes the following members voted:

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

**Beer Garden** – Michael Fitzgerald was present to speak on behalf of the congregation of Daybreak Christian Church and oppose the beer garden on Eminence Day. Mr. Fitzgerald said it was a family day and alcohol could be purchased at twelve other places in the city.

Nathan Shaw spoke on behalf of the Crossroads Lighthouse Church, and he opposed the beer garden on Eminence Day. He spoke of events that happened in his life and presented 65 letters in opposition to the beer garden.

Member Paris said she would take the concerns back to the festival committee.

Michael Fitzgerald also left letters of opposition, before he left the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes from April 10, 2023, 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, all members present voted, “Yea”.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Dog Ordinance Fees** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Dog Ordinance Fees. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Nation to accept the Ordinance Amending Dog Fees as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

**Subject: Rental Agreement** – Member Smith presented the revised changes for the rental agreement of the community room.

Discussion was held on Alcohol sales in the community room. EMC, our current insurance company, strongly prohibits the sale of alcohol in the community room and Major Dudinskie is strongly against alcohol sales in the community room.

Motion Member Smith and seconded by Member Armstrong made to approve the suggested changes made by the rental agreement committee but striking the alcohol use at this time. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

Member Nation brought up the use of alcohol in the community room during Bingo which against her contract. Mayor Downey will address all the council’s concerns with Jennifer outside of the council meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

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

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

Member Paris inquired if the road repair had begun on Plantside Road. Mayor Downey reported it should begin next week.

Member Armstrong wanted to thank Steve Metcalfe and his students for helping beautify the city with the hard work they are doing around town.

Mayor Downey reported we had a Jetter Truck from LaGrange Utilities come in and cut out tree roots in sewer lines and that has saved the city a lot of money.

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

Clerk Mullins presented line item changes for the current fiscal year 2022/2023. Motion made by Member Smith and seconded by Member Nation to approve the line items as presented.

**Subject: Fire Report – (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Fire Chief Steve Lucas presented the monthly activity report. They had 8 runs and 111 manpower hours.

Mayor Downey presented a text he had received from Jesse Henderson with Tennis Technology, acknowledging the problems with the floor, but they offered no solution. Attorney Brammell will write a demand letter to Tennis Technology and Seal Master with a time schedule, and we will proceed from there.

**Subject: Park Committee:** Member Wayman reported they are still having issues at the park with the music.

Chief Wells reported they have used the cameras to be able solve a lot of the crimes the individuals have committed, and 3 juveniles will do community service over the summer.

Member Paris reported she has noticed the water on at the splash pad, although no one is there.

Public Works Director McAllister reported the button is so sensitive a bird can set it off. He does not know how to change the sensitivity, but he is trying to get in contact with someone that hopefully does.

Member Armstrong suggested since it had been so rainy that next year, we not activate the splash pad on so early.

Mayor Downey reported he had turned it on early as a test to see if the splash pad reduced the smell at the sewer plant.

**Subject: Festival Committee:** Member Paris reported the committee is still trying to get bands/music.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**First Reading of Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan. No action required.

**First Reading of Ordinance Amending Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2022/2023** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2022/2023. No action required.

**Mayor Budget Message** – Mayor Downey presented his budget message for Fiscal year 2023/2024.

**First Reading of Annual Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2023/2024** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an Annual Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2023/2024. No action required.

**Bid Opening Jim Green Trail** – The following bids were received:

Concrete

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|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| C&V Concrete | A. 954 Ft.   | \$18,030.00               |
|              | B. 2,527 Ft. | \$47,760.00               |
|              | C. 728 Ft.   | <u>\$13,759.00</u>        |
|              |              | \$ 79,549.00 (Labor Only) |

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| Paul Clifford | A. 957 Ft.   | \$24,880.00               |
|               | B. 2,500 Ft. | \$65,000.00               |
|               | C. 730 Ft.   | <u>\$18,980.00</u>        |
|               |              | \$108,860.00 (Labor Only) |

Blacktop

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| Derby City Paving | A. 970 Ft.   | \$17,000.00  |
|                   | B. 2,490 Ft. | \$37,000.00  |
|                   | C. 735 Ft.   | <u>\$13,290.00</u>                                   |
|                   |              | \$67,290.00 (Labor & Material)                       |
|                   |              | ****\$5,000.00 Discount if all sections done at once |
|                   |              | \$62,290.00  |

Seal & Repair

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| Derby City Paving | A. 970 Ft.   | \$4,500.00        |
|                   | B. 2,490 Ft. | \$7,400.00        |
|                   | C. 735 Ft.   | <u>\$2,830.00</u> |
|                   |              | \$14,730.00       |

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| Chico’s Sealing | A. 6,273 SqFt.  | \$2,606.80        |
|                 | B. 17,381 SqFt, | \$18,345.00       |
|                 | C. 5,160 SqFt.  | <u>\$2,300.00</u> |
|                 |                 | \$23,251.80       |

After discussion, a motion was made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Smith to accept the bid from Derby City Paving to blacktop the entire Jim Green Trail in the amount of \$62,290.00. On a call for votes, the following members voted:


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

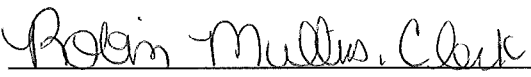
**Open Citizen Comments/Questions – None.**

**Mayor's Update:** Mayor Downey reported Public Works Director McAllister and Clerk Mullins had received emails from Spectrum that their best effort was to bring basic internet and Wi-Fi into the building and for us to contact our IT department. Clerk Mullins reached out to our IT company, and they will take it from here and we will hopefully have it complete in the next couple of weeks.

**Council – New Business – None.**

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Wayman to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

  
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FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

