

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 9, 2022

EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Doug Bates and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; Assistant City Clerk Debbie Moore; Chief Mike Wells, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, and Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on April 11, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalfe to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

The minutes of the special meeting held on April 19, 2022 were reviewed. Mayor Bates asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalfe to accept the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

**REPORTS:**

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

Chief Wells reported that during the drug take back, 83lbs of prescriptions were received and taken to Louisville for disposal.

Chief Wells reported the police department will be having community cookouts, so residents can discuss their concerns.

Member Armstrong asked about officers having to leave the city to transport prisoners to jail. Chief Wells reported, they occasionally leave, especially on weekends and holidays. Member Armstrong said we need to find a solution for this issue. Attorney Brammell suggested to invite the jailer to a council meeting.

Chief Wells reported that Officer Clark has resigned. They are looking to hire a new officer.

**Subject: Code Enforcement-** Chief Wells reported they issued 3 citations and have 7 open cases.

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

Member Downey thanked Member Metcalfe and Chief Wells for helping with putting up the fence around tennis court.

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

**Subject: Fire Report** – Member Meadows presented the monthly report. He reported there were five fire runs.

Member Meadows also reported that there is a recall on the fire engine.

Member Meadows also wanted everyone to add Stevie Lucas to prayer list and that Jeremy Lucas would step in as acting Fire Chief.

Mayor Bates stated that we are very fortunate to have the Lucas family.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Eminence Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2022. They are planning on having a parade, booths will be free, and closing Main Street.

Festival Committee will meet on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm. at City Hall.

**Subject: Park Update** – The splash pad will open Friday, May 27, 2022 and close Monday, September 5, 2022.

Member Downey thanked Member Metcalfe and Chief Wells for helping with putting up the fence around tennis court.

**Subject: Beautification Committee:** Member Downey reported they are still waiting on people to turn in paperwork.

Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Three dumpsters will be ordered.

**Subject: Police Liaison Committee** – No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Resolution – Garbage Franchise** – A resolution to open garbage franchise for bidding was presented. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalfe to adopt the garbage franchise resolution as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea.”

**Subject: First Reading of Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan** - Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ordinance updating the pay/compensation plan.

**Subject: First reading of Ordinance Amending Water/Sewer Tap-on Fees and Impact Fees**  
Attorney Brammell held the first reading of ordinance amending water/sewer tap-on fees and impact fees. Mayor Bates asked who suggested changes and why. Public Works Director McAlister answered by saying cost of materials and supplies were going up and that he would check on prices.

**Subject: Mayor’s Budget Message** – Mayor Bates presented his written budget message and reviewed the budget summaries for all departments with council.

**Subject: First Reading of Budget Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the budget ordinance for fiscal year 7/1/22-6/30/23.

**Subject: Spectrum Enterprise Contract – Cameras** – Council discussed the buyout of contract for cameras.

**Subject – UV Light Upgrade** - Public Works Director McAlister informed council that one of the UV Rays was no longer working and the other one is barely running. The price to upgrade would be \$133,274.00. Motion was made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to make a Declaration of Emergency for Mayor to proceed in getting it fixed and paying for it.

**Mayor’s Update:** Mayor Bates stated that previous Mayor Drane Stephens had contacted him and asked if he could borrow the tent and platform. All members present voted “Yea”.

Mayor Bates reported the street signs on Vernon Ave are incorrect. The correct name is Vernon Street. Council approved ordering new signs.

**Council – New Business** – Member Armstrong reported on the city website that the mayor needed to be changed. She also requested that the city goes by the State laws for 4<sup>th</sup> of July be put on the website, hoping to lower the amount of calls the police department gets.

Member Armstrong asked about the laptops the council is no longer using. Member Metcalfe will check with the school to see if they could use them.


Member Downey informed council that the bricks on Cassity's Auction building are getting ready to fall off onto sidewalk. Something needs to be done before Eminence Day. Mayor Bates reported the police will take care of it since it is a code enforcement issue, and notify the owner


**Subject: Closed Session** – Mayor Bates stated a closed session is needed to discuss the possible acquisition of property. Motion made at 7:15 p.m. by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to go into closed session to discuss possible acquisition of property. All members present voted “Yea”.

Motion made at 7:25 p.m. to return to open session by Member Meadows and seconded by Members Wayman. All Members present voted “Yea”. Open session resumed at 7:25 p.m.

Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Wayman to grant Mayor Bates privileges to purchase two lots on South Main Street from Chad and Angela Johnson in the amount of \$45,000. All members present voted “Yea”.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalfe to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
DOUG BATES, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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