

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 11, 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, Public Works Director Matthew McAllister, Fire Chief Steve Lucas, Chaplain William Thompson, Henry County Local Editor Rob Hoff, Magistrate Carl Tingle, Magistrate Ed Frederick, and residents Steve Metcalfe, James Puckett, Mike Paris, Jennifer Witig, Jason Calhoun and LaRonda Banta.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Mayor Downey asked if anyone had objections to prayer and with no objections, Chaplain William Thompson lead the meeting in prayer for the lives lost on 911.

Subject: 409 Bar & Grill – Jason Calhoun and LaRonda Banta conducted a presentation of what they planned to do with the old Theiss Building. The 409 Bar & Grill will be a steak house plus have a space for entertainment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes Regular Meeting August 14, 2023 – The minutes from August 14, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Downey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smith to approve the minutes as presented. On a call for votes, all members present voted, “Yea”.

Subject: 2nd Reading of Ad Valorem Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second reading on an ordinance setting the real and personal property tax rates at 24.5% per \$100.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft rate at 26.6% per \$100.00 assessment for 2023. Member Armstrong made a motion to accept the ordinance as read and Member Frazier seconded the motion. On a call for votes, all Members present voted “Yea.”

REPORTS:

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

Chief Wells thanked Chaplain Thompson for everything he has done for the department.

Member Paris “Yea” Member Wayman “Abstain”

Open Citizens Comments/Questions – James Puckett reported they are moving forward with the mural and plan to start within the next two weeks.

Mayor’s Update: Mayor Downey reported the distillery applied for their paperwork to open at Wildcat Tractor and should be up and running next year.

Council – New Business – Member Wayman asked if we had ordered the garbage cans for Main Street. Mayor Downey reported they had not been ordered.

Also, Member Wayman reported the Aunt Annie’s Pretzel had raised \$502.92 for Shop with a Cop.

Member Frazier asked if we had gotten the second quote on the roofs for the sewer plant. Mayor Downey reported we hadn’t because the work had already been done and the roof came in under \$10,000.00. Resident Mike Paris reported if you are replacing something with insurance money you don’t have to get two quotes.

Member Frazier asked about the council meetings being on YouTube. Clerk Mullins reported they only way they could put them on the website was through a link on YouTube.

Motion made by Member Paris and seconded by Member Frazier to remove the council meetings from the website since they could not go on they way they were intended to. On a call for votes the following Members voted:

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

Member Armstrong reported there is a beehive behind the park on a neighboring property. Chief Wells will check the ordinance and take care of the problem.

Member Frazier asked if the police were in the new building yet. Chief Wells reported no, hopefully by the end of the week.

Member Paris reported that she wanted to revisit the Fire Resolution to see about raising the amount paid to the volunteers. The council will revisit it next month after Clerk Mullins presents them with more information.

Member Smith reported he and Member Armstrong met with Kimberly and Greg Hutcherson about putting in more electric outlets in the community room. Also, they discussed getting thermostat lock boxes and a lock box for the key to the community room.

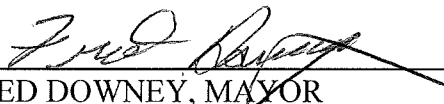
Public Works Director McAllister reported he was not interested in moving to the new building because he wouldn't have anywhere to put his truck that has over \$20,000.00 worth of equipment in it along with other equipment they use.

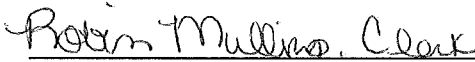
Mayor Downey reported he wants to build bays on the back of the building and a sally port for the police, but there are water and sewer lines that may make that difficult.

Mayor Downey would like to hang on to the EMS building for a while, he may have a business that would be interested in it.

Clerk Mullins reported the KLC training will be October 9, 2023, from 2:00 – 4:00 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 7:50 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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