

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Fred Downey, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent were Leo Mason and Polly Troxell. Also, in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Police Chief Kevin Kemper; Assistant City Clerk Debbie Moore; Auditor Troy King of Kelly King & Co.; Stacie Rockaway with Congressman Thomas Massie's office; Henry County Local Representative Tammy Shaw; and Tri-County Community Action Agency Representative Amy Jamison.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Business** - Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report was available. Member Meadows did request if we could let Magistrate Bates know there was a hole in the road at Shawnee Road and Mulberry Pike.

**Subject: Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018** – Auditor Troy King presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. He reviewed the three findings which cannot be correct due to the size of the city. Attorney Brammell stated the audit would need to be accepted at some point. Mayor Stephens stated for Council to review and get with him over any concerns. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Subject: Land Farm Lease** – Mayor Stephens reported lease for the land farm was advertised in the Henry County Local in January. Two bids were received as follows:

Daniel Wright - \$80.00 per acre and mow at least three time per year or more if needed  
Danny Fitzgerald - \$100.00 per acre and no additional stipulations on the mowing

Motion made by Member Meadows to accept the bid from Danny Fitzgerald for \$100.00 per acre, with the stipulation in the contract if the grass is not mowed at least three times a year he voids the right to bid on the lease in the proceeding years. Motion seconded by Armstrong. All members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Amy Jamison** – Amy Jamison from Tri-County Community Action Agency was present to speak about the Youth Strong In-School Mentoring Program. She needs volunteers to mentor middle and high school children for one hour a week during school hours.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on January 14, 2019 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additional additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

## **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Police Chief Kemper presented the monthly activity report to council. They had a total of 198 contacts for the month, with six traffic collision. Seventeen citations were issued on twenty-seven charges. Five individuals were arrested on seven charges.

The new Dodge Charger is in. They had a vehicle vs house, no-injury accident, on Crabb Ave, which resulted in a DUI. They started training for 2019 radar recertifications, firearms, fire extinguishers and policy review.

**Subject: Public Works Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Reported on routine activities.

Mr. McAllister reported several trees and limbs had to be trimmed after they were damaged by high winds. The city dump truck had to be repaired after it developed several hydraulic leaks. The roadways were cleared of snow and ice.

Mr. McAllister reported a new water meter had to be installed on North Main Street in preparation for upcoming rehabilitation of the property. The Jackson sewer pump station encountered some electrical problems and had to be repaired with the help of our City electrician. Our Annual Pre-Treatment report was submitted and accepted by the State with no issues. Another gate was installed at the sewer plant, further up the lane, to prevent people from meeting there after hours. Street light poles were damaged on Penn Ave after being hit by a vehicle.

A second leak adjustment was requested for Angela Perry in the amount of \$76.83. The leak has gone on for two billing cycles and has been repaired. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Meadows to grant the second adjustment to Angela Perry. All members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** - City Clerk Robin Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 94% of the total 2018 billed taxes with only \$25,442.27 remaining unpaid as of February 5, 2019.

Clerk Mullins also presented the Second Quarter 2018/2019.

Mayor Stephens asked council who would like a hardbound copy of the City Officials Handbook and who would like an electronic copy. It was decided to only order three hardbound copies for Members Downey and Mason, and the office. Everyone else would receive an electronic copy.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reported that all is going well in the department. The department had 9 runs and other training hours during January for a total of 138.5 manhours. Member Meadows also reported the issues at the fire station had been looked at. Aaron Bruce is going to fix the pole. Member Meadows also reported some bulbs/lights are out. Member Downey suggested to contact Ronnie Raisor to do the concrete work.

**Subject: Festivals Report** – Nothing new to report.

**Subject: Parks Report** – Mayor Stephens reported he had received the building plans from the engineer who did the Simpsonville bathhouse. Mayor Stephens reported he wanted to meet with the park committee to go over the building plans and get the bid ready.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Annual Compensation Increase -Mayor/Council** – Mayor Stephens stated this is the time of year that the Department of Local Government sends the allowed CPI for adjustment of Mayor and Council salaries. Mayor Stephens reviewed the increases per the CPI of 1.9% sent by DLG. Based upon this, the total annual increase for the Mayor would be \$386.17 and the total annual increase for each council member would be \$81.25, for an overall annual total of \$875.29. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalf to NOT take the annual cost of living increase. On a roll call the following members voted:

Downey	Yea	Member Armstrong	Nay
Metcalf	Yea	Member Meadows	Nay
		Mayor Stephens	Nay (tie breaker)

No action taken.

**Subject: Open Citizens Comments/Questions: - Tom Massie Representative:** Stacie Rockaway, representative for Congressman Tom Massie, reported that if anyone has a federal concern to let them know and they would be glad to assist with the problem or question. Mayor Stephens thanked her for coming.

**Subject: Mayor's Update** – Mayor Stephens reported the Theis building had been sold to Jeremiah LaRoche. He is willing to work with the city about getting something into the building to benefit the city.

**Subject: Council – New Business** – Member Armstrong reported there is a problem with panhandlers and was wondering if there was anything that could be done. Chief Kemper reported the law protects the panhandlers and it's up to the individual businesses to keep them out of their stores.

Member Downey reported that officers had found a loophole where they can't arrest someone for being in an automobile if they don't steal or damage anything. Attorney Brammell reported he would look into seeing if an ordinance would be appropriate for this type of situation.


Member Metcalfe reported he had checked on the Welcome to Eminence signs. A 4x3 sign on granite would cost about \$1,000.00 and \$80.00 a foot for the rock. Mayor Stephens asked council to go out to the sight to make sure this was big enough and report back next meeting.


**Subject: Warrants** - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Downey to approve the warrants for payment as presented. All members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Closed Session** – Mayor Stephens stated a closed session is needed to discuss a personnel matter. Motion made at 7:52 p.m. by Member Metcalfe to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter which may lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and seconded by Member Meadows. All members present voted yea.

Motion made at 8:03 p.m. to return to open session by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong. All members present voted "Yea". Open session resumed at 8:03

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

  
DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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