

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, May 13, 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, Leo Mason, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent was Polly Troxell. Also, in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Major Mike Wells; Police Officer David Patterson; Assistant City Clerk Debbie Moore; Magistrate Scott Bates; Henry County Local Representative Taylor Riley; Kentucky Career Center Outreach Coordinator Valerie Reading and Citizens: Jennifer & Elijah Montgomery.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Business** - Magistrate Scott Bates was present to report the county was working on their budget. Magistrate Bates also reported the Fire Department didn't need to do the required audit this year. The county would let the city know which year it was needed.

**Subject: Basketball on City Streets** – Elijah Montgomery was present to request the city's approval to play basketball on his street in the Elmcrest Subdivision. Elijah gave various why he should be allowed to play basketball – the street not being paved; not a lot of traffic; and keeping children outside, instead of inside. The mayor explained the reason for the unpaved streets and said part of Elmcrest will be paved July 1. Council Member Downey suggested mini basketball courts throughout the city. Council Member Armstrong said for the safety of the children, we can't allow basketball goals on the street, but encouraged Elijah to raise money to get the builder to build a mini basketball court in the neighborhood.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on April 8, 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 Major Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. They had a total of 283 contacts for the month, with four traffic collision. Forty-three citations were issued on sixty-five charges. Nine individuals were arrested.

Officer David Patterson was present to introduce himself to the council.

All officers completed their annual training in Custody, Restraint and Transport of Prisoners.

**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 new signs were installed around town and several limbs had to be trimmed away from the roadways.

Mr. McAllister reported Eminence Speaker and Hussey Copper were sampled and inspected per requirements of their industrial permits. A new electrical contactor had to be installed at the Maple lift station and a new overload relay had to be installed at the Jackson station. A 6” sewer force main had to be repaired on North Penn after it ruptured. An 8” gravity sewer line had to be cleared of a blockage due to tree roots.

Mayor Stephens reported he received an estimate to repair the culvert on Vernon in the amount of \$4,200.00. The council discussed the bid, but no action was taken.

**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 97% of the total 2018 billed taxes with only \$6,326.66 remaining unpaid as of May 3, 2019.

Clerk Mullins also reported that Assistant City Clerk Debbie Moore received the Kitty Johnson Scholarship to pay for her Kentucky Municipal Clerks Institute. After this July she will be a certified Municipal Clerk.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reported that all is going well in the department. The department had 4 runs and other training hours during April for a total of 163.5 manhours. Member Meadows reported on the concrete being complete and asked Public Works Director to look at the lights in the Fire Department.

Member Meadows also reported that Volunteer Stephen Sparrow had resigned from the Eminence Fire Department. He will be recognized in October when the fire department is honored and we present the Ronnie Lucas Memorial Award.

**Subject: Festivals Report** – Mayor Stephens reported that the festival committee met May 9, 2019 with Holly Kinderman and Ed Frederick. The Date for the Fall Festival has been set for October 12, 2019 from 12:00 to 10:00 pm. The Renaissance Fair would handle all the food and vendors. Everyone is really excited.

**Subject: Parks Report** – Mayor Stephens reported he is still waiting on one more structure bid for the building before he can start awarding bids for the bathhouse.

**Subject: Code Enforcement Report** – Mayor Stephens reported that Cat has contacted sixty-five residents. Most of the residents have been very receptive to her and are happy to work with her.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Borrowers Resolution** – United Citizens Bank asked that the city do a resolution allowing the City of Eminence to borrow money for a fire truck and authorize the Mayor Drane Stephens to execute all loan documents. The amount of the loan will be \$193,434.39 plus fees, 4.6% interest rate with a 10-year amortization and term. Attorney Brammell read the resolution adopting the above loan term amount and fees and authorizing the mayor to execute the loan documents. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Metcalfe for the City of Eminence to approve the resolution as presented and read. On a call for voted, all members voted “Yea”.

**Subject: First Reading of Ordinance Requiring the Display of Street Addresses:** Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ordinance requiring the display of street addresses.

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

**Subject: Mayor’s Budget Message and Budget Presentation** – Mayor Stephens 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 7/1/19-6/30/20.

**Subject: Open Citizens Comments** – Valerie Reading with the Kentucky Career Center was present to introduce herself and let everyone know that she was at the library helping people find jobs. To send them her way if we knew of anyone.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** – Mayor Stephens reported that the citywide clean-up is this Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. When the dumpsters are full, we will make piles behind them and have them picked up at a later date. All council members have volunteered, Troy will be on the backhoe, William and Dustin will be on site checking identification.

Mayor Stephens reported next month he plans to have a brush collection day at the sewer plant. He also wanted to make the council aware several people are operating without a business license and the code enforcement officer was taking care of it. Mayor Stephens presented the welcome bags that Utility Clerk Emily Clifford is putting together for new customers.


**Subject: Council – New Business** – Member Armstrong reported that she was having a problem with trucks with trailers driving through her yard. Attorney Brammell advised that she could do a civil suit.

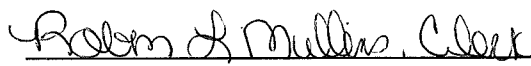
Member Meadows reported that he has received complaints on Rumpke not completely emptying trash cans.

Member Metcalfe reported that the permit for the Welcome to Eminence Sign had been approved. The city will proceed with the plan to put the sign up on the Coomes' property.

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

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

  
DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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