

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Fred Downey, Steve Metcalfe, Leo Mason, Lee Ann Armstrong and Polly Troxell. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Chief Mike Wells, Henry County Local Editor Aaron Nelson, resident Justin Wayman.

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 submitted to council.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular sessions held on October 12, 2020 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand as presented.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Police Chief Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. Chief Wells reported Major Dudinskie received a report of a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill being passed at McDonalds. The subject was identified and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The department collected 86.7 pounds of expired, unused or unwanted medication during the National Drug Take Back, on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Wells reported Officer Knuckles responded to an unresponsive adult male and administered four mg doses of Narcan to revive the subject.

**Subject: Code Enforcement Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Mayor Stephens reported Sarah is taking a leave of absence until the spring, so all further complaints may be directed to him.

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

Public Works Director McAllister reported he has been receiving emails from Compass Mineral Salt about purchasing the rest of the 2019 reverse auction bid. The dilemma is we do not need any salt nor do we have a place to store it. They are trying to charge storage fees and there was no contract signed. Attorney Brammell is looking into the legality of this and does not think we are liable.

A second leak adjustment was requested for Chas Baker in the amount of \$88.69, for a toilet that was repaired. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Mason to grant a second adjustment for Chas Baker. On a call for a vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Administrative Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Clerk Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative report. Clerk Mullins reported \$306,779.40 had been collected in property taxes.

**Subject: Fire Report** – Member Meadows reported the Fire Board didn’t meet in October.

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

Chief Wells reported that during Trunk or Treat/Cruising, there were no reportable accidents.

**Subject: Park Update** – Member Meadows asked when the restrooms would be closed at the park. Mayor Stephens reported when the weather changes and it gets cold, we will close the restrooms and bring in port-a-pots.

Member Metcalfe asked if the park is smoke free. Mayor Stephens replied it is, but the signs were taken down with the construction. Public Works Director McAllister will get new signs up at the park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Local Limits and Pretreatment Standards** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ordinance amending local limits and pretreatment standards.

**Subject: First Reading of an Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

**Subject: Municipal Order Related to the Policies and Procedures** – Mayor Stephens reported we have been working on updated the Policies and Procedures Manual for the past few years with the help of Kentucky League of Cities. It is comprised of our old policy along with Federal and State mandates. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Metcalfe to accept the policy as presented. On a call for votes all members voted “Yea”, except Member Downey voted “Nay”.

**Subject: Covid-19 Expenditures** – Mayor Stephens and Clerk Mullins presented the council with a list of expenditures to approve for the Cares Act Grant.

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| 1. PD Computer Upgrade                 | \$44,800.00 |
| 2. 10% Hazard Pay – 2 months           | \$16,000.00 |
| 3. Building Remodel (Covid-19 Related) | \$10,000.00 |
| 4. City Hall Remote Computers          | \$ 4,764.00 |
| 5. Utility Grant                       | \$13,325.00 |

Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Downey to approve all expenditures (1-4) except the Utility Grant. On a call for a vote all members present voted “Yea”. Next month the Utility Grant will be revisited with more information from Clerk Mullins.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** – Mayor Stephens reported that everyone needs to go out to the new hardware store “Ballard’s”. It is really nice.

**Subject: Council – New Business** – Member Armstrong asked if signs stating children at play could be put at the entrance to Quail Run. Public Works Director McAllister said the state discourages putting signs up, because it encourages children to play in the street.

Member Armstrong also asked what could be done about people walking their dogs and letting them use the restroom on the walking trail and in people’s yards. Mayor Stephens reported he will get signs put up on the trail and we will get the information out in our next newsletter and the website.

Member Armstrong also, reported we need to do something about people leaving their trash cans out after the garbage has been picked up. Mayor Stephens requested he be informed whose cans are still out on Saturday at noon and we will give them a written warning and go from there.

Member Mason asked if anything had been done about the house on Sulphur Ave. with the couch and mattress sitting outside. Mayor Stephens reported he would talk to them.

Chief Wells reported how impressed he was with the group of students picking up trash on October 24, 2020. Mayor Stephens reported they were doing the Litter Abatement pickup.

Member Downey asked if he could get a downtown beautification committee together. Member Metcalfe and Justin Wayman volunteered.


Member Metcalfe reported he met with Frank Marlow again about the right-a-way in his yard. Attorney Brammell explained there is a 50-foot right-a-way from the center of the road. Member Metcalfe stated Mr. Marlow would be willing to give up the right-a-way if the city would widen Franklin St. Mayor Stephens reported the Public Works would look into it.

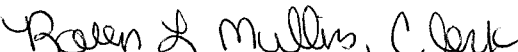
Member Armstrong reported that if you were going to widen Franklin St., then you should also look at Shadyview, Blackaby, and Sulphur. It is very difficult to turn into these streets when there are already cars sitting at the stop signs.

Resident Justin Wayman asked if the city would be willing to donate to Project Prom. Mayor Stephens reported yes, but we only pay an invoice. He would just need to present it to council.

**Subject: Warrants** - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Metcalfe to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call for votes, 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 7:53 p.m.

  
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DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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ROBIN L. MULLINS, CITY CLERK  
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