

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Leo Mason, Joey Bell, Fred Downey, and Lee Ann Armstrong; all having been duly sworn in prior to January 1, 2017. Absent was none. Also in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Police Chief Kevin Kemper, and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Mayor Stephens welcomed new council member Fred Downey.

**Subject: County Business** – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report available. Mayor Stephens reported no progress on our requests from last month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on December 12, 2016 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

**Subject: Tristan Ridge Water/Sewer Easements** – The new easement needed for the relocated sewer main and water mains at the Tristan Ridge Development was presented. Discussion held. We will also need to terminate the easement for our old sewer main location. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to authorize Mayor Stephens to sign the new easement and release the former easement for the Tristan Ridge Development upon simultaneous exchange of easements. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”. Attorney Brammell asked that the new easement be sent to Tristan Ridge for their signatures prior to releasing the former easement.

**REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report** – Police Chief Kevin Kemper reviewed the monthly activity report with council. They had 224 total contacts for the month. Thirty citations were issued on forty-eight charges. Four individuals were arrested on nine charges.

Chief Kemper reported that Officer Lucas lost his police radio and has been unable to locate it. We have gotten it replace but will still try and locate the old one. Mayor Stephens stated he contacted Judge Brent about getting the replacement paid for with 911 funds which has been approved. We are allowed one purchase equipment up to \$1,000.00 per year from this fund.

Chief Kemper stated that reporting requirements have changed drastically which is requiring a lot more time in the office at present. Sergeant Wells attended training for this new reporting system and brought back the required software and has programmed all of the computers. He will be training the rest of the department on the new system.

Chief Kemper reported that Officer Bailey and Sergeant Wells have worked three delicate and sensitive cases involving juvenile victims. He is very proud of the way the officers handled the cases with professionalism and compassion. All three have resulted in arrests of the adult offenders.

Chief Kemper reported that an intoxicated female crashed her car through the fence at the cemetery damaging a headstone. Firemen William Dale received information about this and got it to Officer Parham and Chief Kemper. They were able to locate the driver and car in Shelby County and charge the driver. This good working relationship with the fire department is greatly appreciated.

Chief Kemper reported that Officer Parham worked a burglary in September of 2014. At that time Officer Parham found trace evidence on the outside of a window. We were unable to prove our belief in the burglary and unable to make an arrest at that time. Since the investigation technology has advanced in DNA and finger/hand print recognition, Officer Parham was contacted by AFIS with a match to the suspect which allowed Officer Parham to finish his case and charge the individual. Officer Parham went above and beyond with this investigation even using his own time on this after being instructed that no more overtime was allowed on the case.

Chief Kemper reported that a shooting has occurred in Pleasureville this evening with us assisting the Sheriff's deputy until he had more help arrive. No additional information is available at this time.

Member Meadows asked if the police department is aware of the activity in the cemetery at night. Apparently Pokémon is being played up in the early morning hours. Attorney Brammell reported that a corporate board is in charge of the cemetery who can regulate and post hours. We cannot do so or enforce unless they regulate and post hours first.

**Subject: Public Works Department Report** – Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council.

Mr. McAllister reported they are working on straightening or replacing any damaged or worn out signs around town. It was reported that the stop sign on Oak Street needs replacing. Mr. McAllister stated he has already been taken care of this.

Mr. McAllister reported that an air relief valve on our sewer force main in Bethlehem froze and burst, needing to be replaced. Also reported that the motor for the #1 large pump in the plant lift station went out and had to be pulled for repairs. Two smaller pumps also had issues which were resolved in house without having to be pulled.

Two additional adjustments for water leaks were presented – one for Latonya Tolbert and one for Scribers' Station. Both ran over into two months before they were made aware of the problem.

Ms. Tolbert's first adjustment was for \$63.53 with her second adjustment to be \$56.83 if approved. Scriber's first adjustment was \$219.73 with the second adjustment to be \$289.59 if approved. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Downey to allow the second adjustment for 2016 for both, Latonya Tolbert and Scribers' Station, upon confirmation and checking that the leaks are indeed fixed. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows presented the fire department report for December which shows a total of five runs, meeting and special details for a total of 27.5 man hours. Everything is going well in the department. Member Meadows inquired when the new Fire Board Members would be appointed for this term. Mayor Stephens stated he would have this done by their February meeting.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Nothing new to report by committee members. Mayor Stephens reported he has purchased some tables for the festival committee.

**Subject: Parks Update** – Nothing new to report. Member Meadows asked if we had investigated getting a canopy for the small play structure and that perhaps during off season we might be able to get a better price. Mayor Stephens stated he would check into this.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report** – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 88.8% of the 2016 tax billing as of January 4, 2017. Reported we should have a lot of collections in January prior to the 10% penalty going on the unpaid bills. A 2% penalty is in place for January.

Clerk Doane reported we have received the 2017 litter abatement grant funds in the amount of \$1,274.19 and that she has mailed the report for the 2016 grant today.

Reported the management and discussion analysis is complete and has been sent to the auditor for inclusion into the audit. The auditor has advised that it will be at least the first of February before the audit is complete.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Proclamation – School Choice Week** - Mayor Stephens reported he has been asked by the National School Choice Week to recognize January 22, 2017 through January 28, 2017 as Eminence School Choice Week. He has prepared a proclamation so proclaiming and will be signing it as required.

**Subject: Open Citizen Comments** – No one was present who wished to speak. Member Troxell stated she would like to address getting Christmas decorations for the poles on North Main Street. Mayor Stephens stated we have researched this with no electricity available in this area unless Kentucky Utilities would be willing to drop the electric for us.

**Subject: Mayor's Update** – Mayor Stephens reported that Tristan Ridge is really trying to be good neighbors but some of the neighbors are giving them a lot of problems wanting an 8 foot

privacy fence installed which adds a lot of cost. As far as we know planning and zoning has already approved the project as originally presented with shrubs and greenery instead of a fence. Mayor Stephens inquiring if we can intervene. Attorney Brammell stated if no fence was required by Planning and Zoning originally then no fence is required. Question asked if they would be widening Blackaby Lane. Mayor Stephens stated this has not been discussed yet. Member Downey asked if the City approved the building permit. Attorney Brammell stated only zone changes have to come to us with conditional use permits within an appropriate zone being approved by planning and zoning. Council in agreement to advise Tristan Ridge to follow the planning and zoning requirements as originally approved and for the Mayor to talk to the concerned neighbors.

Mayor Stephens reported we need a new group picture taken which will be done in March since Member Troxell will not be present for the February meeting.

**Subject: Council – New Business** – No one had anything.

**Subject: Warrants** - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Mayor Stephens pointed out that we have purchased an auto-fold machine which was in the budget and we have purchased some new signs. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call of vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Closed Session** – Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Downey to go into closed session per KRS 61.810(1b) to discuss possible future acquisition of property. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”. Closed session began at 7:01 p.m.

Open session resumed at 7:38 p.m.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK  
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