

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018  
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Joey Bell, Fred Downey, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent was Leo Mason. 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; Citizens Ronetta Vargas and Betty Dixie; and Henry County Local Representative Taylor Riley and Jane Ashley Pace.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Business** - Magistrate Scott Bates was present but did not have any new information to provide other than Angels Envy is coming and we should see an increase in revenue from them and there will not be any changes in the roads except Highway 146.

**Subject: Judge Executive John Logan Brent:** - Judge Exec. Brent was there to present to what was going on in the county. The financial crisis the county is facing is dialysis patient transport, overdose runs, insurance increases and EMS Revenue is down, they are also running short on EMT's and paramedics. The roads were cut from the state budget with only HWY 146 left in the budget. The opportunities in Henry County are the Splash Pad, Courthouse Addition and Renovation, Five Distilleries in the process, Cheese Making Place in Campbellsburg and the Hope Center which will be located here in Eminence. The Hope Center will have a Gala on October 20, 2018 and a table of eight is \$500 or \$75 a person. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Meadows to purchase a table of eight for \$500 for the Hope Center Gala on October 20, 2018. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Subject: Basketball Goals on the Street** – Citizen Ronetta Vargas was present to speak to council about being asked to remove her goal from street when her children are being supervised by herself or another adult at all times. She didn't feel it was safe for her children to go to the park to play basketball with everything that was going on up there. She had driven around and found six other goals up. The Council felt it was a safety issue even though her children were supervised the goal still needed to come down. However, Mrs. Vargas was invited to come to the next scheduled park committee meeting to help find a way to improve the park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 13, 2018 and the special session held on September 5, 2018 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. He stated they had been very busy and been fortunate to go to several schools last month due to the drug money they had confiscated. They were working several cases and Parham was just wrapping up a counterfeiting case. Chief Kemper wanted to let council know that Detective Wilson was one in the final top 6 in the nation to receive an award from the Capital on a case he had worked. Although, he didn't get it, we are very proud of him and the work he did.

**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 that Phase II expansion has begun at Quail Run and they had installed four new water services. New Automatic heads were installed at on our HWY 55 district meter.

Mr. McAllister asked Member Downey about the sewer line damage done on his property done by a contractor and he said he would take care of it.

A second leak adjustment was requested for Daniel Bruther in the amount \$63.48. He was in the hospital and it ran into the second billing cycle. Motion Made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Troxell to grant the second adjustment to Daniel Bruther. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** - City Clerk Robin Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that Workers' Comp Audit was complete and the Fiscal Year End Budget would begin September 2018.

**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 August for a total of 86 manhours.

The Open Burn Ordinance was also discussed for clarification because it will be in the newsletter this month. Bill Brammell stated we did not need to make any changes at this time.

**Subject: Festivals Report** – Member Armstrong reported that the Halloween Fest at the Kentucky Renaissance Fair will be October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., \$2.00 Admission. Bring a can good for the Food Pantry. Trick or Treat on Main October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Light Up Eminence will be discussed further next time but right now we know there will be booths and carriage rides.

**Subject: Parks Report** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Pleasureville Operations, Maintenance Replacement Charge** – Clerk Mullins reported that she and Public Work Director McAllister had worked together on the new Pleasureville rate and it only increased by four cents from \$1.81 to \$1.85. The new rate would go into effect December, 2018.

**Subject: Open Citizens Comments/Questions:** - Jane Ashley Pace was present to introduce herself to the mayor and council. She is the new publisher for the Oldham Era and Henry County Local.

**Subject: Mayor's Update** – Mayor Stephens wanted to inform the council that Public Works Director McAllister and Chief Kemper are making a list of all abandoned vehicles in the city, so when a code enforcement officer is hired we can start sending out letters to all of them. He also stated that he is working with Utility Clerk Emily Clifford on Welcome Bags for people who move into Eminence with important phone numbers and give away.

**Subject: Council – New Business** – Member Armstrong wanted to let everyone know that William Mason was on WLKY, he was one of the veterans chosen to go on the honor flight. She also stated that trash carts are still being left out on Main Street.

Member Meadows wanted to let everyone know that September 29<sup>th</sup> Eminence Speaker and Eminence Christian Church will host a Recycling from 9:00 to 12:00.

Member Meadows also asked that we take a look at the property on Crabb again, the trash has returned. Mayor Stephens stated he would look into it.

Member Downey asked if we had a drainage ordinance because of all the rain. Attorney Brammell replied it would be too expensive and we couldn't go on personal property.

**Subject: Warrants** - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call of vote, all members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Closed Session** – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Downey to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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ATTEST: Robin L. Mullins, City Clerk  
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