

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a special called session on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Jim Petitt and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Shawn Bright, Drane Stephens, Lee Ann Armstrong, and Leo Mason. Absent was Member Polly Troxell. Other individuals present were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director Smith, Assistant City Clerk Robin Mullins, Citizen Jean Thomas and Citizen Manda Gingrich.

Mayor Petitt explained the purpose of the meeting being called was to discuss and have a second reading of the property tax ordinance; discuss diagonal parking on Depot Avenue and to discuss a city-wide large trash pickup day.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Mayor Petitt announced that only those items on the agenda could be discussed. Mayor Petitt announced that all cell phones should be placed on off or vibrate.

**Subject: Ad Valorem Property Tax Ordinance** – Member Bright stated that after further review of the budget and his determination that there are items totaling at least \$80,000.00 in the budget which are more of a want than a need, he will not be voting for any amount of increase in the property tax rate. He stated he also feels we need to have a specific use designation for any increase in property tax rather than just general fund use. Mayor Petitt stated we could have taken the water rate increase and not taken the compensating rate on the property taxes which would have cost the citizens more. Member Meadows asked Member Bright what he is specifically referring to on the \$80,000.00. Member Bright stated that for example \$40,000.00 for the electronic meter reading system and \$6,000.00 for Christmas decorations, etc. Discussion held. Attorney Brammell indicated that if any rate other than the rate used in the first reading of the ordinance is agreed upon, then we would have to do another first reading and subsequent second reading of the ordinance.

Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the ad valorem property tax rate ordinance setting the rate for 2010/2011 at the compensating rate of .302 per \$100.00 assessment for real property; .302 per \$100.00 assessment for personal property and .266 per \$100.00 assessment for motor vehicles and watercrafts. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve the ordinance as read. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, voting “Yea” were Members Meadows, Armstrong, Mason, and Stephens. Voting “Nay” was Member Shawn Bright. Motion carried.

**Subject: Diagonal Parking on Depot Avenue** - Mayor Petitt reported that after evaluation it was determined that eight parking spots are possible on Depot Avenue if changing to diagonal parking and that enough room would still exist for thru traffic. He suggested speed bumps might be needed to slow the thru traffic down a little. Mayor Petitt suggested making the first spot in the city parking lot adjacent to the diagonal parking into a handicapped spot rather than one of

the spots on Depot Avenue. Public Works Director Smith has measured and all the spots will fit okay and his department can probably get the work done by the first of next week. Council in agreement to proceed with the diagonal parking and marking of the handicapped spot.

**Subject: Citywide Junk Trash Day** – Mayor Petitt reported he has checked with Industrial Disposal and we can get the dumpsters delivered, picked up for dumping, and removed for \$75.00 each with the estimated cost to empty them at the landfill being \$100.00 each. The ad will probably run around \$150.00. The dumpsters would be 22 feet long, 7-1/2’ wide and 6’ tall. Attorney Brammell suggested including recycling thru Mike Gunther at the Pleasureville Recycling and paint and chemical disposal through Ed Hansen at Safety Kleen on the same day. The dumpsters would be brought on Friday and picked up on Monday with the gates to be locked after hours. The council would take turns manning the pickup location to make certain only citizens of Eminence are participating and that items not allowed are not left. Council requested that Mayor Petitt coordinate this citywide trash pickup with the recycling, large item disposal, and paint/chemical disposal project for discussion and picking of a date for the next meeting. Mid-October was discussed as a possible time to do this project.

Public Works Director Smith stated that we have had four dumpsters in the past and they have still put things on the ground. Council in agreement for the Mayor to check on getting four dumpsters instead of two.

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 5:25 p.m.

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JIM PETITT, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY