

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Polly Troxell, Tom Shroyer, Treva Browning, Danny Meadows, Lee Ann Armstrong, and Leo Mason. Absent was none. Also in attendance were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director William Smith, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Magistrate Scott Bates, Citizens Robert Eades and Jerry Clark, and Henry County Local Representative Brad Bowman.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates reported that the County will be meeting to discuss ways to cut their budget since their revenues are down and they do not want to use up all their surplus. Magistrate Bates reported that the fiscal court has decided to keep the EMS building and will keep an ambulance in Eminence. They plan to rent part of the building to the School for their use which will help cover the expenses associated with the building. Mayor Stephens asked Magistrate Bates to confirm that the County sent their portion of the agreed to amount for economic development.

Subject: Old Buildings – Citizen Joe Yates, who lives at 5865 South Main Street, addressed council with his concern for the old buildings which are being torn down. Mr. Yates stated he is sad to learn that some of the remaining buildings are being demolished and understands there is probably nothing that can be done at this point to save those buildings; but stated his desire for Eminence to develop a preservation ordinance for the remaining old buildings. Mr. Yates stated that neighboring cities of Shelbyville, LaGrange, and New Castle have preservation ordinances which are working well and that we could get assistance from the Kentucky Heritage Council. Mayor Stephens responded that the City has nothing to do with the current project and that he personally confirmed that none of the buildings involved are historic. Mayor Stephens stated he also wasn't contacted prior to the article in the Henry County Local which listed the buildings as historic. Henry County Local Representative Brad Bowman responded that he did check with the National Historic Registry and it does show them as historic on their list. Mr. Bowman stated that Hammer Smith with the Henry County Historical Society also indicated there were 38 buildings on the registry including the ones being torn down. Mr. Bowman stated he agrees that the buildings are not protected even if on the registry unless the government is doing the project. Mr. Bowman stated he is not responsible for the headlines assigned to his articles. The headlines are written by the editor of the paper.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 13, 2012 and the minutes from the special called session held on August 27, 2012 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: Ad Valorem Property Tax Ordinance - Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the ad valorem property tax rate ordinance setting the rate for 2012/2013 at .301 per \$100.00 assessment for real property, .4471 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 Mason to adopt the ordinance as read by Attorney Brammell setting the rates for 2012/2013 at .301 per \$100.00 assessment for real property, .4471 per \$100.00 assessment for personal property and .266 per \$100.00 assessment for motor vehicles and watercrafts. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Police Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Duncan stated they had 289 total contacts for the month. Eight individuals were arrested on nineteen separate charges. The Department had three driving under the influence and one other alcohol related incident.

Subject: Property Ordinance Report – Chief Duncan reported they had no citations or notices on the property ordinance this month.

Subject: Police Comments – Chief Duncan reported the department had their computers, servers and printers all networked today.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mr. Smith reported that technicians have installed the equipment to the water tower and the master meters for the new wireless control system. Mr. Smith reported that the Division of Water inspected and sampled with no violations being found. Mr. Smith reported that they had to put the stall door back on the men’s restroom at the park as someone decided to tear it down over the weekend. Mr. Smith reported they have purchased a used pavement breaker per the budget. Member Armstrong asked if the City had salt ready for the winter. Mr. Smith stated that the bins are $\frac{3}{4}$ way full and a new contract has been signed for purchase of additional salt as needed. It is actually cheaper this year than last year. Member Armstrong thanked the public works department for helping out the booster club.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that we have collected approximately 98% of the total 2011 property taxes and franchise additions as of September 5th. Clerk Doane reported that we filed suit on four delinquent property tax payers and have collected three of those plus the filing costs without having to go to court. We are working on the fourth one and will probably do some more as we go along.

Clerk Doane reported that all the general ledger work is complete and at the auditors’ office with no date set yet for onsite work to commence.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed eight total runs and special details in August for total man-hours of approximately 71. Member Meadows reported on the budget comparison thru the quarter ending

June 30, 2012 and on the fire department audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. All reports show the department in compliance with the budget and in good financial standing. Member Meadows inquired of Magistrate Bates whether any changes would be made in the reporting requirements for the County from the fire departments. Magistrate Bates stated everything would remain the same for the departments who are in compliance and that changes would be made for the ones who are not compliant; so there would be no changes for ours.

Subject: Festivals Update – Noting to report. Inquiry made whether all the ads have been paid for. Member Armstrong stated that to her knowledge they have been all paid.

Subject: Parks Update – Nothing to report. Inquiry made whether the mural has been started on yet. Mayor Stephens stated he did not think so and was not sure what the holdup is.

Subject: Community Center Report – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions – Citizen Robert Eades stated he would like to confirm if it is still okay for a 911 monument to be placed in the park. It was approved last year, but did not happen. They would like to locate it on the opposite side of the sidewalks and it will be about 36 inches by 24 inches. Council still in agreement for the monument to be placed in the park and are okay with the location pending Public Works Director Smith confirming that there are no utilities under the requested location. Mr. Eades reported that his Church, United Pentecostal, would be hosting an event to honor first responders of our County on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Church with a picnic. Various games such as horseshoes, corn hole, etc. will be played. Reverend Eades invited the council to attend. Reverend Eades reported that the Church has been able to purchase 35.15 acres of the old Bruther farm for future development.

Subject: Updated Animal Ordinance – Mayor Stephens reported he has given all the animal ordinances which Clerk Doane was able to get from other cities to Chief Duncan for the Police Department to review and adopt a workable draft for consideration, possibly as early as next month. Attorney Brammell stated that some of the things in the last draft were not enforceable and that if Chief Duncan would like to meet with him on this he would be glad to.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reported that he had a citizen request to widen North 55 and that due to the change of senators for our County (which was later overturned) he had contacted Paul Hornback instead of Ernie Harris. Mr. Hornback came to review the situation and then got the road department to come as well and that Mr. Hornback will help Ernie Harris with this project. Mr. Hornback stated he has 1.4 million left in his area to spend and hopes to be able to use it locally. He will be pushing for a study. Mayor Stephens stated that along with this a letter has been sent to Transportation Secretary Hancock which has been signed by himself and Judge Brent and endorsed by Senator Harris, Representative Rick Rand and Senator Hornback. Discussion held. Public Works Director Smith reported that the main thing being asked for is to get the utility poles moved to the other side of the sidewalk or underground and for the road to be made one foot wider on each side. If the state will approve this widening, then they could force the utilities to be moved or put underground.

Mayor Stephens reported that he wants to make sure the economic development project for the five county area of Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Oldham and Trimble continues to move forward. Money is to be pooled from all these areas to promote economic development and they are looking for an employee to serve as the recruiter. Mayor Stephens stated we have sent our agreed to \$5,000.00 which is the first of three yearly payments.

Mayor Stephens stated he will be bringing an ordinance amendment next month to council, changing the due date of water/sewer/trash bills back to the 10th with final payment with penalty due by the 15th and cutoff on the 16th with no extensions to be allowed. This will give people an additional five days to pay their bills and will get everyone past the fifteenth for any income they might be waiting on.

Subject: New Business/Council – Mayor Stephens asked if any council member had anything they wanted to discuss. Member Shroyer reviewed a Tri-County Diabetes Walk which will be taking place on September 29th. He and his wife, Janice would like to have a team of council and employees participate. He or Janice will be glad to pick up the registration forms so let them know of your willingness to participate.

Member Shroyer stated he has received a complaint about children swinging on the signs and lamp posts and going down into manholes at the corner of Spring Oak and Zelcova. Discussion held.

Attorney Brammell reported he will be unable to attend next month's meeting so if anyone needs anything for the meeting to let him know as soon as possible.

Member Armstrong inquired if more waters and power drinks have been put in the drink machine at the park versus so many sodas. Mayor Stephens stated he has requested this change.

Subject: Warrants – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Meadows to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, 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 Mason to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY