

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Treva Browning, Danny Meadows, Lee Ann Armstrong, and Leo Mason. Absent were Members Polly Troxell and Tom Shroyer. Also in attendance were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director William Smith, Police Chief Carey Duncan, County Judge John Logan Brent, Stacie Rockaway, 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 Update** – County Judge John Logan Brent was present to update the City on various County activities and business.

Judge Brent stated that the park and walking trail are being used a lot with numerous sports events happening there. There is also a Disc Golf League being held at Harry Hill Park, which is co-ed.

Judge Brent reported that Scott McClamroch resigned from the EMS during the summer with Josh Jamiel taking the position. The revenue was down by \$300,000.00 in this budget area with Mr. Jamiel being asked immediately to get the revenues up. He has done so with the EMS picking up four dialysis patients to transport three times a week at \$2,000.00 each. No money has been received yet due to Medicare being behind.

Judge Brent reported that litter was picked up on 185 miles with inmates and on 148 miles with non-profit groups with some of those being from Eminence.

Judge Brent gave his appreciation for the contributions from the City to 911. Land lines have decreased by 1/3 in the last four years with revenues being down by \$15,000.00. This will not get better as more and more people are doing away with their land lines.

Judge Brent reported that the election costs were \$6.55 per person with \$61,505.45 coming out of the general fund to cover this expense.

Judge Brent reported that KY Connected is up and going with Steve Dale as the Executive Director. Getting a website is the first charge of business. A meeting was held the second week of January with all the regional directors and the state cabinet.

Judge Brent reported that he will be putting Eminence's North Main Street widening request as his number one project in his letter next year to the Transportation Cabinet and others. Member Meadows inquired about our sewer project. Judge Brent stated he is not sure as the funds

available are less; but our project continues to be number 1 in the County and he fully supports the project. He will check into this for us.

Judge Brent stated he just heard about our land and water grant problem. He has shared this with the Governor and hopes that we will still be funded. We will need on-going conversations with the State on this.

**Subject: Thomas Massie Field Representative** – Stacie Rockaway was present and introduced herself. She is the Western District Field Representative for Congressman Thomas Massie. Ms. Rockaway stated that the Washington, D.C. office is fully staffed. Call with any concerns to the North Kentucky District Office at this time since her office in LaGrange is still being setup. She does plan to travel two days a week to the different Counties so constituents can meet with her over their concerns. Ms. Rockaway was asked if she has any leverage that could be used to assist us in our application for a CDBG. She stated she is not sure, but will check. She knows that with transportation grants they can have some say on the percentage spent, but the Governor still decides; but is unsure about CDBG grants.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on January 14, 2013 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: Garbage Franchise Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of a garbage franchise ordinance awarding the five year franchise for garbage collection and recycling services to Rumpke commencing on July 1, 2013. Member Meadows stated he thought we were taking out the requirement to have all garbage bagged. Attorney Brammell stated we can approve it with this taken out if so desired. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the ordinance as read with the elimination of the requirement for all garbage to be bagged. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Mayor Stephens reported that Rumpke has already visited with the City. Jeremy Rumpke wants to divide the City into two days for pickup. Mayor Stephens stated he feels this will be a problem and prefers one day as the recycling will already be on a separate day and will create a lot of confusion. Council in agreement for Mayor Stephens to request that ours all be picked up in one day. Member Meadows asked if businesses would be able to utilize the recycling as bid. Mayor Stephens stated most businesses would probably be on a large scale with a dumpster being required; but he will check on this.

### **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report** – Police Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Duncan stated they had 227 total contacts for the month. Eight individuals were arrested on twenty-four separate charges. The Department had three driving under the influence and two other alcohol related incidents.

Chief Duncan reported there were no property ordinance violations this month.

Chief Duncan stated that the police officers are reaching into the schools and interacting with the students. They are getting great cooperation with this. Chief Duncan reported that Sergeant Jones just completed a value based leadership class – he is a real asset to the Department. Member Armstrong asked for an update on the spray painting incidents from last month. Chief Duncan stated not much has happened as you cannot tell who it is in the video.

**Subject: Public Works Department Report** – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Most of the month has been routine except some snow removal. We have not had to purchase any additional salt at this time. The street light at South Main and King Street has been installed and is working great in this area.

Replacements street lights for the two damaged ones have been ordered. They were able to get one of them welded so the smaller one ordered with be kept for a spare.

Mayor Stephens thanked the Public Works Department for assisting with the steel truck accident today on Mulberry. Member Browning inquired what happened to the proposed changes to Mulberry Road. Mayor Stephens stated he is not sure, but it is no longer on the five year plan. Member Meadows stated that speeding on this road is bad.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report** – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that we have collected approximately 92.6% of the 2012 tax bills through February 6th. Member Meadows asked Judge Brent want percentage the County was at on collections. Judge Brent stated probably 97%.

Clerk Doane reported we have received \$4,113.06 from the state as a Health Insurance Subsidy per HB 265 which we have been getting for several years for participating in the state's health insurance plan. We typically get this twice per year with the amount varying somewhat.

Clerk Doane reported we have received the second of three payments from the Housing Authority for under-billed water and sewer.

Clerk Doane referenced the amount of interest earnings for 2012 per her report.

**Subject: Second Quarter Financial Statements** - Clerk Doane reviewed briefly the second quarter financial statements and budget comparison. Stated should anyone have questions after a closer review to let her know.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed two total runs and special details in January for total man-hours of nine. Member Meadows thanked Member Armstrong for serving on the Fire Board for four years and welcomed Member Shroyer to the Board. Member Meadows reported that the trailer has been moved to the Fire Department.

Member Meadows reported that the County is getting a coroner's trailer with Chief Lucas having been elected as the overseer. It will be kept in Eminence on the City lot. It will be signed out as needed and stock replenishment will be required of all departments who use it. It does need a few items which the County will probably take care of. The two larger items are a refrigerator

and stove; however the sale of the old one should cover this. Member Meadows inquired if an interlocal agreement is necessary and who would insure the trailer. Judge Brent stated the County would carry the insurance and for someone to let him know when it is received. A homeland security grant was used to get this unit. Attorney Brammell stated no interlocal agreement would be necessary at this time.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Member Armstrong stated a meeting needs to be scheduled for the new year. She has gone ahead and requested the KSP trailer for Eminence Day. Mayor Stephens stated the only events to be held this year are DJ in the Park, Eminence Day, Light Up Eminence and Halloween. No Music at the Depot events are scheduled this year as it was not attended well in 2012. Member Armstrong inquired if perhaps one other event could be held. Mayor Stephens suggested getting something together for the budget on this prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Subject: Parks Update** – Nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions** – No one present to address council.

**Subject: Annual Mayor/Council Cost of Living** – Mayor Stephens reviewed the Department of Local Government 2013 allowable annual cost of living increase for Mayor and Council. The percentage of increase is 1.7%. The total increase for the Mayor and all Council for the year would be 722.00. Member Meadows made the motion not to accept the cost of living adjustment this year. No second. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Subject: Updated Animal Ordinance** – Chief Duncan stated this is almost complete and would be ready for the March meeting.

**Subject: Easement** – Brian Morris with the Foresite Group who represents the proposed development would like for Council to consider modifying the right of way easement language to restrict the weight limit of trucks that can have access to the easement to a maximum of four tons. Once the closing occurs on all properties they will go back and try to obtain consent letters to close the rest of the alley which would remove the necessity for the easement. Attorney Brammell stated we closed part of the alley on Penn which goes thru to Elm Street; but did not close the Elm Street end. The closing is not formal yet as it has to go to the County Clerk. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to grant the right of way/easement with a 4 ton limit. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: HB 119 Training Compensation** – Mayor Stephens reviewed with Council information he has obtained about HB 119 which would provide a method to provide for a training incentive to keep people current in training. This would require an ordinance and is a budget item and could be pro-rated on years of experience, etc. We will have to put it in the new budget and it cannot be retro-active. We can include employees in the ordinance as well. Member Meadows stated he does not believe we should include the employees as they are getting paid while attending training. Mayor Stephens asked Member Meadows and he will ask Member Shroyer to work on this ordinance with him.

**Subject: Resolution Supporting Reform to CERS** – A resolution was reviewed and discussed that supports reform to the retirement system. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the resolution as presented supporting reform to the retirement system. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** – Mayor Stephens reported he did talk with Mr. Porter at Quail Run and he has agreed to fix the drainage concern when it gets dry enough.

Mayor Stephens reported he has made new committee assignments for 2013.

Mayor Stephens reported that he has requested proposals on the audit as he is still concerned with the cost and timeliness of our current audit. He is also planning to bid the City’s property, auto, liability and other lines this year. Member Shroyer is assisting with the bid specifications for this.

Mayor Stephens reported we do have a new business in town called Cash Express.

**Subject: New Business/Council** – Mayor Stephens asked if any council member had anything they wanted to discuss. Member Meadows stated he has been receiving good comments on the Police Department for being in the school.

Member Armstrong reported that she has spoken with Melissa Blankenship about the alcohol ordinance and they will be having a meeting with David McGuire, the County ABC Coordinator to make sure everything we added on the Star training is still being enforced.

**Subject: Warrants** – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Browning 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 Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Stephens asked everyone to stay for a brief public holding corporation meeting.

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DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITYOF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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