

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall 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, Citizens Jerry Clark and Jeff Browning and Henry County Local Representative Brad Bowman.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Penn Avenue Parking – Jeff Browning with Browning Chevrolet/Pontiac was present to discuss the Council's previous decision to disallow public parking on Penn Avenue. Mr. Browning stated he believes the previously addressed concerns about visibility and being able to pull out of the businesses is due to the wide utility and construction vehicles which have been present the past few months. Mr. Browning stated prior to the CVS coming to town there were approximately 15 parking spaces on the west side of the street even though they were unmarked. The other side has always been no parking. Mr. Browning stated in their 42 years of business on Penn Avenue they are not aware of any accidents or near accidents in this area. CVS is on a hill which allows plenty of visibility to pull out. Traffic has always pulled out of Browning Alley and the Showroom Drive with no problem. These drives were 9 and 12 feet wide respectively with vehicles parked all the way up to the edge of each side and no problem was created. Now the CVS drives are over 25 and 30 feet wide from curb to curb. They would like to propose allowing some parking on the west side of the street with an additional 20 feet allowed for visibility on the inside of each CVS drive before the first parking space. Per his measurements seven spots could be put in between the two CVS driveways; but he is only suggesting six to allow for even more clearance room and to continue with no parking on the east side. Mr. Browning also stated that the parking spots can also be 18 inches further in due to the new CVS which allows for more room to pass. Mr. Browning stated that Penn Avenue is wider than any part of Broadway. Mr. Browning stated having some parking is critical to their business and not allowing any is unfair to them. There is also room for three more spots between the two residents on the west side if additional spots are approved. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to rescind the action taken at last month's meeting to allow no parking on either side of South Penn Avenue and to allow six parking spots 16' by 7' between the two CVS driveways on the west side of Penn Avenue.

Mayor Stephens stated we will be hiring a painting company to repaint parking spots so he will attempt to get these marked at the time.

Subject: County Update – Magistrate Scott Bates was unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on October 14, 2013 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. One typographical error was found. With no additional changes, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved with the one typographical correction.

Subject: Preservation Ordinance – Member Shroyer stated he would get back to this the first of the year.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Police Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Duncan reported they had 256 total contacts for the month. Nine individuals were arrested on twenty-three separate charges. The Department had four DUI's and one other alcohol related charge this month.

Chief Duncan reported no property ordinance citations issued.

Chief Duncan reported that an incident has occurred with Lt. Jones while he was in LaGrange shopping with his family. After review of store cameras by the LaGrange Police Department the two brothers who were harassing Lt. Jones were charged with Lt. Jones being cleared of any wrongdoing.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mr. Smith reported that Derrick Engineering is almost ready with the final specifications so that we can bid the rest of our sewer project. The contract with the contractor for the filing of an application for a land farm permit has been signed.

Mr. Smith reported that Shadyview was paved today. Member Meadows inquired why it was taking so long to do the paving on Main Street. Mr. Smith reported that the crew was finishing a job in Owen County and that ours was added to the schedule after the fact. The plant broke down on Friday with it being too cold to do anything now until Thursday. The crew has worked with us on Blackaby Lane and Shadyview Drive to mill these down in order not to have huge bumps at the entrances. They will try and get the speed bumps on Zelcova before leaving town.

Mr. Smith reported that the park has been closed for the winter.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council, reporting that approximately 80% of the 2013 tax bills have been collected during October. Citizens were able to take advantage of \$5,687.29 in discounts by paying during October.

Subject: Quarterly Budget Review – Clerk Doane reviewed the first quarter budget comparison with Council summarizing that everything seems to be pretty much on target with only a few exceptions. Clerk Doane asked if anyone has any questions to let her know.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed ten total runs and special details in October for total man-hours of approximately sixty-three. They are down 28 runs from this time last year. Member Meadows asked about the remodeling at the Fire Department. Mayor Stephens stated they can start whenever they are ready as long as they stay within their budget and get at least two bids.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that the Renaissance Fair Halloween Festival went well with approximately 700 people attending. The hayride was packed most of the time. Next year's festival should be even larger as new events are planned. Light Up Eminence is scheduled for December 7, 2013 with the parade to start at 5:00 p.m. with Santa arriving on the fire truck. Three or four booths will be set up. Charley and Danny characters will be there as well. Other Light Up activities were discussed. Member Armstrong stated she has a conflict on that day and will be unable to attend or oversee the event. Mayor Stephens stated he will be available to work. Members Mason, Meadows, Troxell and Shroyer stated they could help as well.

Subject: Parks Update – Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions – No citizen present who wished to address Council.

Subject: Revised Alcohol Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the summary of a revised alcohol ordinance. Member Shroyer asked if the CVS has their alcohol license. Member Armstrong stated yes for selling of malt beverages and the state has reviewed as well.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reported that the CVS Pharmacy is open and booming. The McDonald's construction is scheduled to start on December 2, 2013. The owner, George Saliba would like to attend next month's meeting to meet everyone.

Mayor Stephens reported that the City Christmas dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Grigsby-Stiltz Catering in Pleasureville.

Subject: New Business/Council – Member Browning stated she had been asked about making Broadway from Main to Penn Avenue a two way road. Mayor Stephens stated the state highway department would probably not allow this.

Mayor Stephens stated that crosswalks will be installed after the paving is finished with buttons installed to allow safe crossing. The timing issues on the traffic lights are being looked at for a better way to handle the traffic.

Member Shroyer reported that Ron Marlowe will be closing his business by the end of the month.

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

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Shroyer and seconded by Member Troxell to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITYOF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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