

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Leo Mason, Joey Bell, Tom Shroyer, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent was none. Also in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Police Chief Kevin Kemper, Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke, Council Elect Fred Downey, Field Representative Stacie Rockaway with Thomas Massie's office, and Citizens Michael & Donna Duncan.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report available. Mayor Stephens reported that he has been working with Scott and Representative Paul Hornback on getting the sign on Highway 55 telling semi-trucks not to turn onto Narrow Gage Road. This is a slow process, but hopefully we have finally gotten someone's attention now to take care of this.

Mayor Stephens reported that the courthouse offices and employees will be moving to Eminence temporarily while the courthouse is being remodeled. They will be spending about \$100,000.00 on the old Cook's building to get it ready for them to use during this stay in Eminence which should last approximately two years. Court will actually be held here too. There are 110 parking spots across the road from this building for parking.

Subject: Presentation – Mayor Stephens reported that during Firefighter Appreciation Month, the City has re-instated the Ronnie Lucas Memorial Award. This year the Fire Department has chosen Michael Duncan, Chaplain of the Department as the recipient of this award. Mayor Stephens presented Michael Duncan with the award expressing our gratitude and thankfulness for his volunteer service to our community. Michael stated it is always nice to receive something positive and expressed his thanks. He stated this award is particularly significant to him as he was asked to serve as chaplain of the fire department long before he agreed to do so and only decided to serve after watching a fire next door to him and seeing the dedication of our volunteer firemen.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on October 10, 2016 and the minutes of the special sessions held on October 14, 2016 and October 27, 2016 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.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Police Chief Kevin Kemper reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Kemper reported they had 267 total contacts for the month. Twenty-nine citations were issued on sixty-two charges. Eight individuals were arrested on twelve charges.

Chief Kemper reported that the officers and he have participated in a lot of training this month.

Chief Kemper reported that Officer Parham participated in the LaGrange Fire Department Celebration this year with a lot of candy being given out. Officer Bailey participated in a Halloween celebration at Shelby Christian Church and also gave out a lot of candy. He received a lot of compliments for participating as many citizens from Eminence attend there. Residential Halloween and the Halloween Fest at the Renaissance Fair were both without incident.

Reported that Officer Bailey responded to a call for a suicidal male on South Main Street which he handled well. The male was taken for a mental health evaluation and after he was released from the hospital he was arrested for being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

Chief Kemper reported that Officer Parham has once again received the Governor's Award for DUI enforcement.

Chief Kemper reported that a juvenile was charged for the vandalism on the walking trail, at the park and at Eminence Village.

Reported that the department is still working on revising their policies and procedures manual.

Member Meadows asked about the idea of hosting some training here. Chief Kemper reported he is still working on this and getting a suitable location. The Cropper school will not work for several reasons.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mr. McAllister reported that Precision Concrete removed the sidewalk trip hazards from Windy Hills.

Mr. McAllister reported they are continuing to install auto read meters with the most recent streets completed being Owen, Lakeview, Moody and part of Blackaby.

Reported that with the assistance of Shelby Septic and their pumper truck they were able to remove grease and other debris from two of our lift stations and all of Pleasureville's. He is going to schedule more cleanouts for our other lift stations in the City.

Mr. McAllister reported that the park and splash pad have been winterized for the season and the blue tough coat has been applied to the splash pad concrete.

Member Meadows asked about the limbs hanging over on Blackaby. Mr. McAllister stated that when the County comes to do Herndon Lane they will do Blackaby for us. Member Meadows stated he wants the public works department to go ahead and get what they can.

Member Shroyer asked about the status of the “no engine brake” sign and the “deer crossing” sign. Mr. McAllister stated he is working with the State on the “no engine brake” sign as it will go on a state road and if we install one without their permission they will just take it down. The “deer crossing” sign has come it and will be installed.

Subject: Thomas Massie’s Office – Stacie Rockaway with Thomas Massie’s office was present to remind the City that their office is always willing to help in any way possible. They can assist with grants, military questions, Medicare concerns, and youth congressional awards as well as many other areas.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has already collected \$259,885.00 of the 2016 tax billing which represents 71.9%.

Clerk Doane reported that we have received the quarterly HB 413 money in the amount of \$1,717.00 and also the bank deposit tax totaling \$14,108.00.

Subject: Pleasureville Sewer Treatment Calculation – Clerk Doane reviewed the calculations for the rate for treatment of Pleasureville’s sewage. This is reviewed every two years. The new rate will be \$1.81 per 1,000 gallons as compared to the current rate of \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons.

Subject: HCWD Rate Increase – Clerk Doane reported that Henry County Water District #2 has asked the Public Service Commission for a rate increase which, if approved, would increase our wholesale rate from \$2.58 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.72 per 1,000 gallons. It will be a while before we hear if the rate is approved.

Subject: First Quarter Financial Report – Clerk Doane reviewed the first quarter ending September 30, 2016 budget comparison reporting that most all departments’ expenses are under or right at 25% and that income is also close to 25%, both of which are where they need to be.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the October statistics for the department which shows five fire runs and special details for a total of 93 man hours. Member Meadows reported that the department has all the reports up to date. They will be having their dinner on December 3, 2016. Member Meadows thanked Member Shroyer for his service on the Fire Board.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Bell reported that the same Santa will be assisting us again this year for Light Up Eminence. Member Bell reported he wants to meet with the committee next week to review everything for Light Up Eminence. Mr. McAllister reported they will be setting up the Santa house and decorations the week after Thanksgiving.

Member Armstrong reported the Halloween Festival at the Renaissance Fair was attended by 1,423 people. She asked about the food collection. Mr. McAllister stated he thought it was up from last year but we lost the boxed food due to raccoons getting into all of it.

The Trick or Treat on Main was discussed including that a young child almost got hit by a car. Discussion held about having some flashing lights and police presence to assist with this if we have it next year. It was also discussed to perhaps just participate in the County's Trail or Treat and not have the one on Main Street. We will decide next year.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens stated the splash pad is complete. Reported we have had vandalism on the play slide and have ordered replacement parts which ended up being partially under warranty.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Water/Sewer Ordinance Amendment – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an ordinance amending the water and sewer ordinance to make changes to the billing dates, connection fees, landlord billing for their tenants, and late payment dates.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – None.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reminded Council that our City Christmas Dinner will be on December 8, 2016 at 6:30 at the same location as last year.

Subject: Council – New Business – No one had anything.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason 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 Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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