

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APRIL 9, 2018  
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018 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, Fred Downey, 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; Magistrate Scott Bates; Brother Nick Seniour; Citizen Sam Kemper; and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: Presentation** – Brother Nick Seniour, United Pentecostal Church, was present to say thanks to the City Council and Mayor for all their efforts in leading and serving the citizens of Eminence and to offer a commitment to pray for the City and their families. Homemade cupcakes, cookies and brownies were presented to Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for hearing good comments and for the snacks. Brother Seniour stated that anything they can do to help to let them know. Reported they plan to install the entryway soon onto the new property located on Highway 55 and will then start with building a Family Life Center Building.

**Subject: County Business** - Magistrate Scott Bates reported that everything is going smoothly in the County. They are still concerned with the State budget and the hoped-for phase-in of the higher retirement rates. It is so sad when the state legislators won't work together like the cities and counties do.

Mayor Stephens stated we still have major issues with the semi-trucks traveling on Clear Creek Road and destroying the yard of Debbie Baer. Member Mason stated he feels the sign on Highway 55 is only seen after the trucks make the turn onto Narrow Gage. Some truckers choose to ignore the sign and proceed anyway getting hung up trying to make the turn onto Clear Creek and then again when they get to Mulberry Road. Much discussion held. Magistrate Bates stated he would start calling again to Paul Hornback and the 5<sup>th</sup> District Transportation Department's Matt Bullock and Blake Nelson. He will furnish emails and numbers for all of these people and give to the Mayor and the Mayor will forward to Council so everyone can call on this much needed request.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on March 12, 2018 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additional additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

**REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – Police Chief Kevin Kemper presented the monthly activity report to council. They had 150 total contacts for the month with five accidents. Nineteen citations were issued on twenty-six charges. Seven individuals were arrested on twelve charges.

Chief Kemper reported that Officers Bailey, Lucas and Wilson have worked several hours to make an arrest on a child sex abuse case. The abuse had multiple victims and took place over a three-year period. They have also gotten several other cases related to child sex abuse recently.

Reported that Officer Bailey has worked with multiple agencies on the pharmacy serial burglar. The suspect is in jail in Paoli, Indiana. We will be filing charges soon on our case.

The Subway break-in is being worked on with hopes of solving soon.

Chief Kemper reported on various training. Officer Bailey just completed a course focused on injury patterns in major assault case and homicide investigations. Reported that Lieutenant Wells and himself are scheduled for active shooter training in June, specifically focusing on an active shooter in a work place or school. They are trying to get Angie Deckard and Randi Boothby with the school to attend this class with them.

Mayor Stephens asked Chief Kemper to check on the time frame on the building repairs on Main next to the burnt-out ones as he believes the time is almost up on this.

**Subject: Public Works Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** - Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Reported on routine activities.

Reported that more lighting was added to the dump truck to make it more visible during night driving and snow removal.

Reported that the 3" splash pad piping that previously froze and ruptured has been redesigned and repaired to prevent future issues during cold weather.

A gravity sewer line on Jackson Road was camera inspected to locate suspected sewer taps for a property. A sewer blockage on Maple Avenue also had to be cleared with our auger machine.

Reported that our annual State Pre-Treatment audit and inspection was performed at the factories with no problems found.

The new sun shade has been installed over the small playground at Coach D Park.

Member Meadows thanked the public works employees for coming out on Easter to work on a blocked sewer on Uncle Ed Street. Public Works Director reported that we are having lots of trouble with people flushing things that don't need to be flushed – including wipes, rags, towels,

toys, etc. A letter has been sent to the renter at Uncle Ed to make sure they understand not to flush inappropriate things into the sewer.

Mayor Stephens thanked the department for the good job on snow removal this year. Mayor Stephens reported he has had Matt order signs for Elm Street for no parking and will be enforcing this once the signs come in.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** - City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 97.3% of the total 2017 billed taxes with only \$10,529.28 remaining unpaid at April 5, 2018.

Clerk Doane reported we are still waiting on the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Reported that the debt service and reserve accounts associated with the paid Rural Development and KIA loans will be closed with the funds to be transferred to the Water and Sewer Reserve Account.

Clerk Doane reported most of the department budgets have been turned in for compilation into one overall budget. Still waiting on a few items.

Clerk Doane reported that training has been a main focus for the Clerk's office as we plan for her retirement and future promotions.

Clerk Doane reported that Debbie will be sending out a message board (newsletter) with this month's water bills and if anyone has anything to add let her know by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Member Armstrong asked to make sure we remind citizens to move their trash carts from the curb. Mayor Stephens reported it is already included.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reported they had another light month with only three runs for March, 2018. Reported that all else is going well.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – The committee reported on the previous meeting. Reported on various plans already made. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Tents were discussed. Magistrate Bates stated he would check on the company they used for Harvest Showcase. Member Bell asked if an electric service could be installed between CVS and the Bank on the electric pole. Probably a 100 amp with 6-8 circuits would really be helpful. Mayor Stephens stated he will check into this.

Member Armstrong reported that all plans for the DJ event are under way with no problems.

**Subject: Parks Update** - Mayor Stephens inquired on what hours the council want to have the splash pad open. Various suggestions were discussed with final decision being made for the following hours of operation – Tuesday through Sunday – 11:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. and closed on Monday.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Property Enforcement Officer** – Mayor Stephens requested council consideration of obtaining a property enforcement officer. Discussion held including whether we could have as an independent contractor or if they would have to be an employee. Mayor Stephens stated he would review the criteria on this and report back at the next meeting.

**Subject: Speed Bumps Request** – Mayor Stephens stated he has been approached by Larry Trail to install speed bumps on Vernon Street. Member Mason stated others have also made similar requests. Use of portable ones was discussed. No action taken as Mr. Trail mentioned he was going to get a petition for this.

**Subject: Open Citizen Comments** – No one present who wished to comment.

**Subject: Mayor's Update** – Mayor Stephens reported that Ponrich Floor Covering opened today in Eminence. They also sell Porter Paint.

**Subject: Council – New Business** – Member Bell stated he has had a complaint about the street light on the corner of King Street and East Broadway being out. Mayor Stephens stated we reported this last month but will follow up on it.

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

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DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK  
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