

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 13, 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 Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Police Officer Phillip Parham; Citizens Amy Jamison, Angela Basset, Reese Morgan, Bill Web and Nick Senior; and Henry County Local Representative Taylor Riley.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Business** - Magistrate Scott Bates was not present so no report available.

**Subject: Concert** – Pastor Nick Senior was present to request use of the city’s parking lot on October 21, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM for a Southern Gospel Concert. The only thing he will need from the city is the use of power and the street to be closed by 3:00 PM. Motion made by Member Troxell and Seconded by Member Armstrong to allow use of the parking lot, power, and street closure on October 21. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 9, 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.

**Subject: Fireworks** – Member Downey reported that the Police Committee had met and discussed the fireworks issue. They decided to allow the police to enforce the KRS laws. The only action they wanted to take was have Major Wells do a Code Red call and let the citizens know what was allowed and the law would be enforced. The committee also wanted to raise the rate of the license for Fireworks Vendor and limit the number of days after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July that fireworks could be sold in the city limits. The police would also pay a visit to the firework stand and explain the rules about who could and should be purchasing fireworks. The Mayor and council decided the committee needed to meet again to come up with the number of days and times fireworks could be used in city limits. The committee will meet August 21, 2018 at 5:30 PM in council chambers.

**Subject: Ordinance Amending Ordinance Regulating and Prohibiting the Keeping of Certain Animals Within the City of Eminence** - Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the summary of an ordinance amending the ordinance regulating and prohibiting the keeping of certain animals within the City of Eminence to allow 3 chicks or chickens. Motion made by Member Downey, Seconded by Member Meadows to adopt the ordinance as read. On a call for vote by Clerk Mullins, all members present voted “Yea”.

## **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** – In the absence of Chief Kemper, Police Officer Phillip Parham presented the monthly activity report to council. They had 329 total contacts for the month with five traffic collisions. Thirty-six citations were issued on fifty-eight charges. Twelve individuals were arrested on seventeen charges.

Officer Parham reported on various departmental training. School is back in session and everything is running smoothly so far.

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

Mr. McAllister reported that the headwall at the intersection of Henry and Blackaby was repaired and opened up to allow for better drainage. Hydrants were flushed on the South side of town to help clear stirred up/discolored water in Hi-View neighborhood area. New & updated signs were installed on City Hall buildings and doors were sanded due to new floors.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto)** - City Clerk Robin Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 98.9% of the total 2017 billed taxes with only \$4,272.64 remaining unpaid at August 9, 2018.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reported that all is going well in the Department. The department had 7 runs and other training hours during July for a total of 92 manhours.

**Subject: Festivals Report** – Committee reported that the final meeting is scheduled for August 23<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to close out the event. Member Troxell said we ended up with 55 booths and 25 ads. The new power worked out great. The council wanted to say a special thank you to Robert Fields and Lee Ann Armstrong for helping with the parade line up. Henry County High School Band was here again. Member Mason reported that Silver Wings apologized for not being able to play because of the rain. Member Armstrong suggested that we not throw out candy anymore because some children were almost hit. The council decided to have people walk by float and give out candy next year. Mayor Stephens suggested we tell them as they are lining up, not to throw the candy and to have someone hand it out. Mayor Stephens said committee did a great job.

**Subject: Parks Report** – Mayor Stephens reported the 5K started at the park on Eminence Day. Mayor Stephens asked the council to look at the bathhouse at the Simpsonville Pavilion. This is the type of bathhouse he would like for the Coach D Park may just a little bigger for storage.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Approval and Ratification of Ethics Boards – Jerry Clark, Joe Lawson, Helen Moore** – Mayor Stephens reported that some of the ethics board members term may have expired. After looking, only Joe Lawson had expired. After discussion, motion was made by Council Member Mason to approve the mayor’s request to appoint Joe Lawson for a new term as member of the City of Eminence ethics board effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Council Member Meadows. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** – Mayor Stephens reported Eminence Day was a success even though we had to end early because of rain. He also spoke with Rodger Hartledge and he wasn’t sure what was going to be done with the empty lot on main.

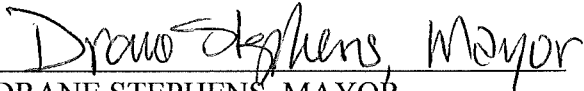
**Subject: Council – New Business** – Member Meadows reported he has noticed people are mowing their lawns and blowing the grass in the road. This can make the road slippery and dangerous when wet. Mayor Stephens reported this brings him to the Beautify Eminence Flyer they received in their packet. Maybe we can add something about the grass blowing to the flyer. Mayor Stephens reported he still continues to get complaints about grass and cars. He hopes the flyer will give the citizens a heads up a code enforcement officer is coming, so start cleaning up. Mayor Stephens hopes to hire this position in early spring.

**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.

Mayor Stephens reminded council of the filing deadline to run for office of August 14, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Troxell to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:   
ROBIN L. MULLINS, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

