

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Fred Downey, Leo Mason, Lee Ann Armstrong and Polly Troxell. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Chief Mike Wells; Detective John Dudinskie, and wife Jennifer Dudinskie, Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Michum, Magistrate Scott Bates and Henry County Local Publisher Jane Ashley Pace.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business - Magistrate Scott Bates was present to report the county had decided to implement an ambulance tax that would offset running the service. The Magistrates would oversee the tax and the highest the tax could reach is ten cents.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 12, 2019 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

Subject: Property Tax Rate Ordinance: Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an ordinance setting the real and personal property tax rates at 3.16 per \$100.00 assessment and motor vehicle and water craft rate at 26.6 per \$100.00 assessment for 2019. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Downey to adopt the ordinance as read. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Police Chief Wells introduced Detective John Dudinskie and his wife Jennifer to City Council. Detective Dudinskie reported he was retired from the City of Frankfort and had worked in various other positions.

Police Chief Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. Department personnel had a total of 292 contacts for the month, with three traffic collisions. Thirty-seven citations were issued on fifty-three charges. Fifteen arrests were made.

Police Chief Wells reported Officer Patterson won the department's Occupational Safety Award from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety.

Police Chief Wells reported Officer Lucas has given his letter of resignation and his last day will be on September 11, 2019.

Subject: Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Michum was present to introduce himself to the council and explain how he intends to handle the various complaints. Mr. Michum reported he had been in contact with Jeff Browning about the abandoned vehicles.

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 the brick in front of the bank and downtown were repaired after the sand beneath them settled and washed out which caused trip hazards; the two evergreen trees beside the saloon were removed.

Mr. McAllister also reported a ruptured 2" water main was repaired twice on the same day on Merriweather; a ruptured 4" water main was repaired on Shadyview Dr.; a ruptured 6" water main was repaired on Elm St. Also, all fire hydrants were located and marked for upcoming color-coding project (9 have already been painted); and the Semi-Annual Pre-Treatment report was submitted and accepted by the State without issues.

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% of the total 2018 billed taxes with only \$4,612.68 remaining unpaid as of September 5, 2019.

Clerk Mullins reported that the auditor came in for his initial review on August 27, 2019.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported that all is going well in the department. The department had 18 runs and other training hours during August for a total of 126 manhours.

Mayor Stephens reported that October 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. will be the night Stephen Sparrow is recognized for his retirement and honored with the Ronnie Lucas Award. The meal will be provided by Our Best.

Subject: Festivals Report – Mayor Stephens reported Hollie is waiting to hear from Ed to determine a date for the next festival committee meeting.

Subject: Parks Report – Mayor Stephens reported the inspector, plumber and Mike Paris were all on the site at the same time the other day. The inspection passed so we can move forward with pouring the concrete and by the end of the week it should be blocked.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Bluegrass & Central KY Unified Police Protection System & Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Relevant Documents: Chief Mike Wells reported that this agreement would give the officers permission to go into other counties without a warrant to question and arrest suspects in cases they are pursuing. Motion made by Member Troxell and Seconded by Member Mason to enter the interlocal agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign all relevant documents. On a call for votes, all members present voted “Yea”.

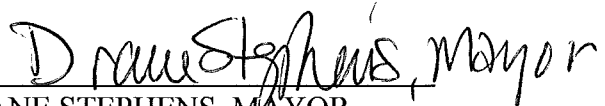
Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Stephens reported a sidewalk from Tristan Ridge to the bike path would be done in the next couple of weeks, so residents could get to the library. Mayor Stephens also reported we are looking at a sidewalk for East Broadway.

Mayor Stephens reported he had been in contact with Tony Tingle and the paving of Elm Crest Subdivision. Mr. Tingle reported the paving will be done in October.

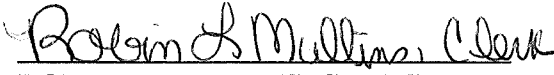
Subject: Council – New Business – Member Meadows reported the Eminence Christian Church and Eminence Speaker will have a recycling event on September 28, 2019.

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

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Metcalfe to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 

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

