

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 13, 2020
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 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; Henry County Local Editor Aaron Nelson and Resident Ed Steinmetz.

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 was presented to the council.

Subject: 2020 Census – Kevin Whitt was present to discuss the need for 2020 Census workers in Henry County. There is a need for at least 50 workers. They will be paid \$15.00 an hour plus mileage. Mr. Whitt requested council members help get the word out that they will begin hiring in the next couple of weeks through March.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Police Chief Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. Department personnel had a total of 144 contacts for the month, with three traffic collisions. Eighteen citations were issued on twenty-four charges. Four arrests were made.

Chief Wells reported he received a call from Freedom Dodge that the original truck in the budget was in. The truck should be outfitted and on the road by Monday, January 20, 2020. Officer Bailey will be driving the new vehicle.

Subject: Code Enforcement Report: Mayor Stephens reported that Marvin Michum is no longer with us and the position hopefully will be filled next month.

Mayor Stephens reported he and Chief Wells have looked at the sidewalk ordinance to address the issues with the GrillMaster, but there is nothing that can be done until the ordinance is updated.

Mayor Stephens also reported the issues with Crabb Avenue will need to be addressed with an ordinance update.

Mayor Stephens requested the ordinance committee meet with Attorney Brammell to work on updating the Sidewalk and Property Maintenance Ordinance.

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

Public Works Director McAllister reported the certification fees are increasing from \$50.00 to \$150.00. They each have three certifications (Matt, Dustin & Troy).

Mayor Stephens reported the Public Works has been working on the EMS Building getting it ready so they can move in. They will not move in until the deed has been signed back over to us at the next fiscal court meeting.

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 \$23,806.08 in property Taxes for December, 2019.

Mayor Stephens reviewed the 2nd quarter budget review.

Clerk Mullins discussed the increase of lien release fees with the council going from \$13.00 to \$46.00.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported that all is going well in the department. The department had 3 runs and other training hours during December for a total of 61.5 manhours.

Subject: Festivals Report – Mayor Stephens reported that the festival committee will tentatively meet Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Eminence City Hall.

Subject: Parks Report – Mayor Stephens reported the bath house is finished.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – Resident Ed Steinmetz asked Chief Wells a question about a car of people being pulled over with drugs who would be charged. Chief Wells stated the owner of the vehicle would be charged if no-one confessed to who the drugs belonged to. This is different than not being able to charge someone who is overdosed and finding drugs on that person.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Armstrong and Member Metcalfe reported they had sent everyone an email with what they would like the Jim Green memorial plaque to look like and wanted to make sure they like the color and size. The council agreed on the bronze and 5-inch picture. Member Armstrong requested the approved minutes from December be emailed to her so she can get the plaque ordered.

Member Metcalfe requested that the city look into modifying the city’s dog ordinance to mirror the county’s dog ordinance.

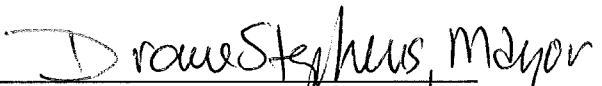
Subject: Mayors Update – Mayor Stephens reported the old tire store is in the process of being sold to Mr. Sanchez. He plans to put in a Granite Countertop Store.

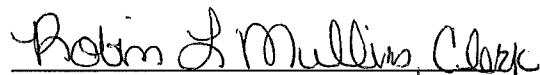
Mayor Stephens also reported the El Nopal restaurant is hung up in state certifications for the remodel.

Mayor Stephens reported the footers were poured for the other three welcome signs, so Member Metcalfe can do the signs when he is ready. Public Works Director McAllister suggested putting something on the back of the signs.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Downey 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 Armstrong and seconded by Member Meadows to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

