

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MARCH 8, 2021
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Lee Ann Armstrong, Fred Downey, Danny Meadows, Steve Metcalfe, Polly Troxell and Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Chief Mike Wells, Major John Dudinskie, and Henry County Local Editor Aaron Nelson, Rick Baker, Emergency Management, Director and Citizen Rick Nelson.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report was submitted to council.

Subject: Emergency Management – Rick Baker, Director of Emergency Management was present to introduce himself to the council and explain the different services they could provide. He is still getting familiar with the job and will be reaching out soon and if we had any questions to do the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on February 8, 2021 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 as presented.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Chief Mike Wells presented the monthly activity report to council. Chief Wells reported Officer Parham had been awarded the Impaired Driving Enforcement Award.

Chief Wells also reported all officers have been issued body cameras and have been instructed of operational procedures.

Chief Wells reported an arrest was made in the recent thefts from vehicles and two stolen firearms were returned to their owners.

Subject: Code Enforcement Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Mayor Stephens reported the ordinance committee met and discussed the property maintenance ordinance. One of the points that was made was to combine the code enforcement officer position with the part-time police officer and make the position full-time. One officer would run point, but all officers could enforce ordinances. Another idea was to have a check list tied to the water service. If all points were not complete on the checklist the water couldn't be turned on. There could possibly be a fee of \$50.00 with a refund of \$25.00. The fee is still negotiable. All council members were in agreement to move ahead with the position, but get more information on the checklist and fee.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Public Works Director McAllister presented his monthly report. February was a busy month with water leaks on West Broadway, Elm, and Lou. Sewer Force Main ruptured on Shawnee Drive. Public Works also had several snow and ice events.

Member Armstrong reported that the public works went above what was expected considering the circumstances.

Member Meadows suggested Public Works Director McAllister look into getting wet suits that will keep them dry in situation like what we had in February.

Mayor Stephen presented five second leak adjustment requests for the following:

Amanda Godsey	\$1,015.30
Demetrius Moore	\$ 86.80
Walter Schumm	\$ 186.30
Lillian/Alma Hyatt	\$ 67.30
Kayla Green	\$ 40.86

Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Metcalfe. On a call for vote, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Administrative Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Clerk Mullins reviewed the monthly administrative report.

Subject: Fire Report – Member Meadows presented the monthly activity report to council. Member Meadows reported there is still a problem with mice in the meeting room. Member Meadows asked Public Works Director McAllister about the fire hydrant on Henry Street being out of order. Public Works Director McAllister didn't know when it would be fixed, but he would order some Out of Order service tags to put on the hydrant.

Subject: Festivals Update – Mayor Stephens reported no activity at this time.

Subject: Park Update – Mayor Stephens reported everything looks good at the park. The restrooms will open when we have a stretch of warm weather. The big slide is broken but it is still under warranty. Member Armstrong asked how the canopy was holding up. Public Works Director McAllister reported it looked alright.

Subject: Beautification Committee Report - Member Metcalfe reported the beautification committee will visit Shelbyville to meet with Trace Kirkwood to discover how they developed their downtown beautification projects and what buildings would make the most impact. Member Downey also reported that Shelbyville puts aside a certain amount from the general fund into a grant that the business can apply for. The committee would also like to look into one of the office employees being trained as a grant writer. Mayor Stephens reported that KIPDA is also able to write grants and they could use their services.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Land Lease Contract – Mayor Stephens reported that Kevin Kemper has submitted a request to lease the land at the same rate he did last year and agreed to all the same requirements as last year. Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Armstrong to adopt the Land Lease Contract as presented. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Mayor/Council Pay Increase – Mayor Stephens reported we received the annual increase from the Department of Local Government. The Consumer Price Index this year is 1.4%. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Wayman to not take the 1.4% increase recommend by the DLG. On a call for vote, all Members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Stephens reported that the council had received his official resignation letter and now they had thirty days form March 31, 2021 to select a new mayor to finish out his term. Mayor Stephens reported he would withdraw his original resignation and submit a new resignation with a date of June 30, 2021.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Meadows reported he will be glad to turn on/off water anytime help is needed in the public works department.

Member Metcalfe asked if generators were put at the WAC would it qualify as an Emergency Shelter. Emergency Management Director Rick Baker said it would not qualify.

Member Armstrong would like to get a committee together for Emergency Management if anyone is interested.

Subject: Warrants – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Meadows 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 Troxell to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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ATTEST: Robin L. Mullins, Clerk
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