

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 14, 2019  
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Steve Metcalfe, Fred Downey, Leo Mason, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Also, in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Police Chief Kevin Kemper; Assistant City Clerk Debbie Moore; Magistrate Scott Bates; Henry County Local Representative Taylor Riley; and resident Tom Shroyer.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Business** - Magistrate Scott Bates was present to report that the county had received \$150,000.00 from the Road Aid Fund to reopen New Cut Road. The County had also purchased the old Dollar General Store building for the Hope Center. He reported that economic development was happening in the county and El Nopal may be coming to Eminence.

**Subject: Tom Shroyer** – Mr. Shroyer was present to report the progress of the library. He reported the library had run into a lot of problems and was over \$100,000.00 in their contingency fund. He also reported they would sell the old library building and requested any help the city could give them would be appreciated. Mr. Shroyer also requested a sidewalk from Tristan Ridge to the library be put in the next city budget. Mayor Stephens reported he would look into the agreement with Tristan Ridge to see if it's not already in the agreement; if not, the city will get something done. Mayor Stephens proposed waving impact and service fees for the library since it wouldn't have any impact on the existing sewer system. Attorney Brammell will examine the issue before any decision is made.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on December 10, 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 Kemper presented the monthly activity report to council. They had a total of 254 contacts for the month, with one traffic collision. Twenty-six citations were issued on forty-five charges. Eight individuals were arrested on twelve charges.

Major Wells received an award from the Kentucky Department of Highway Safety for impaired driving enforcement. The Department received a Gold Award from AAA for their efforts in traffic safety. Arvie “Sonny” Case passed away on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December. He worked for the Eminence Police Department for many years and will be greatly missed.

**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 a 4” water main on Henry Street ruptured and had to be repaired; an 8” water main at the intersection of Mulberry and Shelby ruptured and had to be repaired. He also reported the #1 drinking water booster pump was reinstalled at the Jackson site with the help of Derby City Pump & Valve; and a new Arlo Camera was installed at the district meter on Highway 55 which will allow us to remotely view the water usage at any time.

Mr. McAllister reported a gravity line on Elm Street had to be augured after it became blocked from heavy rains; all the pump stations were cleaned of grease and debris to keep the floats and pumps operating; and several pumps in Pleasureville had to be pulled, cleaned and repaired after they malfunctioned.

A second leak adjustment was requested for Rick Mathis in the amount of \$100.26. The leak has gone on for two billing cycles and has been repaired. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Downey to grant the second adjustment to Rick Mathis. All members present voted “Yea”.

**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 92% of the total 2018 billed taxes with only \$32,265.71 remaining unpaid as of January 9, 2019.

**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 18.5 manhours. Member Meadows also reported the Fire Department Building needs to be looked at because of a couple of issues: a break in the floor, leaking roof, and rusting support pole.

Mayor Stephens presented the Ronnie Lucas Award to Council Member Steve Metcalfe.

**Subject: Festivals Report** – Nothing new to report.

**Subject: Parks Report** – Mayor Stephens reported he had received the building plans from the engineer who did the Simpsonville bathhouse. Mayor Stephens passed the plans on to Mike Paris to make suggestions on how to adapt the plans to suit the city’s needs and get back with those suggestions by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Open Citizens Comments/Questions: - None.**

**Subject: Mayor's Update – None to Report.**

**Subject: Council – New Business** – Member Metcalfe reported that he would like to build Welcome to Eminence signs at the entrances to Eminence. He proposed getting students to help build the signs. He would only need the materials because the labor would be free. Mayor Stephens asked Magistrate Scott Bates to check on the regulations and permissions for set backs for the signs.

Member Metcalfe also reported he would like to see if there is any money in the budget to repave the tennis courts for the Eminence Tennis Team. Member Metcalfe would do the work himself if the city would provide the material. Mayor Stephens reported there should be money in the park budget to do so.

Member Mason requested new KLC City Officials Legal Handbooks. Mayor Stephens asked Clerk Mullins to look into getting new handbooks.

Member Downey reported he wanted to form a committee to look into the new water and sewer bands for customers. Mayors Stephens reported that the special interest appointments have a water/sewer area.

**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. All members present voted "Yea".

**Subject: Closed Session** – Mayor Stephens stated a closed session is needed to discuss a personnel matter. Motion made at 7:05 p.m. by Member Meadows to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter which may lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and seconded by Member Armstrong. All members present voted yea.

Motion made at 8:06 p.m. to return to open session by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Meadows. All members present voted "Yea". Open session resumed at 8:06

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 8:07 p.m.

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ATTEST: Robin L. Mullins, Clerk  
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