

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MARCH 9, 2020
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, March 9, 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 and Polly Troxell. Absent was Member Lee Ann Armstrong. 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, Auditor Troy King of Kelly King & Co., and Resident Ed Steinmetz.

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 presented to the council.

Subject: Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 – Auditor Troy King presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. He reviewed the three findings which cannot be corrected due to the size of the city. Attorney Brammell stated the audit would need to be accepted at some point. Mayor Stephens asked for the Council to review and get with Clerk Mullins with any concerns. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on February 10, 2020 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Member Meadows had a correction that he suggested the pumphouse be painted. Motion made by Member Troxell to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion seconded by Member Mason. All members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Ordinance Amending Henry County Planning & Zoning Ordinance Section 660 (I)(A)(1) – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an ordinance amending Henry County Planning & Zoning Section 660 (I)(A)(1). 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 presented the monthly activity report to council. Department personnel had a total of 170 contacts for the

month, with five traffic collisions. Twelve citations were issued on sixteen charges. Three arrests were made.

Chief Wells reported he applied for a highway safety grant which is 100% reimbursement of overtime and fuel. The grant will allow the officers to address moving traffic violations and also include driving safety check points.

Mayor Stephens was able to obtain eight additional units of Narcan through a contact with the Jefferson County Health Department. He will reach out to see if he is able to get more at this time or at least purchase two more for each officer at Member Downey's request. Mayor Stephens' is also working with the KY Pharmacist Association on a program that will provide Narcan with guidelines.

Chief Wells reported the Public Works also need Narcan with the type of work they are doing.

Subject: Code Enforcement Report: Chief Wells reported the Crabb Ave house missed their court date, so a warrant was issued. Some progress has been made, but more still needs to be done. Also, parking citations have been issued.

Mayor Stephens reported the white house on South King Street is down and clean up has started.

Mayor Stephens reported Sarah Long was hired as the Code Enforcement Officer and will start on March 18, 2020. She has a Degree in Criminal Justice and is Sergeant Bailey's wife.

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 he, Mayor Young and the pump guy are talking about upgrading the pumps in Pleasureville. The pumps are having to be pulled 2 to 3 times a week because of wipes.

A second leak adjustment was requested for James Baker in the amount of \$132.49. The leak was in the toilet. It has been repaired but went on for two billing cycles. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Metcalfe to grant a second adjustment to James Baker. 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 \$5,034.41 in property Taxes for February, 2020.

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 January for a total of 85.5 man-hours. Member Meadows reported there is a burn ban from February 15, 2020 through April 30, 2020. If you must burn it has to be contained and after 6:00 pm.

Subject: Festivals Report – Mayor Stephens reported that the committee has not met and was happy to hear Member Downey volunteered to be a part of the committee.

Subject: Parks Report – Mayor Stephens reported the public works guys will get the water on and make sure there are no issues with the new bathhouse real soon.

Member Meadows asked if a solution had been found to fix the bucket on the splash pad. Public Works Director McAllister and Mayor Stephens believe they have a way of coming in from the other side to fix the bucket.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Land Farm Lease – Mayor Stephens received two bids for the land farm lease.

Danny Fitzgerald - \$50.00 an Acre = \$700.00

Kevin Kemper - \$75.00 an Acre = \$1,050.00
If allowed, he would like to use about 18 acres making the bid \$1,350.00

Motion made by Member Troxell to accept the bid from Kevin Kemper for \$75.00 an Acre with the additional acres, allowing him to crop 18 acres. Motion seconded by Member Metcalfe. All members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: This Is Henry County - Mayor Stephens reported he had received information from the Chamber of Commerce about advertising in the “This is Henry County” publication. Discussion Held. Motion Made by Member Meadows and second by Member Mason to advertise a full-page ad for \$540.00 in the “This is Henry County 2020” publication. All members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Spring Clean – Mayor Stephens reported it was time to decide if the council wanted to have another spring clean up day. Council Members decided to set a date in late May or June.

Subject: Coronavirus – Mayor Stephens reported he wanted everyone to know that we as a city are aware that there is a problem and we are doing everything in our power to follow the directions and guidelines of the Health Department. Some of the guidelines to stay healthy are:

- **Proper handwashing for at least 20 seconds.**
- **Sneeze and cough into your elbow.**
- **If you do not feel well, stay home, drink fluids and rest.**
- **If symptoms persist such as high fever, sore throat, coughing and shortness of breath, please seek medical attention.**

Mayor Stephens reported the Health Department is having a webinar if anyone is interested.

Member Mason reported Spectrum News1 had an information hot-line number 1-800-222-1222 for people with questions.

Subject: Town Hall Meeting Opioid Crisis) – Mayor Stephens reported he wanted to get people together to discuss the opioid crisis going on in the county. Mayor Stephens would like to see parents, someone from the Hope Center, someone from the Angel Program, and anyone interested. He wants residents to know the resources we have available and to know we as a city care. Mayor Stephens reported he will work on getting a date.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – Resident Ed Steinmetz asked is the Code Enforcement Officer will have the same contact information. Mayor Stephens reported they would.

Resident Ed Steinmetz asked if there was any way we could charge individuals for Narcan. Attorney Brammell stated only if there were criminal charges and it could be restitution.

Resident Ed Steinmetz also wanted to know if there was anything we could do about the stray cats. Mayor Stephens reported there is really nothing we can do because there is no way to enforce it.


Subject: Council – New Business – Member Troxell reported she ran into a man who stated this is the best he’s seen the City of Eminence and ran by the best people.

Member Downey reported he is getting bids on painting the downtown facades.

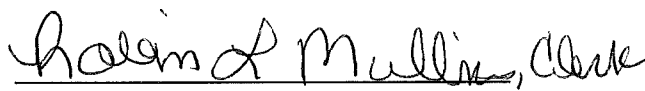
Member Metcalfe reported that he and Member Armstrong have been working with Lucas Monument on the Jim Green Plaque instead of the other company. The new price for the plaque is \$795.00.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Meadows 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 Troxell and seconded by Member Metcalfe to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:


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