

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Leo Mason, Joey Bell, Fred Downey (arrived at 6:22 p.m.), and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent was none. Also in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell; City Clerk Sandra Doane; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Police Chief Kevin Kemper; Magistrate Scott Bates; and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates reported that everything is going smoothly in the County. Reported the recent storms have created a lot of problems with repairs needed in a lot of areas. They still need to install culverts on Mill Creek Road. Reported that the poles and lights are up on North Main Street but are not working yet. The state has also patched some of the potholes in town.

Mayor Stephens asked if the County has their budget done yet and stated he can hopefully save them some money through a grant the he has received for 864 units of Narcan which he will be able to give free of charge to first responders. Discussion held on the severity of some of these street drugs to our own police department and first responders. He will make sure our officers get some as well.

Member Downey arrived at this time (6:22 p.m.).

Subject: Medical Marijuana Resolution – Attorney Brammell read a resolution supporting and encouraging the Kentucky General Assembly to consider legislation for medical marijuana which provides for the care, comfort and relief of persons who would benefit thereby. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Downey to adopt the resolution as read. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Confiscated Vehicle Bid Opening – Mayor Stephens opened the following two bids on the confiscated 2008 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD:

Corey Martin, 95 Osborne Drive, Eminence, KY 40019 - \$6,507.50
Randy Hartford, 396 Shadyview Drive, Eminence, KY 40019 = \$7,100.00.

Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to accept the bid from Randy Hartford for \$7,100.00 for the confiscated vehicle. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on February 12, 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.

Subject: Ordinance Updating Code of Ordinances – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an ordinance updating the code of ordinances. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the ordinance as read. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Police Chief Kevin Kemper reported that the department received an award from AAA for their activity in traffic enforcement and crash reduction and child education programs. There are four levels of award – bronze, silver, gold, & platinum. We received the second level of silver for our first year. He and Officer Parham accepted it on behalf of the department.

Chief Kemper presented the monthly activity report to council. They had 254 total contacts for the month with two accidents. Thirty-One citations were issued on forty-four charges. Twelve individuals were arrested on twenty-four charges.

Chief Kemper reported on the active shooter threat at the school. A juvenile was taken into custody and even though the department fought really hard to keep him in custody, he was released to his parents with an ankle monitor and is now living two counties away. Chief Kemper expressed his appreciation for the students who spoke up and the staff that reacted the way they did to keep this from becoming an actual school shooting.

Chief Kemper reported that numerous thefts are occurring from cars during the night and that people need to remember to lock their vehicles and take their personal belongings out of the car.

Reported on the burglary at the Subway and that these are happening everywhere now. They are getting calls from other departments to inquire on our case as they have had the same type burglaries.

Store owners found a skimming device inside a gas pump.

Reported that Officer Wells was on his way home after a shift when he was sideswiped by another vehicle. The only damage to the cruiser was the driver’s side mirror. The Shelby County Sheriff’s Office worked the wreck. The vehicle is being repaired and we will send the invoice to the other person’s insurance once we get the bill and other information needed to file the claim.

Chief Kemper reported that he and Lieutenant Wells are scheduled for an active shooter class in July. They have invited school officials to attend with them as well. Other DOCJT training dates will be available in mid-April.

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

Reported on an 8” water main on Mulberry Road that burst and had to be repaired. Also, several meters around town had to be replaced due to internal damage from the freezing temperatures.

Reported on electrical issues at the booster pump on Jackson Road. The #1 booster pump failed which is now in the process of being repaired.

Mr. McAllister reported that the first 2018 annual pre-treatment industry sampling and inspections were performed at Eminence Speaker and Libertas Copper with no issues found.

Reported that several cracks and holes were filled in the blocks of the Police/Fire building and the leaky gutter on the front corner has been sealed. Mayor Stephens stated we have been pinged by our insurance company about the major cracks in the back of the building. Discussion held.

Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 96.2% of the total 2017 billed taxes with only \$14,565.50 remaining unpaid at March 7, 2018. Two delinquent letters have been sent out.

Clerk Doane reported on other receipts for the month including the receipt of a health insurance subsidy per HB 303 and the quarterly Kentucky Utilities franchise tax.

Clerk Doane reported that the audit is still not complete.

Clerk Doane reported that both of the rural development loans have been paid as directed from the last council meeting. Funds were taken from the Eminence Reserve Funds-1994; KIA Replacement & Maintenance Reserve Certificate of Deposit and the City of Eminence Sinking Fund-1994. A cashier’s check was hand delivered to Rural Development on February 23, 2018. In conjunction with the above payoff and in order to assure compliance with the reserve requirements for KIA; she also did a wire transfer on February 26, 2018 to pay the final loan payment to KIA which would have been due June 1, 2018. This early payoff saved us \$320.91.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported they had a light month with only one run for February, 2018. Member Meadows reported that the department responded to the Osage Apartment fire on Saturday. Reported that all else is going well.

Subject: Festivals Update – The committee decided on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the first Eminence Day meeting.

Member Armstrong reported that she would like to have a band for DJ in the Park instead of a DJ. The one band she has talked with wanted \$3,000.00. She has decided to have it in town instead of at the park and will hold it June 2, 2018 instead of in August hoping more will attend. The event name will need to be changed.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens reported the solar shade is currently being installed over the small play structure. The installer is using 42 eighty pounds bags of concrete in each hole for the poles. Mayor Stephens reported that the pipes burst over the winter at the pump house. The pipes look like they have been vandalized, however the door stays locked at all times.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Eminence High School Yearbook Ad – Clerk Doane reported that she was approached about the city placing an ad in the Eminence yearbook. She indicated to them that the council would need to decide this. We did a full-page ad last year for \$120.00. Last year’s ad was reviewed. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Meadows to authorize the purchase of a full-page ad the same as last year for the cost of \$120.00. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”. A new picture will need to be taken for submittal to the yearbook staff.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – No one present who wished to comment.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Stephens reported that budget planning needs to start and he will come up with a date he would like to have them turned in by the department heads.

Reported on safety changes he would like to make in the front office area with installation of teller windows on each side; keeping the inside door locked and moving some of the barriers which would allow for quicker exit by the ladies if needed. The cost for bullet proof glass was just too expensive. Council Member Downey suggested laminated plexi-glass which is bullet proof to a certain degree. The price was looked up online. Discussion held with no definite decision being made on this. Mayor Stephens stated he would look into this alternative.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Mason asked if Assistant Clerk Mullins was able to get the street lights reported that are out behind the Eminence Baptist Church and at Clear Creek Road. Suggested we check on Broadway as well. Clerk Doane stated she does not know if they have been reported or not.

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

Subject: Closed Session – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

