

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Jim Pettitt and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Shawn Bright, Drane Stephens, Lee Ann Armstrong and Leo Mason. Absent were none. Also in attendance were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Employee Tim Fitzgerald, Henry County Local Representative Jonna Spelbring Priester, and several citizens.

Pledge of allegiance held.

Mayor Pettitt reminded everyone to have their cell phones either off or on silent and not to ask to speak unless on the agenda.

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

Subject: Candidate for State Senator – John Black was present and introduced himself as a candidate for State Senator representing the 26th senatorial district which includes Henry County. Mr. Black stated he has previously served as Mayor of LaGrange, City Councilor at LaGrange and as Oldham County Judge Executive. Mr. Black stated he will vote for the people and not partisan. Mr. Black reviewed some of his ideas with council, requesting their consideration of him for State Senator.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 12, 2010 and the minutes from the special session held on July 21, 2010 were reviewed. Mayor Pettitt asked for any additions or changes to the minutes. With no additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Pettitt stated they would stand approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council which showed total contacts of 207 for July. Eleven individuals were arrested on twenty separate charges. The Department had one driving under the influence and three other alcohol related incidents.

Subject: Property Ordinance Enforcement Report – Chief Duncan reported there were four ordinance notices issued and one citation issued in July for property ordinance violations.

Subject: Police Comments – Chief Duncan reported that Officer Phillip Parham has been commended for his patrol efforts which resulted in the taking into custody of a juvenile runaway who stated he was planning to forcibly rob a local business upon its closing. Officer Parham's actions were potentially life-saving.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – In the absence of Public Works Director William Smith, Public Works Employee Tim Fitzgerald reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that per a quarterly regional water council meeting Mr. Smith attended, there is no money budgeted for new water/sewer projects in 2010. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that he has passed his wastewater collection system operator exam and is now certified. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that Mago is finished with the paving and that Mr. Cozine has started work on the sidewalk project, with them assisting with rock hauling and concrete removal. They had two 220 volt plugs installed for Eminence Day. Member Troxell congratulated Mr. Fitzgerald on his certification. Member Stephens informed Mr. Fitzgerald that the lights purchased for the electrical work to be done this week at the park are stored in the bathhouse.

Member Meadows asked if Jeff Cozine is going to hold off on the sidewalk project due to the heat which is making the concrete cure too fast. Mayor Pettitt stated he did not know. Council in agreement that the Mayor should ask Mr. Cozine to hold up until it cools down some.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that the personnel policies and procedures, compensation plan and classification plan are in draft form and have been reviewed by Attorney Brammell and two council members with it to be presented tonight for approval and first reading of the adopting ordinance. Clerk Doane reported that all the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 general ledgers and related paperwork has been taken to the auditor's office. Clerk Doane reported that our work to learn person has finished the scanning project given to her which includes all minutes, ordinances and resolutions.

Subject: Budget Comparison – Clerk Doane reviewed and summarized the fiscal year ending budget comparison for all departments reporting that all departments finished the year with expenses under budget. Clerk Doane asked Council to review and contact her with any questions or concerns.

Subject: Debit/Credit Card Acceptance – Clerk Doane reported that the debit//credit card program approved last month is not working out well as it does not allow for swiping of cards due to the fees being charged to the customer. Clerk Doane indicated she feels it is not really feasible for us to use this program as keying in all the entries will be too time consuming for both her office and the customer. Clerk Doane reviewed the company's fees should the City decide to absorb the costs which would allow for swiping. Council in agreement that the City should not assume any cost involved with this benefit and authorized Clerk Doane to pursue other companies if this company cannot process the cards as previously agreed to. Council in agreement to request the initial costs paid by the City back from NPC since they were unable to do what they claimed to be able to do.

Subject: Water/Sewer Leak Adjustments – Clerk Doane presented requests from William Purvis and Ricky Nethery for an additional leak adjustment due to water leaks crossing over into the second month. Mr. Nethery's average usage is 8,129 gallons with his usage being 23,570 one month and 15,950 the next. Mr. Nethery's first adjustment was in the amount of \$114.04. The second leak adjustment using the same formula would be \$63.43.

Mr. Purvis's average usage is 7,689 gallons with his usage being 23,200 one month and 33,200 the next. Mr. Purvis's first adjustment was in the amount of 96.80 and his second adjustment using the same formula would be \$75.06.

Discussion held. Motion made by Member Stephens and seconded by Member Troxell to approve the second leak adjustment for Ricky Nethery in the amount of \$63.43 and for William Purvis in the amount of \$75.06. All members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported that the department had four total runs in July with three of them being motor vehicle accidents. Member Meadows reported that the no burn is still in effect.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that Eminence Day was a great success with approximately 70 booths which was up 30 from last year. The parade had 40 different groups represented and four different school groups participated in the cleanup. Member Armstrong thanked all the ad sponsors, the Fire Department, Police Department, City Council, and all City employees for their assistance in making the day a success. Member Mason expressed his appreciation to the other committee members for their hard work.

Subject: Parks Update – Member Stephens reported that the electric pole has been installed at the park and anticipates that the electric work will be done this week. Member Stephens indicated that we could use additional mulch at the park since we used our extra two bags under the swings. Member Stephens presented a quote for the purchase of two bags of rubber mulch. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Stephens to authorize the purchase of two one ton sacks of rubber mulch for the price of \$1,285.00. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

It was reported that the next Movies at the Park would be on Friday, August 27, 2010 at dusk with the Disney animated movie "Up" being shown.

Member Stephens reported that we only spent \$5,770.93 of the \$23,000.00 which was budgeted in the last year for park improvements outside of general maintenance and repairs. The committee would like ideas for additions to the park, but wants to be sure of something before we proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: First Reading of Ordinance Updating Policies and Procedures, Compensation Plan & Classification Plan – The updated policies and procedures, compensation plan and classification plan was presented to full council. Attorney Brammell and two council members have previously reviewed this in its entirety and recommend its adoption as presented. Attorney Brammell stated that most of the changes have to do with updating with current law changes. Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ordinance updating the policies and procedures, compensation plan and classification plan.

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

Subject: New Business/Council – Mayor Petitt asked if any council member had anything they wanted to discuss.

Member Bright stated that the next Music on Main will be on Friday, September 10, 2010 with Silver Wings providing the music. It was discussed that with actual Halloween being on a Sunday that the Halloween activities will be on Saturday, October 30 to include the Halloween Fest, Trick or Treat on Main Street and residential trick or treating. Member Bright also requested that the crosswalk at the school be painted.

Member Armstrong thanked the Public Works Department for putting up the signs for the Eminence Booster Club and stated that the students are really proud of the signs. Member Mason thanked the Public Works Department for moving and setting up the platforms for Eminence Day as well. Member Troxell expressed her appreciation to Members Armstrong and Mason for all their extra effort towards Eminence Day.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Petitt reported we have received the licenses from both ASCAP and BMI for the playing of recorded music.

Mayor Petitt reported that the sidewalk project is underway as previously discussed.

Mayor Petitt reminded anyone interested that they must file for office by 3:45 tomorrow, August 10th at the County Clerks’ Office.

Subject: Closed Session – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Bright and seconded by Member Troxell to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

JIM PETITT, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
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