

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EMINENCE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 11, 2010
EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Jim Petitt and the following members present: Polly Troxell, Shawn Bright, Drane Stephens, Lee Ann Armstrong, and Leo Mason. Absent was Member Danny Meadows.

Pledge of allegiance held.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on December 14, 2009 were reviewed. Mayor Petitt asked for any additions or changes to the minutes. With no additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Petitt stated they would stand approved as presented.

Subject: Community Center Transfer Status Report – Mayor Petitt reported that all documents relating to the transfer of the Community Center property to the Eminence School have been signed. All related utilities have been transferred from our name, the insurance has been cancelled, and all keys have been turned over to the School.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Police Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council which showed total contacts of 211 for December. Eighteen individuals were arrested on twenty-four separate charges. The Department had two driving under the influence and two other alcohol related incidents.

Subject: Property Ordinance Enforcement Report – Chief Carey Duncan stated there were three ordinance violation notices issued in December with no citations being written. Chief Duncan reported that the old Cameron house at 551 West Broadway has been demolished.

Subject: Police Comments – Chief Duncan reported that Officer O.C. Jones did an excellent job on a thief of an automobile case recently.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council reporting that some of the time this past month has been spent in spreading salt and plowing snow. Mayor Petitt expressed his appreciation for the good job on keeping the streets cleaned.

Subject: Administrative Office Report - City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting on receipt of the yearly 2010 litter abatement funds. Clerk Doane reported that the new computer system is tentatively

scheduled for installation on January 26th. Clerk Doane reported she is working with Paul Combs on the updated personnel policy.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Armstrong reviewed the December monthly report which showed 30 ½ total man-hours. Member Armstrong reviewed the 2009 yearly run report statistics which showed 777 total man-hours for the year. Mayor Pettitt expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department for all their hard work and dedication.

Subject: Community Center Report – The Community Center activity report was reviewed.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Bright stated he did not have anything to report this month. Member Armstrong stated the committee would like to recommend August 7, 2010 as the date for Eminence Day. Consensus of council to approve this date for Eminence Day.

Subject: Parks Update - Member Stephens stated there is no activity to report. Member Armstrong stated that D. Moore has picked up the blue mulch which has been scattered at the park and placed it back in the play area. He received service hours for this work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Cleaning Contract – Mayor Pettitt requested permission to re-bid our cleaning contract to include cleaning at the parks and specifically the bathrooms. The park cleaning would be during the months of April through October with a suggested Monday, Wednesday and Friday cleaning. Consensus of council for Mayor Pettitt to proceed with bidding the cleaning contract for city hall, the police station and the park.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants presented for payment were reviewed. Motion made by Member Bright and seconded by Member Mason 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 Pettitt asked if any council member had anything they wanted to discuss.

Member Bright stated he would like for us to re-bid our pest control services to include the park area. Council in agreement.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Pettitt reported that our sidewalk grant has now been changed back to the traditional TE funds from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funds as previously indicated. We are to receive a new contract from the state.

Mayor Pettitt reported that he has been notified by the transportation cabinet that “jake” brakes are considered a safety feature and are considered legal on state highways. Discussion held. Attorney Brammell stated he is not of the opinion that our ordinance is

unenforceable on other City streets just on state highways. Consensus to leave the ordinance in place as we can enforce it in other areas if needed.

Mayor Petitt stated that he has met with a Mr. Richards with the Transportation Cabinet about moving the speed limit signs near the Dollar Store on Kentucky 22 East and adding a speed zone ahead sign. Mr. Richards will be checking into getting a caution light on Highway 22 near the Dollar Store and will be adding the speed zone ahead sign and moving the current speed limit signs to a new location 800 feet past the current location. They also reviewed the “S” curves on Highway 55 North. Mr. Richards also checked the intersection at the stoplight, finding that there is no sensor in the road as previously indicated to us that there was. He will get a sensor installed at the stoplight intersection.

Mayor Petitt reported the cost to install a street light close to the entrance of the Renaissance Faire would be \$6.00 per month not including taxes. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Troxell to authorize the installation of a new street light at 955 Elm Street near the Renaissance Fair. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Mayor Petitt stated he has had numerous complaints from citizens who have to walk in the road to get to the Dollar Store and that he has gotten a quote to install a sidewalk from Scriber’s property to the Dollar Store. The sidewalk would be four feet wide and he will be contacting the owner of the property to request she install this sidewalk as this is a real safety issue. Discussion held concerning if we would have to have permission from the owner if we end up installing this ourselves to get on her property. Public Works Director and Attorney Brammell both indicated that this sidewalk location should be on the state right of way, but we would need an encroachment permit from the State, but not permission from the property owner. Member Bright asked if the money is available to do this work with Clerk Doane stating it is available. Member Stephens suggested we get a second quote. Consensus of council for Mayor Petitt to get another quote for presentation at the February meeting.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Bright and seconded by Member Stephens to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

JIM PETITT, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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