

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Jim Petitt and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Shawn Bright, Drane Stephens, Lee Ann Armstrong, and Leo Mason. Absent were none.

Pledge of allegiance held.

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

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 March 8, 2010 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.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council which showed total contacts of 281 for March. Thirty individuals were arrested on fifty-six separate charges. The Department had thirteen driving under the influence and seven other alcohol related incidents.

Subject: Property Ordinance Enforcement Report – Chief Carey Duncan reported there were two new ordinance violation notices issued in March.

Subject: Police Comments – Chief Duncan commended Officer O.C. Jones for the good job he did on a burglary case.

Subject: Administrative Office Report - City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that collection of the delinquent property taxes has slowed down considerably and that liens will be filed in May on any unpaid tax bills. Clerk Doane reported that she is working on the personnel policy and procedures handbook as well as the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the March monthly report which showed six total runs and special details.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Reported that a lot of work this month has been

performed at the park doing the requested renovations, getting the restrooms open for the season, and installation of new equipment. Mr. Smith reported that we had to have emergency replacement of the heating and air unit at city hall for the approximate cost of \$3,000.00.

Subject: Limited Land Lease – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the need to re-new our land farming lease with Tim Fitzgerald. Mr. Smith reported that several years ago we were required to plow in sludge on our property and we were required to crop the property with it being determined at that time that it was in the best interest of the City for Tim Fitzgerald to do this for the City. In return for allowing Mr. Fitzgerald to do this, he mows the property with his own equipment and gas on his own time. Attorney Brammell read the limited land lease agreement. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to authorize the Mayor to enter into a limited land lease agreement with Tim Fitzgerald as it is felt to be in the best interest of the public and the City of Eminence for Tim to do this as he is a trusted City employee which would alleviate security concerns and he is familiar with the lay of the land and the needs for mowing by being at the plant each day. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported signs have been purchased advertising Eminence Day. Member Bright reported that the first Music on Main concert will be held on the second Friday in June (June 11, 2010) with the band, Six Miles South, playing.

Subject: Parks Update - Member Stephens reported that the bouncers are in and installed; the tennis and volleyball courts have been repaired; and the corn hole game has been installed. Member Stephens reported that Todd Chesser has decided that he will be unable to do the electric work for us; however, an estimate has been received from Greg Hutcherson to run the electric from the old pump house or a point along the way for a price of \$500.00. This will be “to code” and in conduit with extra plugs on the pole. Council in agreement to proceed with letting Mr. Hutcherson perform the electric work. Once this is done, everything currently in Phase II will be complete. Member Armstrong reported that we have had some vandalism at the park with the tables being used to climb on top of the building to spray paint on the ceilings and the posts. This is also tearing up the tables. She has made 620 copies of a flyer to take to the school and will be talking with each class in order to try and educate the kids on the park and instill a personal ownership of the park within them in the hope that this will help with the vandalism. Member Troxell stated that the park is really being utilized.

Member Stephens has asked for ideas for the park from various citizens with a water fountain being requested as one of the major ideas. There is a spot between the restrooms where a removable fountain could be installed. There is approximately 10,000.00-12,000.00 left in the budget for Phase II. We will need to get prices on the fountain. Other suggestions made by Mayor/Council were for a second pavilion; larger bouncers or equipment for slightly older children; and a merry-go-round. These ideas will be looked into.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Warrants - The warrants presented for payment were reviewed. Motion made by Member Armstrong 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 Petitt asked if any council member had anything they wanted to discuss. No one had anything.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Petitt reported that the sidewalk extension at the new Dollar Store location is complete.

Mayor Petitt reported that the new signs on the speed limit near the Dollar Store have been installed.

Mayor Petitt reported that the Transportation Cabinet came to review Highway 55 North as requested, and determined that all the accidents in the past eight years were when the road was wet. They have decided to put grip seal on the road versus lowering the speed limit in this area.

Subject: Closed Session – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Stephens and seconded by Member Troxell to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Council was reminded to stay for a brief Public Holdings Corporation meeting.

JIM PETITT, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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