

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Jim Pettitt and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Drane Stephens, Lee Ann Armstrong and Leo Mason. Absent was Member Shawn Bright. Also in attendance were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Public Works Director William Smith, Henry County Local Representative Jonna Spelbring Priester, and several citizens.

Pledge of allegiance held.

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

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 offered his congratulations to the election winners.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on October 11, 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.

Subject: Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an amendment to the alcohol ordinance changing the alcohol ordinance to allow live music entertainment until 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 12:01 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights for establishments selling alcohol. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the ordinance amendment as read. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council which showed total contacts of 327 for October. Eighteen individuals were arrested on thirty-nine separate charges. The Department had twelve driving under the influence and five other alcohol related incidents.

Subject: Property Ordinance Enforcement Report – Chief Duncan reported there were no ordinance notices issued in October for property ordinance violations.

Subject: Police Comments – None.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mr. Smith reported that the crosswalk repairs on Penn Avenue are complete and the Dollar Store sidewalk extension is complete as well.

His department will be winterizing the park restrooms soon with the bathrooms to be closed and a port-o-potty will be ordered for the park. There has been some vandalism to the restrooms at the park.

Mr. Smith reported that we are still waiting on the survey before we can proceed with the transfer of the old lift station property on Elm Street.

Subject: KIA Sewer Project Grant - Public Works Director Smith reported that the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority grant agreement requires that a resolution be prepared accepting the \$350,000.00 grant and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the grant agreement and other related documents for our sewer capacity expansion project. Attorney Brammell reported that he has reviewed the grant agreement with it all being standard language. Attorney Brammell read the resolution accepting the grant agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign all the necessary paperwork associated with the grant. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Troxell to adopt the resolution as read. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 74% of the 2010 property tax bills. Clerk Doane reported that we have collected bank deposit tax from PBI Bank in the amount of \$4,441.85. Member Stephens inquired when the delinquent property tax letters would be mailed. Clerk Doane deferred to Attorney Brammell who reported that he anticipates the letters will be out the end of this week or the early part of next week. Member Meadows asked if wages can be garnished for collection of delinquent property taxes with Attorney Brammell stating that they could be garnished but only after a judgment is received first. Council indicated they will be considering publication of unpaid property tax information in the newspaper.

Subject: First Quarter Budget Comparison – Clerk Doane reviewed the first quarter budget comparison with council indicating that most all areas of the budget are okay. Clerk Doane stated that if anyone has any questions once they review the budget to contact her for clarification.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported that the department had twenty-one total runs and special details in October for 321 man hours. Member Meadows reported that the countywide no burn has been lifted. A burn permit is still needed for any burning.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that the Halloween Fest brought in \$62.00 in cash and numerous cans of food for the local food pantry. The attendance through the front gate was 1,504 people. Mayor Pettitt stated that probably 300-400 people used the back gate due to easier parking. Member Armstrong reported that the Eminence High School Seniors

made \$850.00 on the haunted forest. Member Armstrong commended the young people who stayed the entire time assisting with the food collection. Member Stephens expressed his appreciation for all those who helped him with the hotdogs. It was reported that the Trick or Treat on Main was also very successful, probably in part due to the Henry County Local being located in town now and taking the Halloween pictures.

Subject: Parks Update – Member Stephens requested that the lights at the park be stopped for the season.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Hazardous Duty Retirement Re-Certification – Mayor Pettitt stated that we may need to give more thought to whether to re-certify our police positions for hazardous duty retirement. The City could possibly save a lot of money if we don't re-certify, but on the other hand we may not get good personnel in the future. Not re-certifying will not affect any of our current officers. It would only affect any new hires who have not participated in the system prior to 9-1-08.

Chief Duncan asked council to please consider re-certification as he feels it is very important even though it will cost more we will be able to get good quality long term employees. Chief Duncan stated we could still get a bad officer, but if one is good they would not want to stay without the hazardous duty retirement.

Attorney Brammell read a resolution transferring all employees working under hazardous duty positions for the Police Department from non-hazardous coverage in the County Employees Retirement System to hazardous duty coverage within the same County Employees Retirement System. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to adopt the resolution as read. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Warrants - The warrants presented for payment were reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell 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 Armstrong reported she will be participating in the new Henry County Leadership Class. Mayor Pettitt stated he would still like to send someone from the city each year as a participant in the leadership classes. The cost is \$200.00 and is sponsored by the Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Pettitt reported that the newly elected officials training will be held in January and that each new official should see the City Clerk after the meeting to pick-up their information packet.

Mayor Pettitt stated he would like to give a merit promotion to two city employees of \$1.00 per hour each. The employees are Matt McAllister and Rhoda Arington. Member Stephens questioned how this would make the other employees feel. Mayor Pettitt stated he feels all the

employees do a good job and deserve merit raises, however these two employees are really under-paid and we actually started Mr. McAllister really low. Mayor Petitt stated he did not believe most of the other employees would have a problem with the increase for Rhoda and Matt. Public Works Director Smith stated trying to hire someone at the low starting pay for his department is really a problem. Motion made by Member Mason and seconded by Member Troxell to approve a \$1.00 per hour salary increase for Rhoda Arington and Matt McAllister to be effective November 21, 2010. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

Mayor Petitt requested council consideration of increasing the maximum amount the City pays toward health insurance needs per employee to \$1,000.00 per month effective January 1, 2011 with all other rules regarding the insurance to stay the same. The City currently pays \$900.00 per month as needed per employee. Clerk Doane reported that effective January 1, 2011 the amount the City is required to pay on some of the policies will be over the \$900.00 amount whether we change this or not. No action taken at this time.

Mayor Petitt announced that the holiday dinner will be held on December 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Grigsby & Stiltz in Pleasureville.

Mayor Petitt announced that the Light Up Eminence would be on December 4th and that he has the Santa personnel taken care of.

Subject: Closed Session – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

JIM PETITT, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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