

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, October 11, 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. Also in attendance were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Public Works Employee Tim Fitzgerald, Henry County Local Representative Jonna Spelbring Priester, and several citizens.

Pledge of allegiance held.

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

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

**Subject: Eminence Project Prom** – Melinda Land was present representing the 2011 Eminence High School Project Prom Committee requesting the City to assist with paying the balance due on the Renaissance Fun Park lock in fee for Project Prom. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to authorize the payment of \$500.00 toward this invoice for Eminence Project Prom. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, Members Meadows, Mason, Stephens, Bright and Troxell voted “Yea”. Member Armstrong abstained from the vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on September 13, 2010 and the minutes from the special session held on September 21, 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 both stand approved as presented.

**Subject: Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance** – Attorney Brammell held the first 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.

**Subject: Citywide Junk Trash Day** - Mayor Petitt reported he has checked with Industrial Disposal and we can get two or four dumpsters (or whatever we need) delivered, picked up for dumping, and removed for \$75.00 each with the estimated cost to empty them at the landfill being \$100.00 each. Mr. Gunther at Pleasureville Recycling stated he would be willing to work with us on the recycling end of this if he is not involved with football on the weekend we pick. Mr. Hansen at Safety Kleen has not returned the calls left for him on the paint and chemical disposal. Council in agreement to wait until contact can be made with Mr. Hansen. Attorney Brammell reported he will try to contact Mr. Hansen as well.

## **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report** – Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council which showed total contacts of 337 for September. Twelve individuals were arrested on thirty-one separate charges. The Department had six driving under the influence and seven other alcohol related incidents.

**Subject: Property Ordinance Enforcement Report** – Chief Duncan reported there were two ordinance notices issued in September for property ordinance violations.

**Subject: Police Comments** – Chief Duncan reported there have been no problems reported with the new diagonal parking on Depot Avenue.

**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 the Division of Water conducted an inspection on our drinking water system with no violations being reported. Mr. Fitzgerald also reported that the water tower has been inspected with a total strip down and re-painting probably going to be needed; however the actual report has not been received at this time. Mayor Petitt asked if Mr. Fitzgerald had any idea of the cost for this service. Mr. Fitzgerald indicated he did not; however, it would be high. Mr. Fitzgerald reported that Jeff Cozine is finished with the sidewalk project. He has done seeding and strawing, but the grass with probably not come up due to the extremely dry weather.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that we are waiting on the survey on the old Elm Street lift station property so that we can transfer it to the Moore's as agreed too.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report** – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that the property tax bills for 2010 were mailed on time with the collection proceeding accordingly. Clerk Doane reported that this month's purchase of water at the increased rate from the District was \$2,091.20 more than it would have been at the old rate.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reported that the department had thirteen total runs and special details in September. Member Meadows reported that the no burn is still in effect and is a countywide no burn. Member Stephens stated he was grilling for a sports activity at the park and was stopped by a fireman. Council suggested contacting Fire Chief Lucas to see if this no-burn applies to gas and/or charcoal grills.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Member Bright reported that Music on Main was a success with approximately 200 people in attendance. He stressed that we should look at moving to different (rotating) locations next year.

A reminder was given that the Renaissance Trick or Treat would be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Park with the haunted forest to continue until 9:00 p.m. The

residential trick or treating will also be on the 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with merchants trick or treating from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Subject: Parks Update** – No report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Requirement to Transfer from Non-Hazardous Duty to Hazardous Duty for New Police Department Hires from 9-1-08 Forward** - Mayor Petitt reported that Attorney Brammell has requested postponement of this until next month for him to have time to review all the required paperwork. Consensus of council to wait until next month to discuss this item of business.

**Subject: 2011 Litter Abatement Grant** – Clerk Doane reviewed the annual litter abatement grant requirements with council and requested approval for the Mayor to make application for these funds. Clerk Doane stated we receive approximately 1,200.00 per year on this grant and must have two roadside trash pickups. She stated we normally allow supervised youth groups to do this work as a fund-raising project. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Armstrong to authorize Mayor Petitt to make application for the 2011 litter abatement funds. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Warrants** - The warrants presented for payment were reviewed. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell 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. None did.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** – Mayor Petitt reported that the 2009 Leadership Class is requesting the City purchase a tree and monument for the Henry County Park for the sum of \$200.00. Attorney Brammell stated this could be considered as inappropriate for the City to do this even though citizens of Eminence will be using the park.

Mayor Petitt stated he would 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. Member Troxell stated she feels this is a worthwhile project with it being usually one Thursday a month from October through March/April.

Mayor Petitt stated the sidewalk project is completed with grass sown and straw out. Jeff Cozine will be starting on Tuesday afternoon on fixing the problem on Penn Avenue where the bricks have sunk. The opening will be covered with a steel sheet when not working.

Mayor Petitt asked Chief Duncan to distribute campaign handouts regarding proper signage to all members of the council and other candidates present in the audience. All council members and the following individuals received the handout: Margaret Beaumont, Manda Gingrich, Tom Shroyer, Kevin Whitt and Howard Roberts.

**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 6:48 p.m.

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JIM PETITT, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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