

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Polly Troxell, Tom Shroyer, Treva Browning, Danny Meadows, Lee Ann Armstrong and Leo Mason. Absent were none. Also in attendance were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Police Officer Phillip Parham, Public Works Director William Smith, Magistrate Scott Bates, Magistrate Scott Bates, Citizen Jerry Clark, and Henry County Local Representative Jonna Spelbring Priestler.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Update** – Magistrate Scott Bates was present to report on County business. Reported that he has spoken with the state highway department about the potholes on South Main Street and they have agreed to patch them as soon as possible. Mayor Stephens reported they have already done so. Magistrate Bates reported he is working on our requests for AED units and needs the locations and a list of the trained personnel. Mayor Stephens stated he plans to put one at the Police Department and one at the Public Works Department. Magistrate Bates stated he is working with Magistrate Beasley and hopes to get these for free. If he is unable to, the County pays for ½ of one per year.

Mayor Stephens reviewed with Magistrate Bates the City's concerns with the 911 dispatch bill we have been refusing to pay from the County the past few years. Judge Brent has sent graphs from the dispatch post showing calls for the County, Eminence and other cities. Member Meadows expressed his concern whether they have actually just given calls for the city limits of Eminence or if this includes all calls for the 40019 zip code. He also expressed that no financial information was sent as requested and there is no listing of where the land lines are being lost. Member Meadows stated he attended meetings several years ago with no resolution being made to our questions. Magistrate Bates stated he would get more information including the requested financial information.

Magistrate Bates stated that Scott McClamroch with the County EMS could provide free training to our employees in CPR, first aid and the use of AED's.

Mayor Stephens reported that Scott McClamroch was supposed to be here to talk about the services available to us, but apparently has had something else come up.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 11, 2011 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or changes to the minutes. With no additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

**Subject: Second Reading Budget Ordinance Amendment** – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an amended budget ordinance for fiscal year 7-1-11/6-30-12. Mayor Stephens reviewed the amendments with council. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to adopt the amended budget ordinance as read. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution** – Mayor Stephens reported that the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2000) requires all local agencies in the country to adopt a federally approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive post-disaster mitigation funds. The 5 year update is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to ensure continued eligibility for future grant funding opportunities. The Plan assesses the risks posed by natural hazards and establishes a mitigation strategy for reducing these risks. Attorney Brammell reported that he did get a copy of the document referenced in the resolution and it creates no obligations for the City and is simply a “how to” manual for emergency response. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the KIPDA Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution as presented. On a call for 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 411 for July. Twenty-Seven individuals were arrested on eighty separate charges. The Department had twelve driving under the influence and six other alcohol related incidents. Member Armstrong asked if the department has seen a decrease in calls about dogs. Chief Duncan responded that yes, the new county animal control officer is doing a great job. Member Browning asked if the police report to all EMS calls with Chief Duncan responding that yes they respond to most EMS calls.

**Subject: Property Ordinance Enforcement Report** – Chief Duncan stated he has no property ordinance violations to report.

**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 201 Plan has received final approval from the Division of Water which will allow Derrick Engineering to proceed with the design work for our sewer system upgrade. They approved the Lentec System which will save us quite a bit of money. The work so far and the design work costs will be covered by the grant we have already been approved for.

Mr. Smith reported he is meeting with Mago this week on the street paving. The Elm Street sidewalk replacement is going well.

Mr. Smith reported we are having some major mechanical problems with the 1999 dump truck. Member Meadows asked what the repairs involve. Mr. Smith reported he feels that the truck sets

too much and we had to replace hydraulic hoses and the steering gear; however, now the king pins in the front wheels are going to have to be replaced. Once it is back in proper order the plan is to drive it at least weekly.

Member Troxell asked if all the work is slated on Elm Street. Mayor Stephens stated it is but he will look at any area if someone has a concern. Member Shroyer asked if we are replacing the aprons. Mayor Stephens stated only if a part of the sidewalk. Mayor Stephens reported some kids purposely walked thru two sections of wet sidewalk after being told not to. Discussion held as to how to get restitution. No definite decision made on this. Council asked about the sidewalk and drain near the proposed construction at the bank. Mr. Smith reported he is working with the bank's contractor on this.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report** – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office is still working on the delinquent property taxes with the Attorney letter having gone out covering the past eleven years of delinquent taxpayers. Clerk Doane reported that the money has been transferred from the KIA Replacement and Maintenance Reserve account and the loan on the city hall building has been paid off in full. Clerk Doane reported that the first full direct deposit for payroll went fairly well. Five employees have opted not to participate at this time. Clerk Doane reported she has finished the Water Works general ledger work for the auditors and is working on the City general ledger.

The yearend financial statements (budget comparisons) through June 30, 2011 were presented to council and summarized by Mayor Stephens and Clerk Doane.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed four total runs and special details in July for approximately 8-½ total man-hours. Member Meadows reported that the bathroom is complete. Reported that the Fire Department received a special award for having a 35% increase in collections for the Crusade for Children last year. Member Meadows reported that the Fire Department audit for the fiscal year ending 6-30-11 is complete with Robin's work matching 100%. Member Meadows expressed his appreciation to Robin for her hard work. The Fire Chief has issued a "no burn" in the City at this time. The old truck is still scheduled to be scrapped.

Mayor Stephens stated he attended his first fire meeting this month with everything going well. We have been working on the rescue truck loan with the tentative closing to be Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Stephens expressed his disappointment with KLC on this loan.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Member Armstrong reported it is only five days until Eminence Day and 32 ads were sold to support Eminence Day. Everything is on schedule with over 40 booths planned. The only problem so far has been that "Almost Country" quit after the bands were all asked to move their time back an hour to accommodate the Army Marching Band "The Hard Knockers". No one else had a problem with doing this. The tent and stage are due to be delivered on Friday morning with pickup on Monday morning.

**Subject: Parks Update** – Mayor Stephens reported that the state has finally been given their grant appropriations amount on July 25<sup>th</sup> and are meeting to try and decide how to divide the money up state wide. Hopefully we will hear something soon on our Land and Water Grant.

**Subject: Community Center Report** – Mayor Stephens stated he had no report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions** – No one present who wished to address the council.

**Subject: Alcohol Ordinance Amendment** – Attorney Brammell held the first reading of a summary ordinance amending the alcohol ordinance changing the hours for Sunday sales from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Subject: Ordinance Approving Lease for Financing of Fire Truck** - Attorney Brammell held the first reading of an ordinance summary approving a lease for the financing of a project (the purchase of a rescue truck for the Fire Department); providing for the payment and security of the lease; creating a sinking fund and authorizing the execution of various documents related to such lease.

**Subject: Subject: 2011 Property Tax Rate Discussion** – Clerk Doane reviewed the 2011 allowed 4% and 2011 compensating property tax rates with council. The 4% rate on real property would be .313 per \$100.00 assessment and the compensating rate on real property would be .301 per \$100.00 assessment. The corresponding personal rate using the 4% allowed rate on real property would be .313 per \$100.00 assessment and the personal rate using the compensating rate on real would be .301 per \$100.00 assessment. Discussion held. Member Meadows stated he feels we should do only the compensating rates since our citizens do not need to have an increase no matter how small. All members agreed.

**Subject: Ad Valorem Property Tax Ordinance** - Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ad valorem property tax rate ordinance setting the rate for 2011/2012 at .301 per \$100.00 assessment for real property; .301 per \$100.00 assessment for personal property and .266 per \$100.00 assessment for motor vehicles and watercrafts.

**Subject: Mayor's Update** –Mayor Stephens gave a power point presentation on some of the projects completed or being worked on in the city showing before and after shots.

Mayor Stephens reported he has been offered a price of \$60,000.00 for the City to purchase the Robertson Estate off of Penn Avenue consisting of approximately 20 acres. The property is only about 150 yards wide. Consensus of council that the City did not need this property for anything.

Mayor Stephens reported he has received notice that Eminence Village Apartments has been approved for renovation with it scheduled to start in 2012.

**Subject: New Business/Council** – Mayor Stephens asked if any council member had anything they wanted to discuss. Member Meadows reported on the Apollo Choppers building and the fact that most of the tenants are moving out due to mold and other problems. There is someone living there. The owner, Mr. Hysinger, will not return any phone calls concerning the building or other matters.

Member Meadows asked if it is time to review the Pleasureville rates. Clerk Doane stated she will check on this.

Member Shroyer asked for the status of the property at 131 Shadyview Drive as it needs mowing. Clerk Doane stated she did not know, but would check.

The Smith property on King Street was discussed and the fact that someone is living there without utilities. Mayor Stephens reported a citation has been issued for this reason.

**Subject: Warrants** - The warrants presented for payment were reviewed. Motion made by Member Armstrong 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: Closed Session** – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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