

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Polly Troxell, Tom Shroyer, Treva Browning, Danny Meadows, Lee Ann Armstrong, and Leo Mason. Absent was none. Also in attendance were City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director William Smith, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Police Sergeant O.C. Jones, Magistrate Roger Hartlage, and Citizen Jon Park. Absent was Attorney William Brammell

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

**Subject: County Business** – Magistrate Roger Hartlage was present and stated that he had been planning to attend one of our meetings and was glad to be here. Mr. Hartlage stated he would be glad to answer any questions pertaining to the County in the absence of Magistrate Scott Bates. Mr. Hartlage stated he is on the economic development committee for the County and stated he appreciates our participation in this endeavor. The plans to hire a fulltime economic development person are still being considered along with a web page to promote our County. Regionally when everyone got together, letters were sent supporting the I-71 Corridor. These letters of support have resulted in a two million dollar study being scheduled on the I-71 Corridor. Member Meadows inquired on whether North Main is still being evaluated for renovation. Mayor Stephens stated he called the state today with no contact being made. Mayor Stephens stated he would keep everyone informed about our request to have North Main widened.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Minutes** – The minutes of the previous regular session held on September 10, 2012 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Subject: Police Department Report** – Police Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Duncan stated they had 213 total contacts for the month. Six individuals were arrested on eleven separate charges. The Department had one driving under the influence and three other alcohol related incident.

**Subject: Property Ordinance Report** – Chief Duncan reported they had no citations or notices on the property ordinance this month.

**Subject: Police Comments** – Chief Duncan reported five thefts from automobiles during September with two additional ones since October started. All the units are aware to watch

closely for this. They have been canvassing neighborhoods to let people know to lock their cars. Discussion held with Council being asked to notify anyone they know about this and the need to lock their vehicles, especially at night.

Chief Duncan thanked the council for allowing him and Sergeant Jones to attend the out of state training they just returned from. The training was world-class with both of them doing well.

**Subject: Public Works Department Report** – Public Works Director William Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mr. Smith reported that the new tank controls are in operation with high and low level alarms. The AT & T services have been cancelled saving us approximately \$400.00 per month.

Mr. Smith reported his department has installed four new water services at Quail Run and one at Elmcrest.

Mr. Smith reported that a new modular home is being located on South Main Street on a permanent foundation.

Mr. Smith reported that a new security light has been added at the park on the control panels which should assist with general lighting at the park. Member Armstrong inquired about the closing date at the park. Mr. Smith stated they would probably winterize it after Thanksgiving unless we have a hard freeze with cooler weather staying. Member Meadows asked if the small blue picnic tables could be put up now since they are being used to climb on for dunking the basketball.

**Subject: Administrative Office Report** – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that the 2012 tax bills went out early on September 21<sup>st</sup> with approximately 7.9% having been collected as of October 3, 2012.

Clerk Doane reported that she has reviewed and calculated a new sewer treatment rate for Pleasureville with it coming in at 1.86 per 1,000 gallons as compared to 1.72 per 1,000 gallons currently. The new rate will go into effect with the December billing. The rate is to be reviewed every two years per the interlocal agreement.

Clerk Doane reported receipt of \$977.50 in federal excise tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Ms. Doane stated this is the last year we will have to file for this under our current arrangement since the tax is being deducted each month from our bill.

**Subject: Fire Department Report** – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed nine total runs and special details in September for total man-hours of approximately 104. Member Meadows reported the department had to use the lift at one accident with it performing well and much quicker than previous rescues without this piece of equipment. Member Meadows suggested a long term planning meeting be held to allow for future large expenditures for the Fire Department such as masks which run about \$1,400.00 each. They did not get the forestry grant this year which is how they have been purchasing this type of equipment. They only have two extra masks at this time.

Member Meadows reported that the Fire Department door is broken between the meeting room and the bay area. Mayor Stephens stated this will be repaired or replaced out of the building maintenance category.

**Subject: Festivals Update** – Member Armstrong reported that our Halloween event at the Renaissance Fair will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Vendors will be better notified this year to have candy available for trick or treating. A brother/sister group will be providing music at the big hall. Joyce Winburn has agreed to do story telling. A costume contest will be held. The Eminence High School Seniors and Juniors will be conducting the haunted forest and will be doing the cleanup after the event for the opportunity to hold the haunted forest. Entrance to the event will be a canned food item for the food pantry. The food will need to be checked closely as many expired items were accepted last year. Trick or treating will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; haunted forest will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and the costume contest will be at 6:30 p.m. A zombie run will be held at 5:00 p.m. that same day. Food for the event was discussed. Consensus of council was to provide hotdogs to the first 300 participants with only one per person until they are gone. Karen and Mike Paris will be there and will have drinks for purchase. Other County events were discussed with the County having an event at the park on the 26<sup>th</sup> and trunk or treat on Sunday at Henry Christian Church. Our citywide trick or treating will be observed on the 31<sup>st</sup> with Trick or Treat on Main being from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and residential being from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Members Troxell and Meadows agreed to pass out candy at City Hall.

**Subject: Parks Update** – Mayor Stephens reported that the park bushes have been trimmed to approximately the same size. Mayor Stephens reported that an enclosed ceiling has been installed on the shelter to keep the kids from climbing in the rafters. This was accomplished with community service hours for the labor with only the materials having to be purchased. The soffits are also going to be covered to prevent birds from nesting in the ceiling. The silhouettes are coming along nicely.

**Subject: Community Center Report** – Nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Subject: Resolution Providing for the Sale of a Garbage Franchise** – Mayor Stephens reviewed in summary a proposed resolution providing for the sale of a garbage franchise. Our current franchise expires on June 30, 2013. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Meadows to adopt the resolution providing for the sale of a franchise for the business of collection and disposal of garbage, trash and debris within the City of Eminence and to authorize Mayor Stephens to sign the resolution and advertise the franchise for sale. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

**Subject: Amendment to Water and Sewer Ordinance** - Mayor Stephens read an ordinance amending sections of the current water and sewer ordinance to change the due date for water/sewer/trash bills and to no longer allow extensions beyond the payment delinquent date.

**Subject: Animal Ordinance** – Mayor Stephens reported that Chief Duncan and County Animal Control Officer Dan Flinkfelt are working on a revised animal control ordinance.

**Subject: Mayor’s Update** – Mayor Stephens reviewed an excerpt from one of our ordinances which addresses yard sales since we have had some concerns in this area. You are allowed six days without a fee with anything above the six costing \$25.00 per day in excess of six.

**Subject: New Business/Council** – Mayor Stephens asked if any council member had anything they wanted to discuss. Member Mason reported that he has been contacted about a tree at the intersection of Oldham Street and Hillcrest Drive which needs trimming to allow for seeing how to get out of the street. Council discussed another problem with bushes at the corner of Mulberry Road and Shadyview Drive. Mayor Stephens stated he would look into these concerns and get them trimmed as needed.

**Subject: Warrants** – The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Shroyer 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 Shroyer and seconded by Member Meadows to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR  
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK  
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