

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, December 9, 2013 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 was none. Also in attendance were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Magistrate Scott Bates, Citizen Joe Durbin, and Henry County Local Representative Stephanie Doyle.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was present to give an update on the County. Magistrate Bates stated he was sorry he missed the last two months. The County overall is doing well. They are working on the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Bates reminded the City the fire departments wishing to prepare a proposal for the \$8,000.00 grant money being offered by the County should have them to the County by December 31, 2013. The committee will pick two proposals with Judge Brent to make the final decision. Each department within the County will receive \$1,350.00 from the County and one department will be awarded the \$8,000.00 grant. Mr. Bates stated they have finally gotten the monument in the bank yard for the first responders. The Highway 55 paving is complete and looks real good.

Subject: Henry County Help Center – Joe Durbin was present to discuss with Council the help center located in the Methodist Church on North Main Street. Mr. Durbin stated he is a retired Navy hospital administrator and lives on Maddox Ridge Road. Mr. Durbin opened up the help center with families being allowed to come once a month to get help with food, clothing, and toiletries. Some of the other areas being researched are a way to teach older adults to read; a smokers' awareness program, and a suicide hotline. Jefferson Technical College is also trying to work with them. They currently serve 120 households with 47 being from Eminence. They have a lot of seniors, kids and the working poor. There is a huge need for assistance in this county as there are 632 families making under \$10,000.00 a year and 360 families making under \$15,000.00 per year. He currently has good funding from outside the County but will need to do some fundraising locally. As the program grows he will need even more assistance. Mr. Durbin stated they will have the first mobile pantry set up on the second Friday of every month starting in January. He is working with Churches in the community to assist as well. The center is open Thursdays from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. for pickup of items and on Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. for signups. On Tuesday the food is pre-packed and on Wednesday the toiletries are pre-

packed. Dare to Care is providing 2,500 to 3,000 pounds of food the first of each week. He has about twenty volunteers at this time, some from the County and some from surrounding counties.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on November 11, 2013 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.

Subject: Revised Alcohol Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the summary of a revised alcohol ordinance. Motion made by Member Shroyer and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the revised alcohol ordinance as read. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – Police Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Duncan reported they had 194 total contacts for the month. Four individuals were arrested on eight separate charges. The Department had one DUI and no other alcohol related charge this month.

Chief Duncan reported no property ordinance citations issued.

Chief Duncan reported that Lt. Jones is back to work from his workers comp injury.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – In the absence of Public Works Director William Smith, Mayor Stephens reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mayor Stephens reported that we are still waiting on Derrick Engineering for the final specifications so that we can bid the rest of our sewer project.

Mayor Stephens reported that the paving and striping has been completed with portable speed bumps having been installed on Zelcova Drive. The sign announcing speed bump ahead, however, has been stolen.

Member Armstrong asked about the yard on Crabb Avenue which was torn up during a water break. Mayor Stephens stated it will be fixed, but will require settling first and good weather.

Member Meadows asked if there was any way we could put some Christmas lights on North Main. Mayor Stephens stated he would look into how to do this.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council, reporting that approximately 82.4% of the 2013 tax bills have been collected at December 3, 2013.

Subject: Audit Review – Clerk Doane and Mayor Stephens reviewed the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 with Council stating that we received a good audit report and saved approximately \$10,000.00 by changing auditors. Mayor Stephens stated that after review to let him or Clerk Doane know if any questions

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed fifteen total runs and special details in November for total man-hours of approximately one hundred twelve. They are down 28 runs from this time last year. Member Meadows that the three year project of replacing air bottles may need to move quicker than originally thought due to new regulations. Twenty-two bottles are currently \$29,700.00 and have a ten year life.

Magistrate Bates stated he thinks the mobile command needs a cover and he will see if he can get one through the County. The Fire Chief's Association are to start setup soon with rules of use to be established. It will need to be located where it can have power to keep it running.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that Light Up Eminence had to be cancelled due to the weather and will not be re-scheduled. Discussion held on whether to have Santa still come one night. Consensus was to skip it this year as the weather is not expected to improve much the next few days.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens reported that we were turned down again this year for our land and water grant request.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions – No citizen present who wished to address Council.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reviewed a zone change request for 123 Fairview Court that will be discussed by planning and zoning on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The owner was originally told that all she needed was a conditional use permit which she obtained but is now being told that a full zone change will be required. The request is for a change from R-2 to B-3 and will include construction of a 20 X 20 building. Mayor reviewed the list of businesses allowed in a B-3. Council discussed with the general consensus of opinion being that they will not approve this zone change request at all as a B zone when it is returned to the City for approval or disapproval.

Mayor Stephens reviewed a zone change application for a variation from the requirements of the zoning regulations regarding setback for a sign at PBI Bank at 646 Elm Street. A public hearing will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse to discuss this request.

Mayor Stephens reported that the McDonald's construction has been delayed until January 15th due to blacktopping plants not being open if they started now and it would cost \$38,000 more for concrete versus blacktop. The lot has been graded too high and will need to be redone.

Mayor Stephens reminded Council that the City Christmas dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Stephens reported that Debbie Hargrove is doing a special ornament of the old bank building that was recently torn down if anyone is interested in ordering one. The price is \$25.00 each. He will be getting one for the City.

Subject: New Business/Council – Member Meadows asked if the traffic lights are fixed yet. Mayor Stephens stated they are temporarily on a timer, but will be fixed properly on the sensor later. Member Troxell stated she has been getting complaints on the light and concerns that someone will get killed at this intersection

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Meadows to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted "Yea".

Stephanie Doyle with the Henry County Local was introduced.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Shroyer to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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