

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, November 10, 2014 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 City Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director William Smith, Police Chief Carey Duncan, Police Lieutenant O.C. Jones, Magistrate Scott Bates, Citizen Joey Bell, and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Mayor Stephens congratulated Joey Bell on his successful campaign for the vacant Council seat.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was present to report on County business or concerns. Magistrate Bates stated everything is going well. Magistrate Bates congratulated everyone on the election and stated he feels Mr. Bell will be a good addition to the Council. He stated he was sorry to see Treva Browning leave the council. He stated that the County Fiscal Court will have some new members in the new year.

Council asked about the bad place in the road on South Main. Mr. Bates stated he was promised that it would be taken care of and will call them again.

The shortage of salt was discussed. The City will be purchasing our salt from the County who is contracted for 500 tons. Salt is available in western Kentucky at \$110.00 per ton plus delivery which is outrageous as compared to last year's price of \$68.00 per ton. Public Works Director Smith stated the County is having the first load delivered to us on Wednesday for \$85.00 per ton with two more loads to follow which should fill up the bins. Each load should hold about 22-23 tons. The County also has cinders available if needed.

Council inquired about the Highway 55 widening. Magistrate Bates stated it is still scheduled to start next fiscal year, at least on the utilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on October 13, 2014 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 – Chief Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Duncan reported they had 206 total contacts for the month. Five individuals were arrested on eleven separate charges. The Department had one DUI and one other alcohol related charge this month.

Chief Duncan stated there were no property ordinance violations this month. Council inquired about the North Main Street house. Chief Duncan stated there is work being done on it and someone is there.

Council inquired about the park vandalism with the soda machine. Chief Duncan stated that Officer Parham is working the case and has one admission of guilt and is talking to another person. Council requested to press charges to try and set an example. Attorney Brammell stated that the CDW would be involved if juveniles and that they can divert the charges if they desire. Member Meadows asked if the individuals responsible could be banned from the park if the charges are dismissed. Attorney Brammell stated yes with a policy which could be adopted by resolution. Attorney Brammell stated he would be glad to write the policy with input from the Council. Mayor Stephens asked the parks committee to meet with Attorney Brammell to get something drafted. Attorney Brammell stated we can sue the individuals responsible if the charges are diverted.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – Public Works Director Smith reviewed the monthly activity report with council.

Subject: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project Update - Mr. Smith stated he is not too happy with the progress of the contractor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They had originally stated they would be done on October 31, 2014 and now are saying the end of January. They tore up Turgeons' yard and have no consistent crew to even do the work. The supplier came onsite and raked the contractor over the coals for the way things are progressing. They also don't seem to have a good idea on what they actually need to be doing according to the plans and specifications. Member Shroyer asked what the engineers are saying about this. Mr. Smith stated they make them re-do things that are wrong. The contractor just reacts instead of asking questions and reviewing the specifications. Member Shroyer asked if the Mayor has considered a meeting with them. Mayor Stephens stated no not yet as there is no specific time plan and they are not breaking their contract yet. They will be fined per the contract if not complete on time and the engineer is trying to keep them accountable.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council, reporting that approximately 74.5% of the 2014 tax bills have already been collected as of November 4th with citizens taking advantage of \$5,656.86 in discounts. The face amount is due now thru December 31, 2014. Unpaid taxes will have liens filed on them in May if still unpaid at that time. Mayor Stephens stated he is working on filing liens for mowing of grass this summer.

Clerk Doane reviewed the renewal of two certificates of deposit – one changing to United Citizens Bank which has us doing business with all three banks in town.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed eleven total runs and special details in October for total man-hours of approximately thirty-nine. Member Meadows stated the department is about ten runs up from last year at this time. Member Meadows stated the Fire Department Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Council inquired about the demolition of the burnt buildings. Mayor Stephens stated the demolition has started, but had to be stopped since the buildings are hooked together which requires Mr. Eades to make a decision on his building. Once that is done, the asbestos will have to be checked again and structural engineers called in. There is no external wall and Mr. Eades is checking with his insurance to see what he can do. Somewhere along the line a wall will need to be put up. Mayor Stephens stated he talked with Mr. Eades and Tommy Paul on Friday. He will call them back to see where we are on this.

Member Meadows and Armstrong expressed concern with the trick or treating and crossing the road. Help is needed with this next year as crosswalks are not being used.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that the Halloween Fest was a huge success with approximately 1,600 in attendance including individuals from the Iowa Future Farmers of America.

Light up Eminence is scheduled from December 6, 2014 with Mike Roberts to serve as Santa. The Fire Department will bring Santa to town at 5:30. Some booths will be set up as well. Mayor Stephens stated this will be the last year for the Santa house to be set up as it is in terrible shape and needs throwing in the garbage. Other options need to be considered as a rubber one will cost around \$600.00 for a once a year use which just doesn't seem feasible.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens stated a meeting would be called soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Resolution Approving Wastewater Treatment Project Expenses – Council reviewed a resolution to approve invoices on the wastewater treatment plant project payable to Pace Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$100,684.11 and payable to Derrick Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$7,699.68. The Pace invoice will be paid with CDBG funds and the Derrick invoice to be paid with local funds. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to approve Resolution No. 2014-008 as presented approving the invoices for payment. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: WWTP Project Change Order - Mayor Stephens reviewed change orders for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project which resulted in a \$42,000.00 decrease in the total cost. The biggest factor was a change in electrical work. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to approve the change order as presented in the total contract decrease amount of \$42,000.00. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Noise Ordinance – Nothing new to report.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions – Mayor Stephens asked if anyone was present who wished to address Council. No one was.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Stephens reminded council of the Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 2, 2014.

Mayor Stephens reviewed the proof of loss statement on our various properties from the hail damages. The total cost of repairs or replacement is \$30,701.29 less applicable depreciation or betterment of \$7,898.89 and less the \$1,000.00 deductible resulting in the City receiving an initial check in the amount of \$21,802.90. Since we have full replacement cost coverage we can then finish the repairs and submit invoices up to the \$7,898.89. Mayor Stephens stated we need to focus immediately on replacing the roof at 45 Depot Avenue since the weather may take a turn for the worse and we do not want to have more damage. This building for all repairs was the largest part of the claim at \$19,589.50. Mayor Stephens stated he can declare an emergency if needed to proceed if Attorney Brammell deems it necessary to bid the repairs since the total claim is more than \$20,000.00. Attorney Brammell stated if we are using different contractors and doing the work at different times we can separate the work and as long as it is under the required threshold we would not have to bid. Mayor Stephens stated the roof replacement is under \$20,000.00 on some quotes so he would like to proceed with this immediately. He has gotten quotes from several vendors as follows:

M & K Construction & Remodeling -	\$22,260.00 for shingles
	\$23,565.90 for metal
Hops Home Repair -	\$16,500.00 for metal
Jeffery Perry Siding, Windows & Roofing -	\$18,500.00 for shingles
	\$19,000.00 for metal
Homes Plus Construction -	\$18,900.00 for shingles

All the shingles are Owens Corning dimensional with a 25 year warranty. The metal quotes all have solid 1 X 4 strips over the existing shingles. All companies are local and we will make sure all have liability and workers compensation. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Mason and seconded by Member Armstrong to accept the quote from Hops Home Repair for a metal roof for the price of \$16,500.00 and to go with the color barn red. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Council New Business – Member Mason stated he would like to do something to honor Charles Simpson who recently passed away due to his involvement as one of eight individuals who mapped the route for the moon landing. Discussion held. Council in agreement to present the family with a plaque at one of our meetings. Member Mason was asked to get the necessary information. Member Shroyer suggested to do two with one to remain at City Hall and one to go to the family.

Mayor Stephens read thank you notes from Sandy Doane and Rita Tipton for our expression of sympathy for the death of their mother and father, respectively.

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

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Meadows to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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