

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, October 13, 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, Wastewater Plant Operator Matt McAllister, Police Lieutenant O.C. Jones, Citizens Greg Doerr, Jimmy (Goodie) Goodloe, Robert Clay, and Rob Goss, and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was not present to report on County business or concerns. Mayor Stephens asked if any member had anything to take back to Magistrate Bates. Member Browning stated that the bad place in the road on South Main which is causing people's tires to get blown by hitting the sharp rebar that is sticking up is still not fixed correctly as she has witnessed individuals hitting this and then having their tires damaged.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on September 8, 2014 and the special called session held on September 24, 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 – In the absence of Chief Duncan, Police Lieutenant O.C. Jones reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Lieutenant Jones reported they had 267 total contacts for the month. Five individuals were arrested on twelve separate charges. The Department had three DUI's and no other alcohol related charges this month.

Member Meadows stated he knows of at least two properties which need to be addressed – one is on Jackson Road and has an old loveseat which has been sitting at the curb for several weeks and one is at the intersection of West Broadway/Vernon/Blackaby which has two vehicles blocking the view for people trying to make the turn. Mayor Stephens stated he would address these concerns.

Council questioned if any of our vehicles had damage from the hail. Mayor Stephens stated that some do but only minor and that fixing them could possibly raise our premiums and would

require us to pay the deductible. Fixing them would probably not increase the sale value when we are ready to trade either.

Subject: Public Works Department Report – In the absence of Public Works Director Smith, Wastewater Plant Operator Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Mr. McAllister stated he will be attending a meeting at KIPDA tomorrow on the project profile he did for our water storage tank rehabilitation project to get a number assigned for possible future grant funds. Reported that we have had several sewer line blockages around town this month. Member Mason thanked Mr. McAllister for the plant tour last month.

Subject: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project Update – Mr. McAllister stated that Pace Contracting is probably about 45-50% complete on the wastewater treatment plant expansion. Reported that we have refilled the influent lagoon with recirculated effluent at this time.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council, reporting that approximately 98.2% of the 2013 tax bills and franchise additions have been collected at October 6th and that the 2014 tax bills were mailed on September 30th. Clerk Doane reported that we received a \$914.89 dividend from our workers compensation carrier. Clerk Doane reported that the auditors are finished with the onsite audit work and that hopefully the audit will be ready soon.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed ten total runs and special details in September for total man-hours of approximately ten.

Member Meadows reported that the Ronnie Lucas Memorial Award event held on October 11, 2014 was well attended with the entire Fire Department being the recipient of the award this year. Member Meadows stated he wants to start on this the first of next year so that we can keep this going.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that the Halloween Fest is still set for October 30th from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. There is only one booth left out of approximately 30. The general admission to the event is a non-perishable food item which will be donated to our Help Center in town. Mayor Stephens reminded everyone that the Renaissance Fair corn maze and pumpkin patch is open.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens stated there was nothing new to report.

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 \$341,142.60 and payable to Derrick Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$33,927.30. The Pace invoice will be paid with \$190,028.52 CDBG funds and \$151,114.08 local funds with all of the Derrick invoice to be paid with local funds. Motion made

by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to approve Resolution No. 2014-007 as presented approving the invoices for payment. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Pleasureville Wastewater Treatment Rate – Mayor Stephens stated Clerk Doane has reviewed and calculated the rate for treatment of Pleasureville’s sewer with the new rate to be \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons versus the current rate of 1.86 per 1,000 gallons to be effective with the December billing. This rate is subject to change every two years.

Subject: Trick or Treating – Council discussed trick or treating with the decision made to celebrate trick or treating on October 31st from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. for businesses and from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. for residential. Clerk Doane suggested that notification be given to the merchants as some stated last year they did not know we were having this even though we have for several years. No makeup day will be held for trick or treating if bad weather. Chad Johnson will also be having a haunted house in the old jail.

Subject: Noise Ordinance – Nothing new to report. Still waiting to get the meeting scheduled between the affected parties as a starting point.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions – Mayor Stephens asked if anyone was present who wished to address Council.

Citizen Jimmy Goodloe stated he wants the City to get a new grocery store in town. Mayor Stephens stated that the economic development committee has sent out information to try and get a grocery store to Save A Lot, IGA, Aldys, Valu-Market, etc. Some interest had been shown by Save A Lot but with their recent closing of the store in LaGrange they are not interested any longer. We have shown various locations to the contacts on Highway 55 and Highway 22. Hopefully others may be a little more interested now that we have the CVS and McDonalds. Sometimes businesses will look at you and you won’t even know it. One of the problems with getting groceries to come is that we have superstores within twelve miles of Eminence in two directions. Mayor Stephens stated we have tried and will continue to try and get a grocery among other things to come to town. Mayor Stephens stated his goal for the next four years is to get another grocery in town.

Business owner Greg Doerr stated he has had a request for a private marriage ceremony to be held in his bar when he is not open which would include children and wants to know if this is allowed. Attorney Brammell stated that the State Alcoholic Beverage Control office would need to decide if this could happen not the City. Mr. Doerr stated they tell him that he is open to the public anytime any event is held there. Attorney Brammell stated that we cannot contradict or supersede what they have decided.

Mr. Doerr also asking if he can stay open later on New Year’s Eve, which is a Wednesday night and have a breakfast for his customers. He would be selling tickets for this event with alcohol to be served until midnight, then he would serve breakfast right after midnight before sending people home. Discussion held and ordinance reviewed. Consensus of council that the alcohol sales will stop at 11:45 p.m.; the music will have to stop at 11:00 p.m.; and everyone will need to

be out of the business by 1:00 a.m. after the breakfast. This will apply to any business selling alcohol in the city limits. Absolutely no business is to be done after midnight with cash registers closed.

Citizen Robert Clay stated he would like to see us have a contingency plan in our alcohol ordinance for the future on special events or dates. Mayor Stephens stated if we change the ordinance it would apply to all which could be a problem out in the neighborhoods that are located close to bars. It would take two months for any ordinance amendment to be completed. Council in agreement to think about this for New Year's Eve only.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reported that on the business side, things are coming along well with two new businesses coming to town. However, he cannot elaborate at this time.

Mayor Stephens stated we need to decide on the Christmas dinner date and location. Discussion held with December 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. being picked to be held at Grigsby-Stiltz pending date availability. December 4th was picked as the backup date.

Subject: Council New Business – Member Meadows asked if a cone could be put out temporarily marking the bad place on South Main Street.

Mayor Stephens stated we have been turned down for road salt this year by the vender we have always used due to shortages. We are going to get ours through the County on their order this year.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and 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: 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 7:21 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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

