

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, September 8, 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, Citizens Joey Bell and Terry Roberts, 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. None did.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on August 11, 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 – Police Chief Carey Duncan reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Chief Duncan reported they had 343 total contacts for the month. Twelve individuals were arrested on thirty-two separate charges. The Department had six DUI's and one other alcohol related charge this month.

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

Subject: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project Update – Mr. Smith stated the contractor has started on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project and anticipates being completed by the end of October. Mr. Smith reported that they are currently putting water back into the emptied cell.

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 September 2nd. The 2014 tax information is

being entered into the computer for billing once the rate is set. Clerk Doane reported that the auditors are scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Subject: Budget Comparison Report – End of Fiscal Year – Clerk Doane reviewed the budget comparison report for the quarter and fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. She reported that most areas of the income came in over budget with most of the expenses coming in under. This allowed us to have great carry-forward balances for the new fiscal year. Clerk Doane stated that if any member had questions after they review the report to contact her.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the Fire Department report with council which showed eleven total runs and special details in August for total man-hours of approximately ninety. Member Meadows reported that the department had 96 total runs for 2013 with 2014 already having 91 runs at the last report.

Mayor Stephens reminded council of the Ronnie Lucas Memorial Award event scheduled for October 11, 2014. Formal invitations will be going out tomorrow. Mayor Stephens stated he wants this to become an annual award once again to be presented during fire prevention week if possible. Member Meadows asked if there is any criteria setup for this award.

Member Meadows stated the burnt buildings are supposed to be torn down by the end of September. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Armstrong reported that the Halloween Fest is scheduled for October 30th. The Renaissance Fair will be having a corn maze this year which was originally thought to replace the haunted forest; however the committee has changed their mind on this and will continue to allow the Eminence High School seniors to have the haunted forest which will cost \$2.00 admission. The general admission to the event is still a canned good which will be donated to local food pantries. Booths will be set up with candy to be distributed by all. The fair will have the maze open through October with admission to be \$8.00 which covers everything including s'mores, pumpkin picking and the maze.

Subject: Parks Update – Mayor Stephens stated there was nothing new to report. The park is being used daily with the new method of reserving working out fairly well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Resolution Approving Wastewater Treatment Project Expenses – Council reviewed a resolution to approve invoices on the wastewater treatment project payable to Pace Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$206,055.00 and payable to Derrick Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$20,469.47. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Meadows to approve Resolution No. 2014-006 as presented approving the invoices for payment. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Property Discussion – Mayor Stephens reported he has been contacted by Lois Moffett about a lot in Arborview at Oak Drive which is close to the walking trail. It is too small to build on and she wants the City of give her enough of the trail to make it big enough to build

on. It is approximately 40' X 60'. She would also consider donating it to the City if we are unable to give her land. Discussion held. Consensus of council was that we do not want to give her any land as it would put the construction too close to the trail and that we do not want the property as we have no use for it. Council suggested that she give it to the adjoining property owner so that it can be maintained. The City has mowed it numerous times in the past. Member Shroyer stated this development area has been messed up all the way around as the house across the street actually has the driveway on the City's property.

Subject: Tax Rate Discussion – Mayor Stephens and Clerk Doane reviewed the 2014 compensating and 4% allowed rates based upon the total assessment figures from the PVA. Discussion held. It was stated that once we do not take our allowed 4% increase it is lost. The compensating rate only keeps you the same. Clerk Doane pointed out the large increase in exemptions of 404,000 more than last year and the small increase in real property value of only 52,363 over last year basically allows for no real growth. It was pointed out that our net new property assessment is a negative this year at -680,337 which also adds to the rate being higher. The list of deletions/additions was reviewed by some. More discussion followed. The calculated 4% allowed rate on real property for 2014 is 0.323 per \$100.00 assessment with the calculated compensating rate being 0.311 per \$100.00 assessment. Member Troxell made the motion to adopt the real property rate of .317 which is a compromise rate between the calculated allowed 4% and compensating rates; to adopt the corresponding calculated rate on personal property (using the .317 on real); and .266 on vehicle/watercrafts. Motion seconded by Member Mason. It was discussed that this would only be a first reading of the ordinance which does not necessarily require a motion. Members Troxell and Mason withdrew their motion and second. Consensus of council to have the first reading of the ordinance using the above discussed compromise rate on real property, corresponding personal rate and .266 on vehicles/watercrafts.

Subject: Ad Valorem Property Tax Ordinance - Attorney Brammell held the first reading of the ad valorem property tax rate ordinance setting the rate for 2014/2015 at .317 per \$100.00 assessment for real property, .3299 per \$100.00 assessment for personal property and .266 per \$100.00 assessment for motor vehicles and watercrafts.

Mayor Stephens stated a special meeting to hold the public hearing on the tax rates will need to be held. Clerk Doane stated it needs to be not less than seven nor more than ten days after the last publication date of September 17th. Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 6:15 was set for the special meeting.

Subject: Noise Ordinance – Nothing new to report. A meeting is to be scheduled between the affected parties as a starting point for this possible ordinance.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments/Questions – No one present to address Council.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reported he ordered new Christmas decorations for the poles which have LED lights instead of the tinsel. Discussion held on how to dispose of the old ones. Discussion held including the donation of the lights to Pleasureville if they want them. Motion made by Member Meadows to declare the old Christmas decorations as surplus property as they are original decorations which have been replaced and are no longer needed and

to authorize their donation to another municipality. Motion seconded by member Troxell. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Council New Business – Member Meadows stated he has been asked to announce that the Pep Club is holding a contest on October 3, 2014 for the best decorated business window. Council has been asked to serve as judges.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Shroyer 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”.

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 7:38 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITYOF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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