

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Polly Troxell, Leo Mason, Joey Bell, Tom Shroyer, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent was none. Also in attendance were City Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, Public Works Director Matt McAllister, Police Officers Phillip Parham and Mike Wells, Citizens Tonia Bell, George Saliba, and Matt Dodd, 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 absent. No report.

Subject: Drainage Issues – Citizen William Teters who requested to be on the agenda to discuss drainage concerns was not present.

Subject: Business Update – George Saliba was present to give an update on his business, McDonald's, and to make a request of council. Mr. Saliba reported they will be in town three years in a couple of months and finished strong for 2015. They have been involved with both schools. His daughter, Emily, is trying to become an owner/operator so she must serve as a supervisor first. She has been approved for supervisor. Nathan Shaw from here in Eminence is at a "Hamburger University" getting training to step up at the Eminence location.

Mr. Saliba introduced Matt Dodd who is assisting him in management at several McDonalds. They will be opening a new McDonalds on January 27, 2016 in Jeffersonville, IN at Exit #1 across the bridge. He will be having a VIP Party on January 26th from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. and requests Mayor/Council attendance.

Mr. Saliba requested council's consideration of possibly naming a street or a building in honor of Fire Chief Gary Lucas in recognition of his many years with the Fire Department and that he would gladly sponsor the endeavor if needed. Mr. Saliba stated, even though he only knew Gary a few years he made a great impact on his life. All agreed doing something would be a great idea. Mayor Stephens stated he would ask the Fire Board to make a suggestions back to Council for some type of recognition.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on December 14, 2015 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: Codification Ordinance – Attorney Brammell held the second reading of an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances of the City of Eminence. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the Ordinance No. 2015-008 as read. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report – In the absence of Chief Kevin Kemper, Officer Mike Wells reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Officer Wells reported they had 259 total contacts for the month. Thirty-nine citations were issued on sixty charges. Fourteen individuals were arrested on twenty-two charges. There were two ordinance violations this month. December showed 594 gallons gas purchased for a total of \$1,103.12.

Officer Wells reported we have received the four vests from the body armor grant.

Officer Wells thanked all the agencies around Eminence and Henry County and especially the Public Works Department for all there assistance during Fire Chief Lucas’s funeral.

Officer Wells reported he is working with the school system to obtain a grant for a school resource officer position.

Reported that all officers have been scheduled for training in 2016.

Subject: Surplus Property – Mayor Stephens reported that the Police Department 2005 Ford Explorer is ready for declaration as surplus property. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Meadows to declare the 2005 Ford Explorer as surplus property as its original use was for a police cruiser and it is no longer needed for this use and to authorize its sale by sealed bid to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Member Armstrong. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

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

Mr. McAllister reported that a few more auto read meters have been installed on several streets in the Hi-View neighborhood.

Mr. McAllister reported the annual pretreatment audit was performed on December 9th with no issues of violations. A few gravity blockages had to be cleared due to abnormally heavy rain this month. Several sewer lines were inspected with our camera equipment to ensure proper flow and alleviate any blockages. Repaired a 6” force main on North Penn.

New permits were issued to Libertas Copper and Eminence Speaker.

Subject: Administrative Office Report – City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that the 2015 tax bill collection is at 91.4% at January 7, 2016. Total 2015 unpaid as of same date if \$30,338.03.

Reported we have received \$1,268.94 for litter abatement grant funds. We typically use this money to allow school or Church groups to clean our streets for a set fee.

Draft audits have been given to Mayor Stephens and Clerk Doane for review.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reported no meeting was held so no report available.

Subject: Festivals Update – Member Troxell reported Tonia Bell has agreed to take over the selling and setting up of booths for Eminence Day.

Subject: Parks Update – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Splash Pad Bid Award – Mayor Stephens reported we received two bids per our specifications as follows:

WPC Company, Inc. – Louisville, KY - \$169,341.00

Bluegrass Recreational Products – Louisville, KY - \$110,399.00

Discussion held. Member Shroyer asked the amount of the grant. Mayor Stephens reported it is for \$58,098.00 and we have \$60,000.00 match budgeted. There are some contingencies in the project with our public works to do some of the work. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Troxell to accept the bid from Bluegrass Recreational Products in the amount of \$110,399.00 and to authorize the Mayor to enter into the contract with them. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Open Citizens Comments/Questions – No one present who wished to speak.

Subject: Mayor’s Update – Mayor Stephens stated he will have Clerk Doane mail out the committees form tomorrow and if no one signs up for a specific committee, he will not be appointing anyone and if no one signs up for events, we will not have Eminence Day. Member Armstrong suggested breaking festivals down by specific event rather than overall.

Member Shroyer suggested that a project for spring would be to look at the City for appearance issues such as signs needing replacing or straightening, stopped or broken drains, etc. He will be glad to work with Public Works on this project.

Member Meadows asked about the Crabb Avenue issue with the school as discussed last month. Mayor Stephens reported that Attorney Brammell is working on this. He did question that Matt was addressed as the City’s engineer. Attorney Brammell stated that no indication of Matt having a degree was made, only that he serves in that capacity. The school’s attorneys want an engineer statement from someone not associated with the City that the damage was their fault. Does not have to be an Engineer.

Member Meadows asked if Shawnee Road is County maintained, as it is breaking up badly. Public Works Director stated that the County is aware of the problem.

Subject: Council New Business – Member Armstrong reported she will be attending a County ABC meeting on behalf of the City on Wednesday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H building. She plans to record the meeting. Mayor Stephens stated he would like to have a representative of the police go as well. Officer Parham stated he would attend as he is on duty at that time. Attorney Brammell stated he plans to attend as well. It is his understanding that the County ordinance will have no impact on our ordinance or businesses. Former state trooper, David McGuire is the County’s ABC administrator.

Member Armstrong discussed that we have been allowing businesses to stay open until 1:00 a.m. on New Year’s Eve with no alcohol to be served after midnight. She is concerned with making this decision every year and has come to the conclusion that we should just go ahead and amend the ordinance to allow this always. She has made it clear to vendors that this decision is not to be used for super bowl parties and other events throughout the year. Council in agreement and requested Attorney Brammell amend the ordinance to allow for staying open on New Year’s Eve until 1:00 a.m. with no alcohol after midnight.

Member Bell asked if we were going to address the request from Andrew Coomes to do a construction project as his school project. He will do the funding, design and construction. Discussion held. It was decided that we will have him do something at the Park – benches, painting, etc. Mayor Stephens will talk with Andrew.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell 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 Meadows and seconded by Member Mason to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

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