

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, August 14, 2017 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, Fred Downey, and Lee Ann Armstrong. Absent were none. Also in attendance were City Clerk Sandra Doane; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Police Chief Kevin Kemper; Citizens Robert Heightchew, James Sanders and Tonia Bell; Rumpke Representatives Greg Rumpke and Jeremy Rumpke; Republic Representative Michael Patterson; and Henry County Local Representative Chris Brooke. Absent was Attorney William Brammell

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. Mayor Stephens stated he has nothing new to report from Scott about our previous requests. Mayor Stephens asked if anyone had anything to take back to Magistrate Bates. No one did.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on July 10, 2017 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additional additions or changes forthcoming, Mayor Stephens stated they would stand approved as presented.

Subject: Garbage Franchise Award – Mayor Stephens asked for any questions or comments about the two garbage franchise bids received last month. No one had any questions. Member Meadows made the motion to accept the bid from Rumpke for garbage collection services for the five year period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023 as they bid unlimited residential garbage pickup as requested and also their bid did not require a minimum number of participants for recycling services and they are the existing provider and have provided great service and assistance with extra events and to further authorize the entering into and adoption of an ordinance accepting said bid. Motion seconded by Member Troxell. On a call for vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Golf Carts on City Streets – Mayor Stephens reported the police liaison committee met as promised after last month’s meeting to discuss allowing golf carts on City streets. Information was presented about a city recently who had been sued and found liable for injuries after someone was hurt on a golf cart. The City was found liable because they had adopted an ordinance allowing the golf carts on City streets. The committee recommendation is not to proceed with an ordinance at this time. Member Meadows stated he has received lots of calls with concerns over this. Member Downey stated he believes this is mostly being done in cities that have golf courses in the neighborhood areas. Member Mason asked if this was on City streets or just neighborhood streets. Mayor Stephens stated it would be both with limitations to certain areas due to no crossing of main

highways allowed. Member Troxell stated she has a safety concern with allowing them on city streets. Consensus of council to go with committee recommendation not to allow golf carts on the City streets.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Chief Kevin Kemper presented the monthly activity report to council. They had 270 total contacts for the month. Twenty-Eight citations were issued on forty-three charges. Twelve individuals were arrested on eighteen charges.

Chief Kemper reported they have been very busy this month with paperwork related to the audits for the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and the accreditation audit with the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. They did have one issue with missing paperwork on some firearms training from 2014 and 2015. They stated it was not sent to them. We were able to prove one year was sent but not the other one. Officer Parham is now our trainer for this. DOCJT wants him to be their trainer once a week as well. We received our accreditation award at the 2017 KY Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Paducah.

Mike Wells has been promoted to Lieutenant and is taking over more of the administrative and supervision duties of the department.

The department has assisted the school with the first week of traffic. After this we will be taking care of the afternoon but not the morning traffic.

Reported that Eminence Day went fairly well with only a few minor juvenile incidents.

Officer Bailey has arrested a serial child molester which many other departments had been trying to make a case against. Some of the families came to present him with an award which was very touching. Chief Kemper stated he is so proud of his officers.

Other offenses were reported on including a burglary on Jackson Road; cars being broken into with change and chargers being taken; and extortion of money from special needs people who work at McDonald's thru their work program.

They are still working on finalizing their policy and procedures and accreditation manuals.

Subject: Surplus Police Vehicle – Mayor Stephens reported that he was unable to get a certified value less than \$5000.00 on the 2010 Ford Explorer we voted to dispose of at the last meeting. The value came in between \$7,355 and \$7,895 on Kelley Blue Book. He also checked with O'Brien Ford who also could not value under the \$5,000.00 amount. Motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Mason to proceed with bidding this vehicle for sale under sealed bid as surplus property with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00 since it does not qualify under the expanded KRS. On a call for vote, all members present voted "Yea".

Subject: Public Works Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - Public Works Director Matt McAllister reviewed the monthly activity report with council. Reported on routine activities.

Mr. McAllister reported they have installed the new signs on the bike trail to inform people that no motorized vehicles are permitted.

Mr. McAllister reported on a two-inch water main break in front of Puckett's Insurance Office on North Main.

Mr. McAllister reported that a gravity sewer line running through a residential property on Crabb Avenue was inspected several times at the homeowner's request. Neither the City nor inspectors from the Division of Water were able to find any issues with our sewer line.

Reported that the new control panel and components are installed at the Elmcrest lift station.

Reported he is working on updating the operations and maintenance manual with new rules and regulations required by the State.

Council asked about the recent publication sent out with the water bills. Mr. McAllister reported this is required by the state after two bad samples showed up positive for total coliform, but with no e-coli. The water is safe but this report is required to be published.

Member Armstrong asked about an issue at Coach D park where the water is standing at one edge making a muddy mess. Mr. McAllister stated he is aware of the problem and has lowered the pressure which should help. He is also looking at damming up on one side if he can figure out how to do this without creating a trip hazard.

Mayor Stephens reported the tree at the island on Zelcova is being removed.

Subject: Administrative Office Report (Copy Attached Hereto) - City Clerk Sandra Doane reviewed the monthly administrative office report with council reporting that her office has collected 97.4 % of the 2016 tax billing as of August 9, 2017. The assessments for 2017 have been received from the PVA and are being imported into our billing software.

Clerk Doane reported on other receipts for the month.

Clerk Doane reported 23 amnesty letters have been mailed out with 21 responding back to us.

Member Meadows stated he would like to have the new phone system actually say dial a specific number for whomever rather than using the last three letters of the person's last name.

Subject: Fire Department Report – Member Meadows reviewed the June and July reports with council. June showed ten total runs with a total of 116-man hours and the July report showed seven total runs with a total of 145-½ man hours. Member Meadows reported he feels the new administration at the department is going well. Reported that even though the department returned

over \$13,000.00 in funds back to the City they actually saved the City over \$38,000.00 on their budget. Mayor Stephens stated this is great and that all the departments came in under budget which is much appreciated.

Subject: Festivals Update – Mayor Stephens reported that we had two great events including DJ at the Park and Eminence Day. Member Bell stated he wants to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers on Eminence Day. Everyone agreed both events turned out great.

Subject: Parks Update – Nothing new to report other than above DJ in the Park information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Limited Land Lease – Mayor Stephens reported we did not sign the limited land lease with Tim and Danny Fitzgerald, even though we agreed back in February to leave the lease with them (2-7-17 Minutes). Motion made by Member Meadows and second by Member Mason to approve the limited land lease with Tim and Danny Fitzgerald retroactive for the 2017 crop year. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: CERS Resolution – Clerk Doane reviewed and explained a resolution supporting the separation of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement System. Attorney Brammell has given his approval of this resolution should Council wish to adopt it stating it does not obligate the City to anything. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Armstrong to adopt Resolution #2017-004 as presented supporting the separation of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement System. On a call for vote, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Property Tax Rate Discussion – Clerk Doane reviewed the compensating and 4% allowed rates for real and personal property. Reported that our personal property assessment is down substantially resulting in the higher calculated rates for personal property. The compensating rate on real property is 30.5 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the 4% allowed rate on real property is 31.7 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The compensating rate on personal property is 37.56 on personal property and the 4% allowed rate is 40.23 on personal property, both per one-hundred-dollar assessment. Clerk Doane reported that the homestead exemption amount increases this year to \$37,600 from \$36,900 and that our new property came in at a negative \$287,700. Discussion held. Motion made by Member Meadows and seconded by Member Downey to keep the rates the same as last year at 31.6 on both real and personal property and 26.6 on motor vehicles and watercraft. Clerk Doane stated we will still need to have a public hearing since this rate is above the compensating rate.

Subject: Property Tax Rate Ordinance – Mayor Stephens held the first reading of an ordinance setting the real and personal property tax rates at 31.6 per \$100.00 assessment and the motor vehicle and watercraft rate at 26.6 per \$100.00 assessment for 2017.

Subject: Open Citizen Comments – None.

Subject: Mayor's Update – Mayor Stephens reported on a Hope for Recovery Walk being held on August 19, 2017 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the recreational park in New Castle. Encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Stephens reported he has been approached about making the two last parking spots on upper East Broadway in front of CVS on the end that intersects with Penn Avenue into “no parking” to better accommodate large trucks that may need to turn here. Council did not feel that this is an issue so no action taken.

Mayor Stephens stated he needs to appoint someone to serve on the Eminence Education Foundation as Member Armstrong's appointment has expired. No one has expressed an interest in serving on this committee. Member Armstrong stated she would stay on if we want, but stated she feels we do not support the foundation as well as we do other events such as the Chamber and she has a concern with this fact. Mayor Stephens stated we do support the foundation but cannot make a donation. Member Bell suggested that perhaps we could split a table with another business the next time in order to cut down on the cost. The foundation gives two through four mini grants every year to teachers. Mayor Stephens appointed Lee Ann Armstrong to continue as our representative on the Eminence Education Foundation.

Mayor Stephens reminded everyone of the Library meeting scheduled for Friday night at 6:30 p.m. to see the plans for the new library which should start construction in the spring of 2018.

Subject: Council – New Business – Council expressed their appreciation for the 5K Run/Walk as it allowed many individuals to get Humana vitality points. It was suggested to put this event on their website next year as well.

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, all members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Closed Session – None needed.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Troxell to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
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