

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a regular session on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Danny Meadows, Fred Downey, Steve Metcalfe, Leo Mason, Lee Ann Armstrong and Polly Troxell. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Bill Brammell; City Clerk Robin Mullins; Public Works Director Matt McAllister; Chief Mike Wells, Code Enforcement Officer Sarah Long and resident Justin Wayman.

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

Pledge of allegiance held.

Subject: Public Hearing – Municipal Aid Program Funds and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds – Mayor Stephens explained the required uses for the Municipal Aid Program funds stating they must be used for streets, roads, sidewalks, etc. Mayor Stephens reviewed the estimated funds available and presented the proposed expenditures from the Municipal Aid Program fund for the FY 2020/2021.

Mayor Stephens explained the required uses for the Local Government Economic Assistance funds stating they must be used for public safety. Mayor Stephens reviewed the estimated funds available and presented the proposed expenditures from the LGEA fund for the FY 2020/2021.

Clerk Mullins stated no comments, written or oral, have been received from the public concerning either fund or their proposed uses.

With no written or oral comments from the public regarding the proposed uses for the MAP and LGEA funds, Member Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing. Member Troxell seconded the motion. All members present voted “Yea”. The public hearing was closed at 6:29 p.m.

Mayor Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. with all persons listed above in attendance.

Subject: County Business – Magistrate Scott Bates was absent so no report was submitted to council.

Subject: Code Enforcement Officer - Sarah Long was present to introduce herself as the new code enforcement and answer questions regarding property concerns. The council had questions about Crabb Ave, Sulphur Ave and Elm St. Attorney Brammell stated the owner of the property could be sited as well as the tenant.

Subject: Council Member 2021 – Justin Wayman was present to introduced himself to the council and get familiar with the way the meetings are run.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subject: Minutes – The minutes of the previous regular session held on May 11, 2020 were reviewed. Mayor Stephens asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no additions or changes noted, motion made by Member Downey and seconded by Member Meadows to accept the minutes as presented. All members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Henry County Planning & Zoning Ordinance Section 640 (I) (A) - Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the ordinance amending the Planning & Zoning Section 640 (I)(A). Motion made by Member Metcalfe and seconded by Member Mason to adopt the ordinance as read. All Members present voted “Yea”.

Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance Updating Pay/Compensation Plan: Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the ordinance updating the pay/compensation plan. Motion made by Member Mason and seconded by Member Armstrong to adopt the ordinance as read. All Members present voted “Yea”. Member Downey inquired about longevity pay for employees. Clerk Mullins reported longevity pay was being addressed as a bonus in the revised personnel policy.

Subject: Second Reading of Budget Ordinance: Attorney Brammell held the second reading of the budget ordinance for fiscal year 7/1/20-6/30/21. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Armstrong to adopt the ordinance as read. All Members present voted “Yea”.

REPORTS:

Subject: Police Department Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Chief Wells asked Mayor and Council to reach out to the police officers with words of encouragement and prayers with everything that is going on to let them know you support and appreciate them.

Subject: Public Works Report (Copy Attached Hereto) Public Works Director McAllister reported he received the inspection of the water tower and there were just a few things that need to be addressed and they were waiting on an estimate.

Subject: Administrative Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Clerk Mullins reported there was no additional information to be reported.

Subject: Fire Report (Copy Attached Hereto) – Member Meadows reported they are still having problems with people entering the Fire Department who are not supposed to after the code on the

door was changed. Mayor Stephens reported he will look into changing lock to a fingerprint system.

Subject: Festivals Report – Mayor Stephens reported the KY Renaissance Festival will open July 4 – August 16. Council agreed to see how the Renaissance Festival goes before deciding about the Fall Festival.

Subject: Park Report – Mayor Stephens reported the park will open Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Mayor Stephens reported the leak at the bucket has been found and Public Works Director McAllister believes it can be fixed. Council agrees to wait to decide on opening the splash pad at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subject: Speed Bumps on Short Street – The residents of Short Street presented a letter to the Mayor requesting speed bumps. Council agreed to put one speed bump on Short Street.

Subject: Jim Green Plaque Presentation - Member Armstrong reported that Mr. Green would prefer to have the presentation on a Saturday in July or later. The council agreed to set the date for August 1, 2020, but the date is subject to change with the pandemic.

Subject: Spring Clean Up – Mayor Stephens reported he was ready to set the date for the Spring Clean Up and threw around a couple of dates. The date was set for Saturday, July 18, 2020.

Subject: School Resource Officer Contract – Mayor Stephens presented the contract for the School Resource Officer for council approval. The contract has already been reviewed by Attorney Brammell, Superintendent Berry, and Mayor Stephens. Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Metcalfe to enter into a contract with the Eminence Independent School System for a School Resource Officer.

Subject: Council – New Business – Member Armstrong asked Chief Wells if scooters were allowed on the roadway. Chief Wells reported they were if the driver was over the age of sixteen.

Member Armstrong also informed the council there is supposed to be cruising Saturday, June 27, 2020. There was talk about booths, but not on city streets.

Subject: Warrants - The warrants for payment were presented and reviewed. Motion made by Member Troxell and seconded by Member Mason to approve the warrants for payment as presented. On a call for votes, all Members present voted “Yea”.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Metcalfe to adjourn. All Members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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ATTEST: Robin L. Mullins, Clerk
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