

Estill Action Group Appreciation Night

Estill Action Group (EAG) hosted an Appreciation Night and member drive with live music by local artists Clay Case, Ed Hughes, Jennifer Shouse, and Chris Shouse at the Steam Engine Pizza Pub Session Room on Dec. 6, 2017.

Jessica Aldridge, EAG President, explained that the mission of EAG is to support ideas that improve local living, host events that highlight Estill County's assets, and encourage civic involvement. Aldridge listed EAG's accomplishments this year, including live streaming Fiscal Court meetings on Facebook, Float Fest (tubing on the Kentucky River) at the Kentucky Recreation Park at Wiseman Crossing, and Chilly Chili Cook-off with live music at the American Legion. EAG is also working toward Kentucky Trail Town certification.

Victoria Stevens, EAG VP of Marketing and EAG Secretary, said, "I joined Estill Action Group to help people see what Estill County has to offer. In the end, EAG helped me see what I have to offer. The future of Estill County is in this room. It's your ideas and dreams that make Estill County great. If you become a member of EAG, we will support your ideas and help make them happen."

EAG raised more than \$100 in donations and recruited nine new members at the event. EAG meets the first Wednesday each month at 6:30pm at the Estill Development Alliance (EDA) office at 117 Broadway St. For more information about EAG and upcoming events, subscribe to the EAG Newsletter through the the Estill Action Group page on Facebook.



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Estill 7th Grade Engineer Tyler Brewer drives to the basket during action last Thursday at ECMS against Owsley.



Engineer 6th grader Kyler Chaney looks to pass inside against the Owsley County Owls

Irvine Council debates how to pay doubled bill for 911

Members of the Irvine council met on Monday night for the last regular meeting of 2017 and discussed at great length on how they should handle a bill that had doubled in cost since last year. In previous years the council had budgeted \$13,500 to be paid to the Estill County Fiscal Court to cover the cost of a 911 dispatcher, however, the bill that they received this year was \$27,000.

City Clerk Robin Powell said that she had looked back through old ordinances and the only thing that she found was dated June of 2003 which stated that the city would pay \$13,500 to the fiscal court. The council had paid that each year until the new bill was received. Councilman Tim Burkhart said that in this year's budget there was \$15,000 allotted for the dispatcher salary.

Rodney Davis asked if anything had been paid on the bill yet. He said that they are in the second quarter of the fiscal year and he felt like the best option would be to pay that amount and then renegotiate with the

fiscal court once that had been paid. Mayor W.J. Noland agreed and said that if it wasn't for CSEPP funds he didn't know what they would do.

The second reading of a resolution pertaining to the Wisemantown sewer project was read during the meeting. A second reading of an ordinance about the sale of bonds was also read. Billy Williams said that the project would be moving forward and that all easements had been signed by property owners with the exception of three. He said those three would be taken up in court.

The council amended an ordinance pertaining to the sale of alcohol on Sundays to make an exception for the New Year's Eve holiday. Rodney Davis said that he had been contacted by several business owners and asked if they could sell alcohol later on New Year's Eve this year because it is one of their biggest days of the year. Davis said that this would only happen once in a blue moon and the council agreed that alcohol sales would be permitted until 1

a.m. on December 31st.

Mayor Noland informed the council that a lawsuit had been filed against the city by former firefighter Chris Mitchell. Davis said that there was a problem with the wording in the complaint which made it look like the city or the city clerk had intentionally done something with the money.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that the Estill County Jailer was interested in the white Tahoe that was used to transport the K-9 unit. He said that he informed Bo Morris that there were issues with the Tahoe and that Morris wanted the vehicle to transport prisoners during the winter months. The council agreed that they would turn the vehicle over to Morris but if something happened that he changed his mind then they would sell it by competitive bids.

Due to the upcoming holidays the Irvine council will not meet until January 2018. A special meeting may be called to pay bills later in the month of December.

Santa's Little Angels

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December 18th.

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