

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 10, 2004

Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Laurie Sparks called the roll which showed the following Council members in attendance: Charlie Manning, Bill Froehle, Karen Gaiser and Gary Rolfsen. (Cindy Schachere was on vacation and Joyce McMullin arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Chris Mehling, City Engineer Dave Lorei, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, Clerk/Treasurer Paul Weekley, Police Chief Ray Murphy and Fire Chief Terry Bandy

Motion made by Mr. Froehle to approve the minutes from the council meeting on May 27, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Motion carried all ayes (2 absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Schroeder thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Day parade. The award recipients were very appreciative and Bud Stander was pleased to serve as grand marshal of the parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Manning—Finance

Mr. Manning thanked everyone who worked together to establish a budget for the next fiscal year. Mr. Manning asked about the status of enforcing the garbage can ordinance to keep the garbage cans out of the alleys. Chief Murphy stated that he compiled a letter of warning and a notice of violation containing a list of the penalties. The first time an offense occurs, an officer will issue a warning that will be kept on file. If the offense reoccurs, the officer will issue a citation and the offender will have to pay a fine.

Mr. Froehle—Police, Public Works, Fire Department

The annual Police Golf Outing will be on June 26th at A.J. Jolly Golf Course. Mr. Froehle thanked Officer Schilling for his work on the Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

Ms. Gaiser—Community Relations

Ms. Gaiser had no report. Mr. Schroeder thanked Ms. Gaiser for her work on the Memorial Day parade.

Mr. Rolfsen—Economic Development

- Mr. Rolfsen thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Ms. Gaiser for a great Memorial Day parade.
- Mr. Rolfsen stated that he was contacted twice about blocking off the sides of the slide by the shelterhouse to prevent children from falling off of it. Mr. Weekley stated that he would look into it.
- Mr. Rolfsen stated that he would like to set up meeting with the new city engineers. Dave Lorei of Brandstetter Carroll introduced himself and stated that he and Bruce Brandstetter would be working with the City.
- Mr. Rolfsen stated that he would like the City to observe the National Day of Mourning for former president Ronald Regan on Friday. Discussion on whether other local cities were closing. All state and federal offices would be closed. Mr. Schroeder stated that he was not opposed to closing the City Building, but was concerned about closing on such short notice.
- The Renaissance Committee will be meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday to plant flowers at Elm Wood Park. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join.

Building/Zoning Report

- Mr. Schutzman stated that he would contact the contractors for the state highway project because some of the materials, such as sand and pipes are being stolen from the site. Chief Bandy requested that Mr. Schutzman notify the Fire Department once the State sets a firm date for the road construction project.
- In response to Mr. Rolfsen's question, Mr. Schutzman stated that the pool is working fine at River's Breeze, but Fischer still needs to obtain a permit before the pool can open.
- Mr. Schutzman stated that someone is looking at purchasing the property at 205-209 Elm Street for use as a parking lot.

Engineer's Report

Barrett Paving has set June 21st as the start date for the paving project. Dave Stenger of Brandstetter Carroll will walk the streets to be paved with Barrett to familiarize himself with the streets. Mr. Mehling stated that he is still working on trying to obtain the City's information from Foppe, including any information from the street inventory. In response to Mr. Schroeder's question, Mr. Weekley stated that he has not obtained any information on street sealing. Mr. Lorei stated that he would check into the cost of street sealing.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

The Fireworks Festival will be June 18th and 19th and Hot Dogs in the Park begins on Friday, June 18th. In response to Mr. Froehle's question about the cost of the sidewalk replacement on Davies Street, Mr. Schutzman stated that the City will get some money back from the property owner. In response to Mr. Froehle's question on why the Ameristop bill was \$5,000, Mr. Weekley stated that the bill covered a period of three months for all departments.

Fire Department Report

Chief Bandy stated that the Fire Department has had 242 squad runs this year compared to 169 squad runs at the same time last year. There were 41 squad calls in May. Mr. Schroeder complimented the Fire Department on doing a great job of coverage.

Police Department Report

- Lt. Col. Johnson recently attended a conference in Bardstown for D.A.R.E., the National Association of School Resource Officers, and Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition. Lt. Col. Johnson received the Outstanding Community Policing Project of the Year award at this year's conference for the development of a project which includes D.A.R.E., the senior citizen check-in program, and bicycle patrol program.
- The Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition's Youth and Crime Watch Conference will be held at the Drawbridge Inn next week. In the program, students learn about law enforcement and crime prevention through projects in school. Chief Murphy stated that after he was contacted by the director of the Crime Prevention Coalition, he reserved a Celebrations riverboat cruise and pizza for approximately 100 students from Ohio and Kentucky participating in the program.
- At a recent Police Chief's meeting, Chief Murphy was asked to apply for a joint Homeland Security grant with other participating cities to help supply the Kenton County Emergency Response Unit with equipment and training. No matching funds are needed for the grant. **Motion made by Mr. Rolfsen to authorize the Police Department to apply for a joint grant with other Kenton County police departments for Homeland Security. Seconded by Ms. Gaiser. Motion carried all ayes (1 absent).**

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2004-4

Mr. Mehling completed the second reading of Ordinance 2004-4 *An Ordinance Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for the City of Ludlow Calling for General Fund Income of \$1,590,425.00 and General Fund Expenses of \$1,590,425.00.* **Motion made by Mr. Manning to adopt Ordinance 2004-4. Seconded by Mr. Froehle. After roll call, motion carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2004-5

Mr. Mehling completed the second reading of Ordinance 2004-5 *An Ordinance Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 Through June 30, 2005 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Fire & EMS Fund Income of \$253,150.00 and Fire & EMS Fund Expenses of \$253,150.00.* **Motion made by Ms. McMullin to adopt Ordinance 2004-5. Seconded by Ms. Gaiser. After roll call, motion carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2004-6

Mr. Mehling completed the second reading of Ordinance 2004-6 *An Ordinance Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 Through June 30, 2005 for the City of Ludlow Calling for General Fund Income of \$1,683,245.00 and General Fund Expenses of \$1,683,245.00.* **Motion made by Mr. Manning to adopt Ordinance 2004-6. Seconded by Mr. Froehle. After roll call, motion carried 5 ayes, 1 absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Monitoring Speed Limits

Mr. Schroeder stated that he has talked to Chief Murphy about monitoring the traffic in the 500 block of Elm Street. Chief Murphy stated that the Police have an opportunity to borrow a Department of Transportation radar trailer and use it to show motorists their speed. Chief Murphy stated that he would like to use the trailer along with a sign listing the minimum fine for speeding. Chief Murphy stated that the trailer would be left up for a week at a time at different locations, such as the 500 block of Elm Street and the area near the swim club. Discussion on the possibility of putting up yellow caution lights in the 500 block of Elm Street. Chief Murphy stated that the State has guidelines for the placement of caution lights.

Discussion on Blocking Off Part of Oak Street for Wide Open Wednesdays

Motion made by Mr. Froehle to block off the 300 block of Oak Street for one to two hours each Wednesday evening through the end of July for Wesley United Methodist's and Sts. Boniface & James' Vacation Bible School. Seconded by Mr. Rolfsen. Motion carried all ayes, 1 absent.

Resolution to Approve the Creation of a Special District for ALS Service

Mr. Schroeder discussed the status of Advance Life Support (ALS) in Kenton County now that Erlanger and Covington have dropped out of the original agreement. The ALS committee has recommended that the seven or eight remaining cities form a special district and request a tax of \$.02 per \$100.00 valuation for ALS service. The smaller cities in the county will probably contract with TransCare for ALS for a while. The City has already budgeted \$20,000.00 for ALS service for fiscal year 2004-2005. Mr. Schroeder stated that the City could not afford to contract with Covington for ALS. Ms. McMullin and Mr. Rolfsen expressed concern about whether the \$.02 per \$100.00 valuation rate would increase. Mr. Mehling stated that there would not be an increase for Ludlow taxpayers since the City would lower the rate of the special ad valorem tax by the amount of the ALS tax. Mr. Rolfsen expressed concern on how removing \$20,000.00 from the Fire and EMS budget would affect the Fire Department. Mr. Mehling stated that until Council passes the ordinance to adopt the special district, the City is not bound to anything. Mr. Mehling explained that once a special district is created, it has the ability to set the tax rate and the rate is not put up to a vote. The City would have one representative appointed to the board and the largest city in the district would have two members. Mr. Mehling stated that the formation of a district is the only option available

right now. Mr. Schroeder stated that some action needs to be taken by July 1st or the City will not have ALS service. Mr. Rolfsen stated that he does not agree that citizens should be allowed to be taxed by a special district without being allowed to vote on it. The purpose of the resolution is to confirm that the City is willing to go to the next step. Ms. McMullin stated that she is willing to go to the next step if the Mayor and Fire Chief are okay with it. **After Mr. Mehling read the resolution, Mr. Froehle moved to adopt the resolution to support the formation of a special district of various cities in the county to provide ALS at a rate not to exceed \$.02 per \$100.00 valuation. Motion seconded by Ms. McMullin. After roll call, motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Rolfsen), 1 absent.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Ray Graven of 705 Elm Street asked about the status of the City's riverfront property that is currently being leased to McGinnis, Inc. Mr. Weekley stated that Mr. Rolfsen and the Riverfront Development Committee will be working with the new engineer to discuss the process of obtaining request for proposals.

Fred Caldwell of 343 Hazen Street thanked Council for doing a great job and discussed issues with the intersection of River's Breeze Drive and Hazen Street since the southbound stop sign on River's Breeze has been removed. Residents of the 300 block of Hazen Street in attendance at the meeting included Jenny and Nick Zimmerman, Fred Brooks and Claude Hellebush. Mr. Caldwell showed Council a picture of the view of the intersection from the 300 block of Hazen. Discussion on the problem of not being able to see the cars coming up the hill without pulling into the intersection. Ms. McMullin stated that Council had decided several weeks ago to wait until a city engineer was hired and have him re-examine the intersection in July. Mr. Schroeder stated that the city engineer would look into the situation once the paving project is completed. Discussion on the possibility of putting rumble strips coming down from the River's Breeze subdivision to help slow the traffic. Mr. Mehling suggested that the issue to replace the stop sign on southbound River's Breeze Drive be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Motion made by Ms. Gaiser to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rolfsen. Motion carried all ayes.

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor

Laurie Sparks, Admin. Asst.