

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 12, 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: Cindy Schachere, Joyce McMullin, Charlie Manning, Bill Froehle and Karen Gaiser. (Gary Rolfsen was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Alice Keys, 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 Ms. Schachere to approve the minutes from the council meeting on July 22, 2004. Motion seconded by Mr. Froehle. Motion carried all ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engineer's Report

(Mr. Lorei presented his committee report first because he had another meeting to attend.) Mr. Lorei discussed the status of items on the list he distributed to council. Mr. Weekley stated that he and John Walker would meet with Bruce Brandstetter to discuss the street values for the audit as required by GASB 34 this year.

Ms. Schachere—Parks

- Ms. Schachere asked Mr. Schutzman if he had obtained a sample ordinance to require address numbers to be posted on the rear of properties with alley access. Mr. Schutzman stated that he had a model ordinance, but he left it sitting on his desk.
- Mr. Schutzman stated that the footers were dug for the shelters and they will hopefully be complete by the first week of September.

Mr. Manning—Finance

Mr. Manning stated that the work on Route 8 is going well. Mr. Schutzman stated that the State is looking at what has seeped into the ground from the [KDI] building near the construction. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would like to look into closing off the end of the 100 block of Oak Street to prevent dumping in the area.

Ms. McMullin—Riverfront Development

- Mr. Schroeder welcomed Ms. McMullin back after her knee surgery. Ms. McMullin thanked the City for the planter and stated that she is scheduled for her second knee replacement in October.
- Ms. McMullin thanked Public Works for removing the dead plants on top of the building at Elm Wood Park. Ms. McMullin noted that grass is growing in the gutters along the curbs throughout the city and by Elm Wood Park. Mr. Weekley stated that keeping the curb gutters clear is the homeowner's responsibility, but he would look into it. Discussion on a problem that the City encountered in the past when using chemicals to kill weeds in the street.
- Ms. McMullin asked if it would be possible to post street signs at the alley entrances. Mr. Schutzman stated that it would be difficult to find a place to post a sign because there isn't a sidewalk area at the end of each alley. Mr. Weekley stated that purchasing signs for each alley would be quite expensive.

Mr. Froehle—Police, Public Works, Fire Department

Mr. Froehle stated that he would set the date for next year's Police golf outing sometime this week.

Ms. Gaiser—Community Relations

- Halloween Fest will be on Saturday, October 30th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. Ms. Gaiser suggested blocking off the street in that block since there could be a large crowd. Anyone who would like to help or donate candy should contact the City Building.
- The Christmas Parade is set for Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Gaiser stated that she would set a date for the first Christmas Parade Committee meeting soon.

Building/Zoning Report

- There were five property owners who attended the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) meeting on Tuesday to voice their concerns about notices they received. All left with an understanding of the goal that the CEB is trying to accomplish and at least four should come into compliance.
- The State has moved quickly and is in the process of having the [KDI] building removed on Elm Street.
- A citizen stated that the door on a vacant house at 123 Ash Street is open and expressed concern about possible hazards. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would have Public Works board it up. The CEB has filed action against the property. In response to Ms. McMullin's questions about the status of 36 & 38 Carneal, Mr. Schutzman stated that both properties had been cited. In regards to 454 Elm Street, Mr. Schutzman stated that the property was in violation of the regulations set by the Historic Preservation Board and he would take action with that. Ms. McMullin thanked Mr. Schutzman for the CEB report.
- In response to Ray Graven's question about the status of 639 Elm Street, Mr. Schutzman stated that the case is being handled by Tara Pitts and would go up for sale at the courthouse steps. Mary Ellen Kidd expressed concern about a proposed condo development in Covington near the Kelly-Furnish VFW post with a road running through Jackson Park and connecting to Montclair Avenue. Mr. Schutzman stated that the proposed development is located in Covington and the builder would not be able to provide an access road through Montclair Avenue. The project is in Stage I and hasn't been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Schutzman stated that the old trailer park property has been purchased and there will be a meeting next week to discuss the owner's preliminary plans for the land. The property is zoned multi-family and waterfront development.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Preliminary work on the audit is underway. John Walker will begin the actual audit next week. Public Works is focusing on painting the curbs and crosswalks near the school. Ms. Schachere asked why there were four checks for \$25,000.00 each written to KLC. Mr. Weekley stated that they were for the City's insurance for the fiscal year. There were four different checks because the money came out of different funds. The City could finance the cost, but it would cost 10% extra. In response to Mr. Manning's question about the check to MPH Industries, Chief Murphy stated that it was for the in-car video cameras that the Police Department received through a grant.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Bandy had no report. In response to Ms. Schachere's question, Chief Bandy stated that he would try to have a fire truck in the park for Hot Dogs in the Park on Friday.

Police Chief's Report

Officer Tucker recently suffered a stroke and has been released by his doctor to return to work on August 16th. Officer Schilling was promoted to the rank of major in the military and is responsible for training reservists in his battalion in Wisconsin. Schilling is scheduled to go to Iraq in the first part of December. Chief Murphy stated that he has completed the background investigation on Dave Hampton and will hopefully hire him by September 13th. Chief Murphy read a memo from Sgt. Roberts that stated that the Police had recently taken six parents to juvenile court for their children violating curfew. Each was fined \$121.50 in court costs in addition to a \$100.00 fine. The parents or their children are also ordered to perform ten hours of community service which has to be done through charitable or public means. Five of the six children do not reside in Ludlow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Appoint Dan Hahn as an Alternate on the Code Enforcement Board

Ms. Keys read the resolution. Mr. Schroeder introduced Mr. Hahn and stated that he lives on Deverill Street and has been a resident of Ludlow for five years. **Ms. Schachere motioned to appoint Dan Hahn as an alternate on the CEB. Motioned seconded by Mr. Manning. Motion carried all ayes.**

Resolution Regarding Mobil Data Terminals (MDT)

The money to pay for the MDT terminals is in the budget, but Mr. Mehling suggested that he get Council's approval. The officers have already been trained on how to use the MDTs, which are computers in the police cars. Ms. Keys read the resolution. **Motion made by Mr. Froehle to authorize Mayor Schroeder to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to repay the Kenton County Fiscal Court for the Police Department's Mobil Data Terminals. Motion seconded by Ms. Gaiser. Motion carried all ayes.**

Review Request for Block Party on Stokesay Street

Mr. Weekley stated that he received a flyer from someone who requested that Stokesay Street be blocked off for a party on August 28th. Mr. Weekley expressed concern about the residents wanting to charge admission. A resident in attendance stated that the reason for the charge was to cover the cost of providing hamburgers, hot dogs, plates, napkins and utensils. Everyone who pays will get a hand stamp. Ms. Schachere asked if the neighbors had been notified that the street would be blocked off. Chief Murphy requested that they use a barricade rather than a car to block off the street. Public Works could drop off barricades for the block party. Chief Bandy requested that the street remain accessible in the event of an emergency. Discussion on a time limit for the party. Mr. Schroeder stated that he could not attend because he would be out of town on vacation. **Ms. Schachere motioned to allow the 200 block of Stokesay Street to be blocked off for a party on Saturday, August 28th. Motion seconded by Ms. McMullin. Motion carried all ayes.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2004-7

Ms. Keys completed the first reading of Ordinance 2004-7 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2004, and Ending June 30, 2005 Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, and Fixing the Time and Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same.* Mr. Schroeder stated that there will be a public hearing fifteen minutes prior to the next council meeting to discuss the tax ordinances.

First Reading of Ordinance 2004-8

Ms. Keys completed the first reading of Ordinance 2004-8 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2004, and Ending June 30, 2005 Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, for the Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Special Ad Valorem Tax, and Fixing the Time for Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same.*

Ms. McMullin stated that the radar trailer wasn't working when she went past it earlier. Mr. Weekley stated that the trailer is solar powered and the bridge over River Road blocks light from it.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Janet Gaiser, chair of the CEB, welcomed Dan Hahn to the board and stated that the next meeting would be on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the City Building. Ms. Gaiser thanked Mr. Weekley, Mr. Schutzman, and Lt. Col. Johnson for attending the meeting to give the CEB a better understanding of what each department can and can't do about abandoned vehicles and garbage. Ms. Gaiser also thanked Chief Bandy and the Fire Department for doing a great job with the fire on Poplar Street.

Mary Ellen Kidd stated that the City can ask the court to let the juveniles or their parents perform the community service in Ludlow. Ms. Kidd asked if the Fire Department budget would be cut by \$20,000.00 to pay for ALS. Mr. Schroeder stated that the budget would be cut this year, but in all fairness to the citizens, the City should cut back the Fire & EMS tax by the amount of tax that the county will charge in the future. The City will have ALS coverage with TransCare until June 30, 2005. The next ALS Committee meeting is scheduled for September 2nd to discuss the possible solutions for providing ALS in the future.

Ms. McMullin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Froehle. Motion carried all ayes.

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor

Laurie Sparks, Admin. Asst.