

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 12, 2006

Mayor Ed Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Cindy Schachere, Joyce McMullin, Charlie Manning, Bill Froehle and Ken Wynn. (Karen Gaiser was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Alice Keys, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, City Engineer David Lorei, Lt. Col. Benny Johnson and Fire Chief Terry Bandy

Mr. Froehle made a motion, second by Ms. McMullin, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on September 28, 2006. Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The City received a \$50,000.00 grant from the State of Kentucky's Land and Water Conservation Fund for the skate park. Of the fourteen cities that were awarded grants, Ludlow received the highest amount awarded. The City has also applied for a \$25,000.00 grant for the skate park through the Tony Hawk Foundation.
- At the next Council meeting, Mr. Schroeder advised that he would like to appoint two members to the Code Enforcement Board to fill two vacancies.
- Mr. Schroeder discussed a report from Mr. Dehner regarding the grants the City has received and the increase in collection of delinquent taxes.
- The auditors have been at the City Building all week. The audit should be finished in the next few months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere

- Ms. Schachere thanked Bernie Fiorelli of the Public Works Department for constructing a box for the new dump truck for leaf collection. Mr. Froehle noted that Mr. Fiorelli does a great job for the City. Leaf collection will be every Monday and Tuesday through the second week of November. Leaves should be placed in the area between the sidewalk and the curb, not in the street.
- Halloween Fest will be on Sunday, October 29th at the Firehouse from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Trick-or-treating will be on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Ms. McMullin

- Candy donations for Halloween Fest are still being accepted at the City Building.
- Ms. McMullin discussed the positive articles that were published in the newspapers about the skate park and noted that a lot of business owners seem to be looking forward to the skate park also.
- Ms. McMullin thanked Mayor Schroeder, Mr. Dehner, City staff, Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works for all their hard work over the past few years.
- The Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, December 2nd. Ms. McMullin requested that Mr. Froehle contact the Vets to see if they would like to ride on the World Peace Bell float in the parade. Chief Bandy will contact local Fire Departments to see if anyone would like to participate in the Christmas Parade.

- Ms. McMullin thanked the Fire Department for hosting 275 children from Ludlow Elementary for Fire Prevention Week. Lt. Col. Johnson advised that the Police Department could host a visit from school children also.

Mr. Manning

No report.

Mr. Froehle

Mr. Froehle expressed his concern over the recent article in the paper about Ludlow Schools dropping below the required balance in their contingency fund. Mr. Froehle requested that the City send a letter to Mr. Hall expressing support for the school. Mayor Schroeder noted that the City would waive the \$5,000.00 the school had committed toward the cost of the School Resource Officer this year.

Mr. Wynn

Mr. Wynn advised that seven citizens would need to be selected to serve on the appeals board for business license review.

Fire Department Report

The County will no longer be sending the monthly squad run reports to the cities. Mayor Schroeder requested a monthly squad run report from the Fire Department. Mr. Froehle noted that he would like the City to do a proclamation in honor of Van Collins. Ms. Gaiser has asked Van Collins to be the grand marshal of the Christmas Parade.

Police Department Report

Lt. Col. Johnson thanked Ms. Sparks for purchasing Halloween glow necklaces at half the cost of previous years. Mayor Schroeder suggested the City pay for the entire bill out of the community fund to help the school out. Lt. Col. Johnson noted that there is also enough money in the community fund to purchase candy for the Halloween Fest. Lt. Col. Johnson discussed the NHTSA grant the City recently received.

City Engineer's Report

Mr. Lorei discussed the project status report. Discussion on the status of the MJ Daly site. Mr. Lorei advised that Brandstetter Carroll has been meeting weekly with the Historic Preservation Board and the Renaissance Committee to discuss the streetscape project. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Mr. Lorei will contact TANK regarding updating the bus stops in the downtown area. Discussion on samples of similar streetscape projects. After the committees' selections are reviewed by Council, there will be a public meeting to gather input from the residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Bandy requested that the City require the buildings on the old Hobo Club property to be torn down. Chief Bandy explained the recent problems with the buildings being set on fire and the difficulty in accessing them to put the fires out. After discussion about the possibility of a controlled burn of the buildings, Mayor Schroeder advised that Mr. Dehner could send a letter to the railroad, who owns the property, requesting the buildings be torn down because they are a hazard.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Ruth Bamberger of the recycling committee distributed a proposal for Council to review. The committee would like to install a recycling bin on the lot at the corner of Oak and Carneal Streets by the first of the year. Mr. Froehle expressed concern about the proposed location and how it would impact the residents in that area. The committee is encouraging the school to get students involved in National Recycling Day on November 15th. Sanitation District No. 1 is having a computer recycling event on November 18th at their offices in Ft. Wright.

Joe Knipp of 443 Hazen Street discussed the drainage problem on Hazen Street and the issue with the concrete form Public Works employees installed to divert water away from the drainage pipe. Mr. Knipp noted that it takes up one parking space on the street and he feels the concrete form is a safety hazard. Mayor Schroeder advised that it is a temporary fix and that the City is working with the Sanitation District to repair the problem. Discussion on water runoff onto the property across the street from Mr. Knipp's home. Mr. Wynn advised that he would contact Mr. Knipp after making arrangements with Mr. Schutzman to look into the issue on Monday. Mr. Knipp also inquired about the status of eliminating parking on one side of the street in the 400 block of Hazen Street.

**Mr. Wynn made a motion, second by Ms. McMullin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor