

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 27, 2005

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 due to illness.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Chris Mehling, City Engineer David Lorei, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, Police Chief Ray Murphy, Fire Chief Terry Bandy

It was moved by Ms. McMullin and seconded by Mr. Wynn to approve the minutes from the council meeting on October 13, 2005. Motion carried all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schroeder introduced Paul Wolgin, the City's new MainStreet/Renaissance Coordinator. Andy Corn, chairperson of the Renaissance Committee, discussed Mr. Wolgin's qualifications. Mr. Wolgin will be responsible for grant writing, fund raising, event planning and assisting in a marketing campaign for Ludlow. Mr. Corn requested that Council pass an ordinance designating the Renaissance Committee as an official board of the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere—Parks Committee

Ms. Schachere discussed the details regarding a program funded by the State that allows qualified Medicaid recipients to get a free cab ride to doctor's appointments.

Ms. McMullin—Riverfront Development Committee

Ms. McMullin discussed issues regarding Ohio Avenue including a request for speed humps. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would look into them and contact the owner of 4 Carneal to discuss the issues.

Mr. Manning—Finance Committee

Mr. Manning stated that the audit is underway and on schedule. The dump truck is on schedule but no specific date of completion has been given from Ford. Once the City receives the truck cab, it will take four weeks to install the body of the truck.

Mr. Froehle—Police, Fire and Public Works Committee

Halloween Fest will be on Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. Trick-or-treating will be on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Wynn—Renaissance Committee

No report.

Building/Zoning Report

All liens imposed by the Code Enforcement Board were filed earlier in the week. The last cleanup of abandoned properties will be next week. At Ms. McMullin's request, Mr. Schutzman stated that he would have an updated list of all blighted properties for the next council meeting.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Lorei discussed the project status report, including the pricing for speed humps. Council agreed to allow Mr. Lorei and Mr. Dehner to look for the best deal for speed humps not to exceed \$1,500.00. Discussion on status of panels for retaining wall on Elm Street and the sidewalk in front of it. Mr. Froehle requested that Mr. Lorei look into the possibility of having the State install the railing along the sidewalk on Elm Street.

Fire Chief's Report

The ambulance was involved in a 5 car accident two weeks ago on Kyles Lane. No one was injured in the accident which caused \$8,000.00 in damage to the ambulance. The ambulance should be back in service in a few weeks. Discussion on monthly squad reports that the City receives from the Kenton County Emergency Management.

Police Chief's Report

The Skateboard Park Committee met yesterday with Sean Foley, a professor at NKU, to discuss possible options for a skatepark. Beginning in January, NKU students majoring in construction management will select the best site location, develop a cost analysis and pre-design for a skatepark. The students should submit their plans by April and, hopefully, a skatepark will be constructed by September or October next year. Mr. Schroeder suggested that Mr. Wolgin look into obtaining a grant for a skatepark.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2005-20

It was moved by Mr. Froehle and seconded by Ms. McMullin to adopt Ordinance 2005-20 An Ordinance Amending Section 91.03 of the Code of Ordinances. Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

First Reading of Ordinance 2005-21

Mr. Mehling completed the first reading of Ordinance 2005-21 *An Ordinance Removing River's Breeze from Schedule I of the No Parking Zone and Placing it in Schedule II – Limited Parking*. Mr. Manning stated that the ordinance should be amended to not allow parking before 7:00 a.m. rather than 8:00 a.m. because of the construction traffic. Kathy Finck of the 400 block of Hazen Street discussed her opposition to allowing parking in the 200 block of River's Breeze Drive. Ms. Finck requested that an "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" sign be posted on northbound River's Breeze at Hazen Street. A resident of River's Breeze expressed her opposition to parking on River's Breeze Drive and requested speed humps or striping down the center of the street to make the street safer. Mr. Schutzman stated that there haven't been any safety issues in the four winters since the development was built. Mr. Mehling requested that Mr. Lorei look into the parking and traffic situation on River's Breeze Drive and give a recommendation at the next council meeting. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would instruct Mr. Dehner to post an "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" sign on River's Breeze at Hazen Street.

First Reading of Ordinance 2005-22

Mr. Mehling completed the first reading of Ordinance 2005-22 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Amending Chapter 72 Parking Regulations to Create a New Section 72.14 Parking on Paved Surfaces*.

Resolution Expressing Opposition to Senate Bill 1504

It was moved by Ms. McMullin and seconded by Mr. Froehle to adopt a resolution to oppose Senate Bill 1504 known as the "Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act". Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Sue Harney asked Chief Bandy how the squad finds houses when many of them don't have address numbers on them. Chief Bandy stated that usually someone is standing on the porch, the police are already there, or they look at the surrounding house numbers to determine the address. Mr. Froehle stated that all homes are required to have address numbers on the front and those with alley access must post the address on the rear of the property.

A resident requested that the City look into the timing of the Walk/Don't Walk light at Elm and Helen Streets because it changes while you are in the middle of the street. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would look into who's responsible for the lights.

Kim Lilly asked about the status of the curb replacement at Ludford Pass. Mr. Schroeder stated that it is scheduled to be replaced this fall.

It was moved by Ms. McMullin and seconded by Mr. Froehle to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk