

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 28, 2004

Mayor 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, Bill Froehle, Karen Gaiser and Gary Rolfsen. (Charlie Manning was absent.)

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

Ms. Schachere motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 14, 2004. Motion seconded by Mr. Rolfsen. Motion carried all ayes, 1 absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Schroeder encouraged everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday.
- The second council meetings in November and December have been cancelled due to the holidays. Ms. Schachere requested a list of City holidays to publish in the paper.
- The Ludlow Businessmen's Christmas Party will be on December 10th at Turfway Park at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased from Ken Wynn or Shay Lemker.
- The State is encouraging residents to vote for Kentucky's new brand. Anyone can vote online at KLC.org or Kentucky.gov.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere—Parks Committee

The shelter houses have been completed in the park. Ms. Schachere extended best wishes to Mayor Schroeder's wife who recently fell and broke three ribs and her clavicle.

Ms. McMullin—Riverfront Development Committee

- Mr. Schroeder welcomed Ms. McMullin back after her knee surgery. Ms. McMullin thanked the city for the fall flowers.
- Ms. McMullin requested that the City publish a "Who to Call" list in the *Ludlow Community Connection* to let residents know who to call for various issues in the city.
- Ms. McMullin asked if it would be possible for a representative of Cinergy to come to a council meeting to explain the plan for the gas main replacement throughout the city. Mr. Weekley briefly explained the plan and Mr. Schutzman stated that he just received a packet from the engineering firm of updated plans for the project. Discussion on the condition of the sidewalks after the gas mains are replaced.
- Discussion on the status of the Route 8 project. Mr. Lorei stated that Brandstetter-Carroll had not received the plans for the retaining wall in front of Barker Fine Color. Mr. Schutzman stated that the City is in the process of foreclosing on the building and taking the property, but it doesn't affect the state's plans. Mr. Weekley stated that no completion date had been set for the project.

Mr. Froehle—Police, Fire & Public Works Committee

Mr. Froehle stated that he had received a proposal for a new dump truck for Public Works. Mr. Weekley stated that the price was 20-40% less than most dealers, but he would like to look at other bids before making a decision.

Ms. Gaiser—Community Relations

- Halloween Fest will be on Saturday, October 30th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The street will be blocked off at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Weekley stated that he would have the barricades brought up for Saturday and Chief Bandy stated that he would have the fire trucks pulled out by 3:00 p.m. for the event. Trick-or-treating will be on Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- Ms. Gaiser stated that she received confirmation that Ronald McDonald will be in the Christmas Parade. The next Christmas Parade Committee meeting will be on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Ms. Gaiser's house.

Mr. Rolfsen—Economic Development

Mr. Rolfsen stated that Ms. Schachere and the Park Board did a great job on the park shelters. Mr. Rolfsen wished everyone good luck on the Election on Tuesday.

Building/Zoning Report

Mr. Schutzman stated that demolition of the houses at 34 and 36 Carneal should begin next Monday. A contract was also signed to remove the fire damaged house in the 400 block of Hazen Street. The hearing regarding the new addition to River's Breeze will be at the Planning Commission on November 4th at 9:00 a.m. The property at 635 Church Street was transferred earlier in the week. Discussion on the parking situation on Lake Street.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Lorei requested that Council begin thinking about the 2005 street paving project. Mr. Lorei stated that they usually request bids in February. Mr. Weekley stated that Mr. Froehle and Ms. McMullin are usually on the committee.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

The auction of surplus items will be on Saturday, October 30th beginning at 10:00 a.m., doors open at 9:00 a.m. The auction will be conducted by Innovative Auctions from Ludlow. Discussion on the possibility of doing future auctions online. Leaf collection will continue each Monday. Anyone who would like their leaves picked up should put them in a pile near the curb, not in bags.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Bandy stated that the recent fire at 1 and 3 Carneal Street is under investigation by the Police and Task Force. Bromley and Covington Fire Departments assisted in fighting the fire. Discussion on the unusually high number of fires in the city recently. Mr. Weekley stated that the past two fires were caused by children playing with matches. In response to Mr. Rolfsen's question about fire safety education, Chief Bandy stated that the Fire Department recently hosted 247 children from school during fire prevention week.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Murphy had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Appoint Steve Helmer to the Park Board

Ms. Schachere motioned to pass a resolution to appoint Steve Helmer to the Park Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Zachary Naugle. Motion seconded by Mr. Froehle. Motion carried all ayes, 1 absent. Mr. Schroeder requested that Ms. Sparks send a letter to Mr. Naugle thanking him for his service to the City. Ms. Schachere stated that Mr. Naugle resigned because he had too many other commitments.

First Reading of Ordinance 2004-11

Mr. Mehling completed the first reading of Ordinance 2004-11 *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 76: Parking Schedules, Schedule I, Modifying Parking Restrictions on Lake Street.*

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Ray Graven of 705 Elm Street asked about the status of Advanced Life Support (ALS). Mr. Schroeder stated that the next meeting of the ALS committee, representing 7 or 8 cities, should be November.

Janet Gaiser, chairperson of the Code Enforcement Board (CEB), discussed information that she had received from Rep. Arnold Simpson regarding taxing abandoned property at a higher rate than the regular property tax rate. Mr. Schutzman stated that Newport recently set their abandoned property tax rate at 7 times the regular property tax rate. After discussion, Mr. Mehling stated that he would have an ordinance prepared for the next council meeting.

Robert Traft of 238 Elm Street discussed an incident with a police officer that occurred on October 17th at his home. Mr. Mehling stated that Council could not discuss a personnel matter at an open council meeting and asked Mr. Traft to put his complaint in writing and give it to Mr. Schroeder. Mr. Traft stated that he had submitted a complaint on the city website. Mr. Mehling stated that he would follow up on the complaint and see that it is properly handled. Mr. Traft requested that the City disband the Police Department, have the County take over, and give the money allotted to the Police to the Fire Department. Mr. Traft also requested that a committee of citizens be formed to oversee the Police Department and handle any complaints that are received.

Mr. Rolfsen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. Schachere. Motion carried all ayes, 1 absent.

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor

Laurie Sparks, Admin. Asst.