

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

November 9, 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, Karen Gaiser and Ken Wynn.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Chris Mehling, City Administrative Officer Brian Dehner, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, City Engineer David Lorei, Lt. Col. Benny Johnson and Fire Chief Terry Bandy

Ms. McMullin made a motion, second by Mr. Wynn, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on October 26, 2006. Motion carried all ayes.

Engineer's Report

- Mr. Lorei discussed the project status report and introduced Pat Hoagland of Brandstetter Carroll Inc. who is working on the streetscape project. Mr. Hoagland discussed the status on selecting lights, trees, benches and trash receptacles for the downtown area. The ideas will be presented at the public hearing on November 16, 2006 at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the streetscape project. Mr. Dehner advised that the plans will be presented to Council in December and then sent to the State for approval. The bid specs will be sent to the engineers in January.
- Discussion on options for street repair in the 500 block of Linden Street. Mr. Dehner advised Council to consider what issues need to be addressed in the area and be prepared to discuss it in January.
- Mr. Lorei advised that the suggestions for the 2007 street improvement project will be presented at the December council meeting. Mr. Manning requested that the engineers examine the condition of River's Breeze Drive.
- The layout for the skate park should be completed by the end of November.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schroeder thanked everyone for putting their trust in the current council and mayor during the recent election. The City Building will be closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans' Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere

Ms. Schachere congratulated Mr. Mehling for being elected as family court judge and everyone on council who were re-elected. The fourth annual Christmas Home Tour will be on December 2nd from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8.00 or the evening of the tour at a cost of \$10.00 each. Dr. Judy Neff will be signing copies of her book, the Ludlow edition in the Images of America series.

Ms. McMullin

Ms. McMullin will distribute a flyer to local businesses inviting them to participate in the Christmas parade. Ms. McMullin requested that Chief Bandy provide her with the contact names at local fire departments to ask for their participation in the parade. Mr. Schutzman will check with Duke Energy

about filling the holes in the street in the 400 block of Linden. Discussion on the status of repairing the storm sewer at the corner of Elm and Adela Streets. Ms. McMullin thanked the citizens for their support in voting and looks forward to serving two more years on Council.

Mr. Manning

Mr. Manning thanked Lt. Col. Johnson for the September and October police reports. Discussion on cleaning up the Barker property on Elm Street. Discussion on the status of cleaning up the former trailer park property on Elm Street. Mr. Dehner will set up a meeting with the property owner, Mr. Schutzman and several council members to discuss the City's expectations for the property. Mr. Dehner noted that Aquarius Marine is one of the highest revenue producers in the city. Ms. McMullin requested the specific amount of revenue the City receives from Aquarius Marine's payroll, property and tangible taxes. The Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner on November 18th.

Mr. Froehle

Mr. Froehle thanked Lt. Col. Johnson for allowing him to participate in distributing the glow necklaces at school on Halloween. Discussion on the collection of historic documents and photos belonging to the Mitchell family that they would like to make available to the City. Discussion on the situation of school funding and an upcoming meeting to ask for suggestions on how to help with the school budget. Mr. Froehle requested that Ms. Sparks forward the emails from the Chamber of Commerce to him.

Ms. Gaiser

Ms. Gaiser thanked everyone who helped with the Halloween Fest. A local Masonic lodge will make gift bags for Santa to hand out to children at Elm Wood Park following the parade. The local cable network will tape the parade and tree lighting ceremony.

Mr. Wynn

Discussion on the status of blight issues that Mr. Wynn asked Mr. Schutzman to address.

Fire Department Report

Chief Bandy inquired about the status of the Duro building. Mr. Schutzman advised that he had given permission to Duro to demolish the building on Poplar Street because it was dilapidated. Discussion on approaching the Bromley Fire Department about their future plans since Bromley's proposed fire tax was defeated.

Police Department Report

Lt. Col. Johnson thanked Ms. Schachere, Mr. Froehle and Mayor Schroeder for help in handing out the glow necklaces at school.

City Administrative Officer's Report

Mr. Dehner had nothing to report.

Building/Zoning Officer's Report

The City has received several thousand dollars in CEB fines last month because many mortgage companies paid the fines along with the taxes. Discussion on the status of 440 Linden Street. Discussion on the complaints that have been received regarding Thomas Catering and the Ludlow Bromley Yacht Club. Mr. Schutzman suggested that several council members meet with him and the business owners to discuss options to resolve the issues that need to be addressed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2006-55

Mr. Froehle made a motion, second by Ms. Gaiser, to pass the resolution to authorize the application for Preserve America Community Designation. After roll call, motion carried, all ayes.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Ray Graven inquired about the status of the renovation of the new municipal building. Mr. Dehner advised that the City can begin drawing down the money from the State in January. The City is currently getting quotes from architects for the work and will present it to Council. Discussion on the status of the MJ Daly site. Once the site is finished, the City will begin the process of taking the property.

Discussion on the speed bump that Public Works recently installed in the 100 block of Willow Alley at a cost of \$55.00. Discussion on possibly installing another speed bump in the 600 block of Walnut and Cedar Alleys.

A man addressed Council on behalf of Scott Walker, owner of 209 Kenner Street. Mr. Schutzman advised him to attend the CEB meeting on Tuesday, November 14th to discuss the status of the case.

At 8:45 p.m., Ms. McMullin made a motion, second by Ms. Schachere, to enter into executive session. Motion carried, all ayes.

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After coming out of executive session, Ms. McMullin made a motion, second by Mr. Wynn, to give Bill Schilling notice that his benefits will be suspended in 90 days. Motion carried, all ayes.

Ms. Schachere made a motion, second by Mr. Wynn, to adjourn the council meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor