

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

February 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 Engineer David Lorei, City Administrative Officer Brian Dehner, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, Police Chief Ray Murphy and Fire Department Chief Terry Bandy

It was moved by Ms. Schachere and seconded by Mr. Manning to approve the minutes from the council meeting on January 26, 2006. Motion carried, all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The new Public Works dump truck was picked up earlier in the week. Mayor Schroeder thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for their reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere—Parks Committee

- Mr. Dehner is researching information about a rental tax for the City.
- Council set the dates for the following events: Citywide Yard Sale – May 13th (with a rain date of June 3rd), Large Item Pickup – May 20th, Street Cleaning – week of May 22nd, Memorial Day Parade – May 29th.
- According to Mr. Schutzman, Fischer is responsible for the signs in the River's Breeze subdivision. Mr. Dehner and Mr. Woodward met with representatives from the Homeowners' Association to determine how many signs are needed and the possibility of the City installing the signs at Association's expense.
- Ms. Schachere expressed concern about the 30 minute parking signs in the residential areas. Mr. Wynn and Mr. Woodward will walk the area on Friday and determine the legal description of the locations where each sign should be placed. After discussion, Mr. Mehling stated that he could amend the ordinance to include specific locations for each sign. Bob Traft of 238 Elm Street suggested the City designate residential parking on one side of the street and business parking on the other. Mr. Schroeder stated that Council will look at the situation and work something out.
- Discussion on the possibility of making Glenwood Street and Ohio Avenue one-way streets. Since Ohio Avenue is not a dedicated city street, it cannot legally be designated as one-way. After discussion, Mr. Schroeder suggested sending letters to all of the residents on Glenwood Avenue asking if they would object to making the street one-way going west.

Ms. McMullin—Riverfront Development Committee

Discussion on the fence along the trailer park property near Elm Street. Ms. McMullin requested that the fence be required to be moved back further from the street. Mr. Schutzman stated that Mr. Weisner would actually like to remove the fence and discussed his plans for the property. In response to Ms. McMullin's inquiry about the status of the property adjacent to the Buffalo Bar, Mr. Schutzman stated that the paperwork was sent to Mr. Mehling to begin foreclosure proceedings.

Mr. Manning—Finance Committee

Discussion on the status of the MJ Daly site cleanup.

Mr. Froehle—Police, Fire & Public Works Committee

The Police Golf Outing is tentatively scheduled for June 24th at A.J. Jolly Golf Course. Mr. Froehle thanked Mr. Dehner for driving Ms. Schachere, Mr. Wynn and him to the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce night in Frankfort.

Ms. Gaiser—Community Relations Committee

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8th. Discussion on possibly changing the time to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Wynn—Renaissance, Finance Committee

Mr. Wynn had no report.

Building/Zoning Report

The City received a check for approximately \$7,000.00 for CEB fines for 440 Linden Street. The owners of 110 Oak Street have cleaned up the property which is used by A & A Sheet Metal for storage. Since the sidewalk in front of Mach III is not an immediate hazard, Mr. Schutzman stated that he would make a determination on it in the spring. The property at 272 Deverill Street was sold and all fines were paid. Discussion on the status of 417 and 419 Hooper Street and the lot next to it. March 5th is the deadline for everyone who has been given notice by the CEB to have their properties cleaned up. Discussion on the equipment behind Aquarius Marine. Mr. Schutzman stated that Mr. Weisner has complied with everything that has been asked of him so far and has spent a tremendous amount of money on rehabbing the houses on the property.

Engineer's Report

The bids for the paving project will be opened at the City Building on February 16th and the recommendations will be made at the council meeting on February 23rd.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Bandy distributed the year end report to Council.

Police Chief's Report

Mayor Schroeder agreed with the Chief Murphy and Mr. Dehner's recommendation to hire the new officer to replace Officer David Hampton. The new officer will be sworn in at the next council meeting and begin working on February 27th. The skateboard park committee met recently and gave NKU professor Sean Foley a list of eight possible locations for a skate park. Mr. Foley's class should have a presentation by May. There is still the possibility of obtaining a grant through NKU for the project. The next committee meeting will be on February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

City Administrative Officer's Report

Mr. Dehner discussed the tentative agenda and the process for the council retreat on February 25th at the Ludlow Senior Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Supporting the Millions in a Month Campaign Against Hunger

It was moved by Ms. McMullin and seconded by Mr. Froehle to pass a resolution to support the Millions in a Month Campaign against hunger in Kentucky. Motion carried, all ayes. Mayor Schroeder suggested advertising the campaign in the *Community Connection* and in local church bulletins. The designated drop-off locations for non-perishable items will be the City Building, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and the Fire Department, Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Resolution to Appoint Brenda Boone to the Historic Preservation Board

It was moved by Ms. Schachere and seconded by Ms. McMullin to appoint Brenda Boone to the Historic Preservation Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Lena Sweeten. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Ray Graven of 705 Elm Street expressed concern that the City may be stretching itself too thin financially by purchasing several vehicles and the church. Mayor Schroeder stated that they have been conservative enough so the City is not overspending. Mr. Dehner stated that the City had been neglected for some time and the capital is in bad shape. Mr. Dehner discussed the City's plan to remedy the situation in a way that will have the least impact to the community. Ms. McMullin stated that Council's goal is to put a plan in place that will avoid the need for major purchases all at once in the future.

It was moved by Ms. McMullin and seconded by Ms. Schachere to enter into executive session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

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It was moved by Mr. Wynn and seconded by Ms. McMullin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk