

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 24, 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, Charlie Manning (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Karen Gaiser and Ken Wynn. (Joyce McMullin and Bill Froehle were absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Chris Mehling, City Engineer Bruce Brandstetter, Clerk/Treasurer Paul Weekley, Police Chief Ray Murphy and Fire Dept. Representative Jeff Chipley

Ms. Schachere motioned to approve the minutes from the council meeting on March 10, 2005. Motion seconded by Mr. Wynn. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Presentation by Andy Corn, Chairperson of the Renaissance Committee

Andy Corn introduced members of the Renaissance Committee and gave a presentation on their goals to define projects, get status with Renaissance on Main and to get money through grants, donations and memberships. Mr. Corn requested that Council approve the hiring of a Main Street Coordinator to perform daily tasks and show the City's commitment to the Renaissance on Main program. The responsibilities of the Main Street Coordinator, who would be paid \$20,000.00 annually, would include organizing four annual events: Christmas Home Tour (winter), Clean-up along Elm Street and the river area (spring), Fireworks Festival (summer) and a bicycle race or run/walk along Rt. 8 (fall). The goal is to make the Renaissance Committee an official board of the City that would continue to meet once a month and oversee the Main Street Coordinator. The Coordinator would need a small office, preferably in a city-owned building. The Coordinator, who would begin working July 1st, would be expected to raise \$10,000.00-12,000.00 per year for projects through donations and grant money. Currently, there aren't any grants available to pay for the cost of hiring a Main Street Coordinator. Mr. Schroeder thanked Mr. Corn for his presentation and stated that he and Council would review the Renaissance Committee's proposed budget and get back to them.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Schroeder stated that the City should receive an additional \$80,252.00 in Municipal Road Aid from the State this year.
- The Governor's Office is accepting applications for government internships that run from May 1st through August 31st. There will be at least one paid intern hired for the Northern Kentucky office. The application will be on file at the City Building if anyone is interested in applying.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere—Parks Committee

Ms. Schachere stated that she received a copy of the insurance for the Hendricks' Family Circus that expires in April, but should receive an updated copy when it becomes available.

Mr. Manning—Finance Committee

- Mr. Manning thanked Mr. Weekley and Mike Woodward for fixing the lights in the 300 block of Elm Street.

- Mr. Manning discussed the blighted condition of the old trailer park in the 700 block of Elm Street looks worse everyday. Mr. Schutzman stated that the property is zoned for phased water development and multi-family housing. The owner should be at the next council meeting to discuss plans for the property. Mr. Schutzman stated that he gave the owner's an extension to clean up the property.
- Mr. Manning stated that he received two calls about a refrigerator on the front porch of 344 Highway Avenue.

Ms. Gaiser—Community Relations Committee

The “Visit with the Easter Bunny” will be on Saturday, March 26th at the Firehouse from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, a coloring contest, candy and refreshments. Ms. Gaiser thanked everyone who helped with a donation.

Mr. Wynn—Renaissance; Finance Committees

- Mr. Wynn thanked everyone who attended and sponsored the Night at the Races, which was a huge success this year.
- In response to Mr. Wynn's question, Mr. Weekley stated that the City has the streets cleaned once a year in the spring. Mr. Wynn requested that Public Works clean Adela, Elm, Oak and Deverill Streets once a month because they are well traveled streets. Discussion on possibly having the street sweepers come back to do the main streets more often. The City only budgeted for one street cleaning this year. The money comes from the Municipal Road Aid Fund. Mr. Schroeder requested that Public Works clean up the mud on Adela between Howard and Ludford Streets that has run off of the hillside. Mr. Schutzman stated that the hill slipped due to a problem with a downspout on a building on Sandbank Road. The problem will need to be corrected by the property owners.

Building/Zoning Report

- Mr. Schutzman stated that the State has completed the ground testing on the KDI property and is currently asking the federal government for funds to take the building down. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would like to work with one or two councilmembers to draft a proposal of intended use for the property once the building is torn down and the area is cleaned up.
- Fischer submitted plans to the Planning Commission requesting two new roadways for River's Breeze. One is a connector road to Montague, but it is not up to current subdivision regulations. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would advise the Planning Commission that the new road must adhere to subdivision regulations and that the City would not make an exception to approve the road. Mr. Mehling stated that Fischer should be required to install an alternate road connecting to Montague to allow access of emergency vehicles.

Engineer's Report

- Mr. Brandstetter distributed and briefly discussed the draft of the pavement management study. The City is currently funding close to the \$80,000.00 annually for street paving and maintenance. Mr. Brandstetter recommended that the City begin an extensive crack sealing program to extend the life of streets. State routes were not included in the pavement management study.
- Mr. Brandstetter discussed the cost estimates of two options to correct the problem with water runoff and a collapsing wall behind 207 Montclair Avenue and several other houses. Discussion on options to control water runoff from the houses on Highway Avenue. The option to install approximately 150 feet of 6-8 inch curb along the alley would divert the water down the alley onto

Montrose and into the sewer. This option wouldn't improve the wall, but it would slow its deterioration.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Northern Kentucky Water District will be conducting hydrant flushing during the week of April 11th and the week of August 15th.

Fire Department Report

Mr. Chipley had no report. Mr. Schroeder stated that the Fire Department didn't have any missed runs for the month of February and did a few backups for other cities. Mr. Schroeder stated that the ALS Committee is waiting for one city's decision before getting a final cost to the City for next year's ALS coverage with TransCare. TransCare will use soft billing and will not sell subscriptions.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Murphy stated that they shipped out 37 pounds of supplies this week to the adopted military unit overseas. They are still collecting supplies at the Police Department and Fire Department to be shipped out. They have collected \$60.00 to pay for postage. Mr. Schroeder read a letter that he received from a resident on Hazen regarding problems with people parking at the bottom of River's Breeze Drive. Chief Murphy stated that he would try to help her with the situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for Interlocal Agreement for Police Protection in Bromley

Mr. Mehling read the agreement under which Bromley agrees to pay the City \$65,000.00 plus up to \$10,000.00 in base court revenue each year for police protection. **Ms. Schachere motioned to authorize Mayor Schroeder to enter into the Interlocal Agreement to provide police protection for Bromley. Motion seconded by Mr. Manning. After roll call, motion carried: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2005-3

Mr. Mehling completed the first reading of Ordinance 2005-3 *An Ordinance to Amend the Parking Schedule Contained in Schedule III: Metered Parking Zones of Chapter 75 of the Ludlow Code of Ordinances.*

First Reading of Ordinance 2005-4

Mr. Mehling completed the first reading of Ordinance 2005-4 *An Ordinance Amending Schedule II: Limited Parking Zones to Add a Loading Zone on Kenner Street North of Elm on the East Side of the Street.*

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Ray Graven of 705 Elm Street discussed with Mr. Schutzman the water runoff issue behind the 200 block of Montclair Avenue.

Natalie Ross of 207 Montclair Avenue asked when they could expect a decision from Council on repairing the situation behind their home. Mr. Schroeder stated that if Municipal Road Aid money could be used, the repairs should be made pretty soon. Council should have a decision by the next meeting.

Shay Lemker of the *Ludlow Community Connection* stated that she would like to write an article about cleaning up the city. The article would encourage residents to adopt a section of their street and also help elderly neighbors keep the street in front of their homes clean. After discussion, it was determined that the citywide cleanup would be on May 21st, the weekend before the street cleaning. Mr. Weekley stated that the City may receive money from a litter abatement grant to help in a citywide cleanup. Ms. Lemker discussed a problem with broken bottles and trash along the front of the old trailer park property and suggested that the City clean the main streets at least once a week. Ms. Ross discussed a problem with litter along River Road in the detour area and asked how often it was cleaned. Mr. Weekley stated that Public Works cleans the area once a week, but it is difficult to maintain it. Public Works spends 10 hours a week picking up trash throughout the city. Mr. Schroeder discussed the possibility of an adopt-a-highway program.

Andy Corn asked if Council could designate an official “Clean Up Ludlow Day” that would be on the same weekend each year. The Renaissance Committee could pick up on it next year and help organize the event. Ms. Schachere stated that it would be best to have the annual weekend event in April, but it is too late to advertise in the paper this year.

Mr. Manning motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. Gaiser. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor

Laurie Sparks, Admin. Asst.