

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 27, 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 and Ken Wynn. (Karen Gaiser was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Chris Mehling, City Engineer David Lorei, City Administrative Officer Brian Dehner, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Police Chief Ray Murphy and Fire Chief Terry Bandy

Ms. McMullin made a motion, second by Mr. Wynn, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on April 13, 2006. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Schroeder thanked Senator Westwood and Rep. Simpson for their support in getting the State to budget \$225,000.00 toward the cost of renovating the Christian Church into the Ludlow Municipal Building. There were also 130 people who sent faxes of support. The City purchased the building last week. The City will also receive \$20,000.00 for a new stoplight to be installed at the intersection of Oak and Adela Streets.
- Cinergy is sponsoring the sale of energy saving light bulbs at the shelter in Ludlow Park on May 20th. Discussion on putting an insert in the *Ludlow Community Connection* announcing the light bulb sale.
- Mayor Schroeder introduced the new Ludlow Schools superintendent, Curtis Hall, who will begin working on July 1st. Mr. Hall is looking forward to working with Council and the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere—Parks Committee

- Two new grills and a water fountain have been ordered for Ludlow Park. Public Works has been making the fields at Carlisle and Jackson larger for the A league teams. The City hired two public works employees to work on the parks. Discussion on the lights at Hollingsworth Field.
- Discussion on the status of making Glenwood Avenue a one-way street. The City received three responses from the ten requests that were sent out with one being in favor of making the street one-way and the other two opposed because of the concern about elimination of parking on one side. Chief Bandy discussed the difficulty of maneuvering the fire truck on Glenwood because there is parking on both sides of the narrow street. Mr. Dehner will determine the space needed to use the aerial ladder on the fire truck on Glenwood and Howard Streets.

Ms. McMullin—Riverfront Development; Rental Tax Committee

- Discussion on plans for sprucing up the entrances to the City for the summer. The garden club received a \$500.00 grant to place flowers at the entrances and along the downtown area.
- The City will receive the money from the state for the building renovation sometime in the next fiscal year. Ms. McMullin inquired about a timeline for the renovation. The City will advertise for architects once the UC students' plans are submitted by the end of May. Many issues need to be addressed, including the costs of renovation. The City still plans to have a walkthrough of the church building before and after the renovation.
- It costs \$647.00 to install a new street light plus the cost of the electric bill. Chief Murphy is still looking into the call volume in the 500 block of Church Street and Mr. Schutzman is looking into the CEB fines on property in the area. Mr. Manning stated that installing a new street light in the 500

block of Church Street would be like opening “Pandora’s box”. The City would like to add additional street lights throughout the city, but cannot afford to do it. Ms. McMullin suggested starting a neighborhood watch program in the area.

Mr. Manning—Finance Committee

- Discussion of dirt washing out onto Adela from the hillside near Sandbank Road. Mr. Dehner would like Brandstetter Carroll to determine exactly what it would cost to fix the problem and meet with the Sanitation District to present the suggestions.
- Mr. Manning spoke with someone who lived in Ludlow twenty years ago and, upon recently visiting the city, noted that it looked great. Mr. Manning commended the Code Enforcement Board for cleaning up the city. Anyone with complaints about overgrown lots should contact the Mr. Schutzman at the City Building. Discussion on the process involved in getting the grass cut on a property. Discussion on repairs that need to be made to the steeple of the church. Mr. Schroeder hopes to have a preliminary budget for the next meeting.

Mr. Froehle—Police, Public Works, Fire Department Committee

- Mr. Froehle thanked the Park Board and Public Works for doing a great job with the ball fields. Mr. Froehle inquired about the status of repairing the sewer at Elm and Adela. Mike Woodward recently met with a state engineer who informed him it should be fixed within thirty days.
- The annual Police Golf Outing will be on June 24th at A.J. Jolly Golf Course at 1:00 p.m. The cost of \$65.00 per person includes lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf and a cart. Teams and sponsors are still needed for the event

Mr. Wynn—Renaissance; Finance Committee

- Mr. Wynn inquired about the status of the Rental Tax ordinance. Mr. Dehner forwarded the information on to Mr. Mehling and would like to have the draft to review in May, the readings in June, and take effect July 1st.
- Discussion on the drainage problem in the 400 block of Hazen Street. Kathy & Donald Finck of 458 Hazen Street discussed the ongoing problem with water runoff from the hillside onto their property.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Lorei discussed the project status sheet. Mr. Lorei will check to make sure they have received responses from Duke Energy and the Sanitation District before beginning the paving project. Public Works will be repairing potholes in the 400 block of Linden Street next week.

City Administrative Officer’s Report

- Mr. Dehner discussed a recent meeting with the EPA on plans for the MJ Daly site. Mr. Mehling will need to meet with the EPA attorneys to reach a final agreement. The EPA found no contaminants around the exterior of the Barker property, which is still in litigation. Discussion on the status of the incinerator property.
- Once Council reviews them, Mr. Dehner will submit an article to the *Community Connection* about Council’s goals that were determined at the council retreat.
- Mr. Dehner was contacted by Bill Scheyer, Erlanger’s city administrator, who recently drove through Ludlow and thought the city looked wonderful and clean. A friend of Mr. Dehner’s drove through Ludlow on Wednesday and was impressed by the city’s cleanliness and thought the parks looked great. Mr. Dehner noted that the Renaissance Committee is developing a “Discover Ludlow” campaign.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Bandy noted that the son of Ludlow Fire Fighter Paul Vickers was recently killed in a wreck on I-75. Arrangements are pending. Mayor Schroeder stated that he and Council would keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

Chief Murphy

- NKU professor Sean Foley's class will present five plans for a skateboard park on May 3rd at 6:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria. At the next Mayors' Group meeting, Mayor Schroeder will ask if a portion of the \$50,000.00 donated by Toyota for a county skate park would be available for Ludlow.
- Chief Murphy discussed the difficulty that the City's adopted troop had encountered coming back to their families from overseas. Hopefully, all the troops should arrive in the tri-state this weekend.
- Chief Murphy requested permission to apply for a non-matching, \$300,000.00 equipment grant through the Department of Homeland Security to upgrade police radios that would allow officers to communicate digitally with Covington. The grant would also include scanners that would enable officers to run drivers licenses directly through their MDTs and printers to print out reports and citations immediately. Deadline to apply for the grant is May 1st. **Mr. Froehle made a motion, second by Ms. McMullin, to allow the Police Department to apply for an equipment grant through the Department of Homeland Security. After roll call, motion carried: 5 ayes, 1 absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Enter into a Municipal Aid Cooperative Agreement

Ms. McMullin made a motion, second by Ms. Schachere, to authorize Mayor Schroeder to enter into a Municipal Aid Cooperative Agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. After roll call, motion carried: 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Resolution to Authorize Alcohol Sales in the Park for the Fireworks Festival

Mr. Froehle made a motion, second by Ms. Schachere, to allow the sale of alcohol in Ludlow Park during the Fireworks Festival in June. Motion carried.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Ray Graven of 705 Elm Street requested that police reports be included in the *Community Connection*. Chief Murphy stated that he would send the information to the paper.

Kathy Finck noted that she has seen a lot of improvement with the current Council and appreciates Mr. Wynn's time in helping them with the water runoff issue on their street.

Mr. Wynn made a motion, second by Mr. Froehle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor