

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

May 12, 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, Joyce McMullin, Charlie Manning and Ken Wynn. (Bill Froehle was out of town and Karen Gaiser was absent due to a death in her family.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Chris Mehling, City Engineer David Lorei, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, Police Chief Ray Murphy and Fire Chief Terry Bandy

It was moved by Ms. Schachere and seconded by Mr. Wynn to approve the minutes from the council meetings on April 14, 2005 and April 28, 2005. Motion carried, all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Schroeder thanked the Ludlow Vets for donating an American flag for the Memorial in Ludlow Park.
- Mr. Schroeder thanked whoever was responsible for posting the "Clean-Up Ludlow" signs at each end of the city.
- The City Wide Yard Sale will be on May 14th (Rain date is June 11th), Large Item Pick-Up will be on May 21st and Street Cleaning will be on May 23rd and May 24th.
- The City will be advertising for bids for garbage collection soon. Discussion on the contract proposal for garbage collection. The contract was reviewed and modified by Brian Dehnert of NKADD to an initial two-year term with a two-year renewal increment.

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

John Walker of Van Gorder, Walker & Co., Inc. distributed copies of the audit to Council. Mr. Walker discussed the management letter detailing the auditors' recommendations. Mr. Schroeder thanked Mr. Walker for his presentation. Once Mr. Mehling has completed the management's response to the recommendations, Mr. Walker will incorporate it into the letter and distribute it to Council. Mr. Mehling requested that a copy of the audit be included with the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Schachere—Park Committee

- Ms. Schachere explained that sand is needed in the park around the playground equipment and asked if money could be taken from next year's budget to purchase it soon. Mr. Schroeder authorized the Park Board to spend \$370.00 from next year's budget on sand for the park.
- In response to Ms. Schachere's question, Mr. Schutzman stated that he met with representatives from Changing Paradigms two weeks ago regarding plans to repair the gutters, but has not yet received their proposal. The issue should be resolved by the next meeting.
- In response to Ms. Schachere's question, Chief Murphy stated that the County was supposed to draw up an ordinance several months ago pertaining to motorized scooters. Edgewood passed an ordinance regulating motorized scooters, but most cities have been waiting on the countywide ordinance. Mr. Mehling stated that he would obtain a copy of Edgewood's ordinance for Council.

- In response to Ms. Schachere's question about Family Dollar not placing their trash in the dumpster, Mr. Schutzman stated that he met with the owner of the building earlier in the week and discussed the issue.
- In response to Ms. Schachere's question, Mr. Lorei stated that sidewalk is only being installed on the north side of Elm Street in the construction area.
- Discussion on finding a P.A. system to use in Ludlow Park for the ceremony following the Memorial Day parade on May 30th.

Ms. McMullin—Riverfront Development Committee

- Ms. McMullin stated that the paving project would be delayed because Cinergy will be working on Oak and Helen Streets. Mr. Lorei requested that Ms. McMullin select a street and he would do a comparison on the cost of street sealing by Barrett Paving versus the City.
- Ms. McMullin suggested that the Park Board consider adding more shelters to the park because they were full the previous weekend.
- Ms. McMullin read a letter from Joe and Marty Egbers expressing their opposition to rezoning the old trailer park property to allow Aquarius Marine to operate a business on the property.

Mr. Manning—Finance Committee

- Mr. Manning noted that the grass is overgrown at 321 Highway Avenue. Mr. Schutzman requested that Mr. Manning drop off a list of any overgrown lots and he would make sure they are cut.
- Mr. Manning stated that a friend of his looked at the light at Oak and Adela and stated that it would require a major overhaul. Mr. Schutzman recommended that the City begin budgeting for a new lights system, which would cost approximately \$38,000.00. Ms. Schachere stated that Randy Chalk told her that there may be grant money available to replace the light because it is next to the school.
- Mr. Manning congratulated the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) for doing a great job in cleaning up the city.
- The City has received one bid on a dump truck and will possibly receive two more bids.

Mr. Wynn—Renaissance Committee, Finance Committee

- Mr. Wynn stated that he ordered banners for the Fireworks Festival that will be placed on the detour route, at Sleepy Hollow Road near Carlisle and near the Knights of Columbus. Chief Bandy stated that the Fire Department could hang the banners once the City gets approval from Cinergy. Mr. Schutzman stated that he would contact Cinergy for approval.
- Discussion on the status of the retaining wall and sidewalk in front of Barker Fine Color. Mr. Schutzman stated that he is not pleased with the wall or the sidewalk, but the City doesn't have any authority over the State. After discussion, Mr. Mehling suggested that Mr. Schroeder set up a meeting with Tom Schomaker of the Transportation Cabinet's District 6 to discuss the project while the contractors are still on-site. Mr. Wynn, Ms. Schachere and Ms. McMullin agreed that the retaining wall and sidewalk around it were not acceptable.

Building/Zoning Report

- Mr. Schutzman thanked the CEB for their hard work and explained that they are getting into more difficult cases. Mr. Schutzman stated that Janet Gaiser does a great job in running the meetings and he thanked Angie Lee, Laurie Sparks and Alice Margolen in the City office for assisting with the increased number of calls and complaints.
- Ms. Gaiser stated that the CEB is still receiving complaints about garbage cans, especially in the 800 block of Walnut alley and the alley behind Poplar Street. Chief Murphy stated that the Police

can cite violators only if the cans are in the right-of-way, not if they are sitting on someone's property. Mr. Schroeder requested that Chief Murphy begin citing violators in those areas. In response to Sue Harney's request, Chief Murphy stated that he would provide the CEB with a list of properties that the police have cited for garbage violations.

Engineer's Report

- Mr. Lorei discussed the project status report that was distributed to Council. **After discussion on the proposals to install curbing in the alley in the 200 block of Montclair Avenue, it was moved by Ms. McMullin and seconded by Ms. Schachere to award the contract to Jarco. After roll call, motion carried: 4 ayes, 2 absent.** Mr. Lorei stated that he would get the original contract delivered to the City for the Mayor to sign.
- Discussion on traffic flow through the Route 8 project. Mr. Schroeder suggested that Locust Street be blocked off and traffic detoured to Carneal Street once the eastbound traffic switches to the westbound lane on Elm Street. Mr. Lorei stated that he would have Dave Stenger talk to Sunesis about using Carneal Street in the detour. Chief Murphy stated that there have been two accidents with injuries at the intersection of Elm and Locust since construction began.
- A citizen requested that a speed bump be added in the alley behind Ameristop. Most cities use speed humps instead of speed bumps for liability reasons. Ms. McMullin suggested the possibility of using rumble strips to slow down cars. Mr. Mehling stated that the City would need to contact KLC about any coverage changes if the City installs speed humps or rumble strips. Howard Story of 643 Oak Street discussed a problem with cars speeding through the alley behind his home and stated that he is afraid that a child is going to get killed. Mr. Lorei stated that he would look into options for slowing cars in the alleys.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Bandy requested Council's permission to allow the Fire Department to apply for a 50/50 matching grant through the Division of Forestry with a minimum of \$1,000.00 and maximum of \$5,000.00. The grant would be used toward the cost of equipment that the Fire Department plans to purchase regardless if the grant is awarded. Mr. Schroeder requested that Chief Bandy gather more information about the grant for Council to review and they will make a decision at the next meeting.

Police Chief's Report

Donations are still being accepted at the police department and fire department for the adopt-a-troop program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2005-6

Mr. Mehling completed the First Reading of Ordinance 2005-6 *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Approving a Lease for the Financing of a Public Project in a Maximum Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$72,000; Providing for the Payment and Security of the Lease; Creating a Sinking Fund as Security for the Lease; and Authorizing the Execution of Various Documents Related to Such Lease.* The ordinance approves the financing for the Chevrolet Impala and Blazer for the Police Department and a dump truck for Public Works.

Discussion on Proposed Contract with TransCare, Inc. for ALS Service

The City’s cost of ALS through TransCare, Inc. for fiscal year 2005-2006 would be \$32,000.00. Mr. Mehling stated that the rate could not increase more than 5% in the two subsequent years of the contract. Mr. Mehling stated that if one of the six cities in the contract defaults, all of the remaining cities in the contract lose the service but still have to pay. The City is paying \$19,000.00 for ALS for the current fiscal year. Ms. McMullin asked if the City could request that a “no out” clause be inserted into the proposed contract to prevent cities from dropping out. Money to pay for ALS will come out of the Fire and EMS Tax Fund. Discussion on the need to provide ALS for citizens in the community.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

At Janet Gaiser’s request, Mr. Schroeder read Christina Rolfsen’s letter of resignation from the CEB. Ms. Gaiser stated that the CEB would like to move Randy Lillard up from an alternate to a regular member of the Board and find an alternate to replace him. Mr. Schroeder requested that Ms. Gaiser bring a list of potential candidates to the next meeting for discussion.

Ray Graven of 705 Elm Street presented a petition to council signed by residents who object to a zoning change on the property at 716-34 Elm Street that was recently purchased by Aquarius Marine. Paul Wiesner of Aquarius Marine stated that he is withdrawing the request for a zoning change since they will be moving their ship rebuilding business to two acres of property that they recently leased in Cincinnati. Mr. Wiesner stated that if anyone is interested in purchasing the property, he would be open to offers. Aquarius Marine would continue to clean up and grade the property and should be finished within 60-90 days. Mr. Wiesner stated that he would like to review uses for the property and possibly develop it in the future. Mr. Wiesner stated that he would like to maintain their construction business here in Ludlow as they have for many years.

Mike Schill stated that he has seen an improvement in the property on Elm Street since it was purchased by Aquarius Marine.

At 8:50 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Schachere and seconded by Ms. McMullin to adjourn the meeting to executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried, all ayes.

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It was moved by Ms. McMullin and seconded by Ms. Schachere to come out of executive session and adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor

Laurie Sparks, City Secretary