

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

January 9, 2014

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wynn amended the agenda to remove Resolution 2014-4 and Resolution 2014-5 under "New Business" and requested that Council enter into executive session at the end of the meeting.

Brian Richmond called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Tom Amann, Joyce McMullin, Bill Mullins, Amy Clary, and Josh Boone. (Randy Wofford was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Brian Richmond, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Foreman John Knuf, Code Enforcement Officer Rob Himes, and Police Chief Steve Jarvis

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to approve the minutes from the council meetings on December 10, 2013; December 12, 2013; and December 18, 2013. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer's report was included in the council packets. Discussion on the fire loss totals.

Public Works

Mr. Knuf's report was included in the council packets. Work is continuing on the Public Works facility, which should be completed by February. Ms. Clary inquired about plans to fill the potholes around the city; Mayor Wynn requested that the holiday decorations be removed; and work should begin on the Hazen Street project by mid to late April.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Himes submitted his monthly report to Council. Discussion on the recent Code Enforcement Board meeting. Mr. Richmond advised that if someone is delinquent on his taxes or has fines on a property, he will not be issued a rental license for 2014. If he continues to operate the rental property, he will be fined \$100.00 per day.

Police Department

Chief Jarvis submitted his monthly report to Council. Mr. Amann congratulated Lt. Beck and Sgt. Love on their work in getting the accreditation for the police department and congratulated Officer Sparks and Officer Eastham for volunteering to participate in the shop with a cop program during the holidays. Mayor Wynn advised the City received a letter from the director of SWAT complimenting Lt. Beck on a job well done during a recent incident.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn invited everyone to attend the City's 150th kickoff celebration on Thursday, February 20, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. More details will be available at the caucus meeting. Mayor Wynn stated that Sarah Marksberry advised him that data for the gross receipts totals would not be available until July. Mayor Wynn would like to revisit the gross receipts issue at that time, including the possibility of implementing a cap on revenue collected, to determine a ballpark figure of how much revenue the City would generate. Local businesses will be notified when the meeting date is set so they have the opportunity to attend.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Richmond is working on several big picture items and would discuss the projects at the next caucus meeting. Mr. Richmond advised he has also been working on developing a rental inspection program, which will be discussed at the caucus meeting.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Joe Egbers of Batoray at 648 Elm Street discussed the impact of the gross receipts tax on his business. Mayor Wynn advised that the gross receipts tax was passed last summer and was already in effect; however, Council will review the issue again in July to determine whether amendments would be necessary. Mr. Egbers advised he already pays real estate and payroll taxes to the City while asking little in return from the police, fire, or public works. He advised that Batoray does not contribute to the deterioration of the streets because they are not a retail store and trucks picking up merchandise and making deliveries use Route 8 or Sleepy Hollow Road. Mr. Egbers advised he wouldn't mind paying more if he saw more changes in the city, but does not believe the city has changed during the 25 years they've been in business. Mayor Wynn advised that he would contact him when the date for the gross receipts tax meeting is set in July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-1

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Ms. Clary, to pass Resolution 2014-1 A Resolution Re-appointing Members to Serve on City of Ludlow Boards. Motion carried, all ayes.

Resolution 2014-2

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to pass Resolution 2014-2 A Resolution Appointing Members to Serve on City of Ludlow Boards. Motion carried, all ayes.

Resolution 2014-3

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Mullins, to pass Resolution 2014-3 A Resolution Appointing a Representative and an Alternate Representative to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Council for the Year 2014. Motion carried, all ayes.

First Reading of Ordinance 2014-1

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Ms. Clary, to introduce Ordinance 2014-1 An Ordinance Adopting a Recommendation of the Kenton County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission Recommending Amendment of the Text of Article XVII of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kenton County, Kentucky, by Deleting the Current Language of Such Section, and Adopting the New Language Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A" for a first reading. Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2014-1.

First Reading of Ordinance 2014-2

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Boone, to introduce Ordinance 2014-2 An Ordinance Adopting a Recommendation of the Kenton County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission Amending the Ludlow Zoning Ordinance and Adopting Additional Language Attached Hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B" Which Are": (A) Adding Definitions for Brewpub, Microbrewery, and Micro-Distillery; and (B) Adding Brewpub, Microbrewery, and Microdistillery as Permitted Uses, Subject to Restrictions, Within the NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zone for a first reading. Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2014-2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Ms. McMullin, to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810, 1(b). Motion carried, all ayes.

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Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Clary to come out of executive session. Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Ms. McMullin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor