

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

February 12, 2015

Mayor Kenneth Wynn 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: Josh Boone, Dan Ashcraft, Bill Mullins, Michele Cartwright, and Tom Amann. (Bill Whiteley was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Director John Knuf, and Interim Police Chief Lt. Bart Beck

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Amann, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on January 8, 2015, with a correction as noted by Mr. Ashcraft. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer's report was included in the Council packets. Discussion on recent structure fires and the challenges of putting out a fire in freezing conditions. Discussion on a recent training class presented by Grateful Life about drug addiction and ways the EMTs/paramedics can deal with certain situations.

Public Works

Mr. Knuf's report was included in the council packets. Discussion on the Riverfront Commons project.

Police Department

Lt. Beck's monthly report was included in the council packets. Discussion on exploring the possibility of adding a K-9 to the Police Department to assist in drug detection. Sgt. Love will be filling in for Lt. Beck while he attends the FBI Academy in the spring. Ludlow Police will be hosting a 10-week Citizens Academy beginning in April. Sgt. Love encouraged everyone to attend and advised that the Academy will include speakers from the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Task Force, NKY Hates Heroin, and the Coroner's Office. Mayor Wynn advised that he plans to complete the Citizens Academy and encouraged Council and citizens to attend as well.

Mayor Wynn amended the agenda to remove the "Vote to Approve the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014-2015".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – (Mr. Amann, Mr. Ashcraft)

Mr. Amann and Mr. Ashcraft recently met with Ms. Chamberlain to review the budget and areas that could be improved.

Public Works Committee – (Mr. Boone, Mr. Whiteley)

The Committee had nothing to report.

Safety Committee – (Ms. Cartwright, Mr. Mullins)

Discussion on scheduling a meeting between the Police and the Safety Committee.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Wynn advised Council to review the copies of sign regulations from several local cities and be prepared to discuss them at the next caucus meeting. Mayor Wynn encouraged Council to attend the Lou Noll Symposium on February 21, 2015. A meeting between the City and local businesses is scheduled for February 24, 2015. Mayor Wynn appointed Josh Boone and Bill Mullins to serve on the newly created Local Business Committee and represent the City at the upcoming meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain’s report was included in the council packets.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2015-1

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Cartwright, to introduce Ordinance 2015-1 *An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ludlow Updating All Sections that Refer to Physically Restricted Development Areas (PRDA), Urban and Nonurban Service Area, Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC), and Floodplain Regulations for a first reading.* Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2015-1.

Vote to Approve Ludlow PTO’s Request for Street Closures for the May Festival

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to approve Ludlow PTO’s request for permission to close the 500 block of Oak Street and the 100 block of Adela from 6:00 p.m. on April 30, 2015, through May 2, 2015, for the May Festival. Motion carried, all ayes. Mayor Wynn advised that all of the department heads approved the street closure request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from Council. Mayor Wynn advised that Second Sight Spirits will open on Saturday, February 14, 2015.

Motion by Ms. Cartwright, second by Mr. Amann, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor