

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 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, Bill Whiteley, and Tom Amann. (Michele Cartwright was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Foreman Rob Begnoche, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Interim Police Chief Lt. Bart Beck

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on February 12, 2015. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Discussion on Chief Dreyer's report, including the status of renovations at the Firehouse and a recent instructional dinner at Ludlow School with autistic children.

Public Works

Discussion on several items on Mr. Begnoche's report. Mr. Amann & Mayor Wynn thanked Public Works for keeping the streets clear during the recent snow.

Code Enforcement

Discussion on Mr. Garner's report, including establishing a vacant property registration ordinance. Discussion on the status of properties who are not in compliance with the rental license requirements and the citation process for violators. Mr. Garner advised that the Property Maintenance Code allows the City to inspect the interior of any property as long they are invited in or the City obtains a search warrant.

Police Department

Discussion on Lt. Beck's monthly report. Mr. Amann thanked Sgt. Eric Love for bringing the person responsible for the shooting at Celebrations last year to justice. Discussion on the Marshal Service's operation "Violence Reduction". Discussion on receiving funds for overtime through the "Click it or Ticket" grant. Discussion on the Citizens Academy in April, which features a glimpse at the day in the life of a police officer. Mr. Mullins commended SRO Scott Nottingham and school staff members for delivering meals to students at their homes when school was closed during the recent snow.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The houses at [716-734 Elm Street] will be torn down soon and the developer is moving forward with plans for development. Mayor Wynn discussed a recent meeting with the mayors of Park Hills and Ft. Wright.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

A finance committee meeting on March 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

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

The Committee would like to meet with Ms. Chamberlain to discuss the recent changes in the Public Works Department.

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

The Safety Committee recently met with Lt. Beck to discuss plans and needs for the Police Department.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain advised that the front office staff has been working through some glitches with new software, which will hopefully be resolved soon. Discussion on the status of the railroad property, including the building at the end of Kenner Street, which is currently leased to Duro Bag Co. There are still five years remaining on the lease. The construction of the Riverfront Commons project will begin soon, following an archaeological study on the property. Discussion on the status of city sticker enforcement and the guidelines for who is required to purchase a city sticker. Mr. Mullins requested that the City post signs notifying residents that city stickers are required for their vehicles.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-1

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to call up 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 second reading. Following the second reading of Ordinance 2015-1 by Mr. Otis and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from Council. Mr. Otis advised that his law partner, Fred Johnson, will be handling the Code Enforcement Board cases for the City of Covington, which will allow Mr. Otis to attend all of Ludlow’s Code Enforcement Board meetings.

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f). Motion carried, all ayes.

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Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Mr. Ashcraft, second by Mr. Whiteley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor