

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

January 8, 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, Michele Cartwright, Bill Whiteley, and Tom Amann. (Bill Mullins 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. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on December 11, 2014, with the amendments noted by Mr. Boone. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer's report was included in the Council packets.

Public Works

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

Code Enforcement Report

Tom Garner's report was included in the council packets.

Police Department

Lt. Beck submitted his monthly report to Council.

Presentation of Citation to Patrol Officer Ian Eads

Lt. Beck presented a Departmental Citation Award to Officer Eads and discussed Officer Eads' actions during the incident which earned him the Award.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn welcomed the new council members and announced who would serve on the following council committees: Finance—Tom Amann & Dan Ashcraft, Public Works—Bill Whiteley & Josh Boone, Safety—Michele Cartwright & Bill Mullins.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain discussed her report. Mr. Amann inquired about the status of a microbrewery opening in the City and requested that Council has the opportunity to meet with the investors to express their interest. Discussion on the Façade program guidelines.

Discussion on the Duke Energy Revitalization Grants. Discussion on the status of the city sticker collections. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the City has already collected over 100% of expected generated revenue; however, she recommended looking into alternative methods of collection. The current method has been extremely taxing on the administrative staff and time consuming for the police. After discussion, Mayor Wynn suggested the possibility of eliminating the city stickers and adjusting the ad valorem vehicle tax to generate the amount of revenue needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-1

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to approve Resolution 2015-1 A Resolution Re-Appointing Members to Serve on City of Ludlow Boards, with a correction by Mayor Wynn to strike the reappointment of Charlie Manning to the Board of Ethics. Motion carried, all ayes. Mayor Wynn advised that, in addition to the vacancy on the Board of Ethics, there are also two vacancies on the Park Board.

Resolution 2015-2

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Cartwright, to approve Resolution 2015-2 A Resolution Appointing a Representative and an Alternate Representative to the Planning and Development Services of Kenton County Council for the Year 2015. Motion carried, all ayes.

Resolution 2015-3

Motion by Mr. Whiteley, second by Mr. Boone, to approve Resolution 2015-3 A Resolution Appointing Mike Gaiser as an Alternate Member of the City of Ludlow Code Enforcement Board. Motion carried, all ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Boone welcomed the new council members. Mr. Ashcraft advised he was looking forward to working with everyone on council and also recognized Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes, who was in attendance at the meeting to show support for him. Ms. Cartwright advised she was excited to be at the council meeting. Mr. Whiteley advised he was honored to be there and was looking forward to working with council. Mr. Amann welcomed the new members and advised he was looking forward to working with everyone. Mr. Amann addressed the need for the City to take action against the heroin issue in the City, including having a forum to encourage people to voice ideas for solutions

to the problem. Ms. Chamberlain advised that Lt. Beck and Officer Brian Hager have been working with the Northern Kentucky Heroin Task Force and suggested the possibility of having someone from the Coalition come and speak at a caucus meeting.

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor