

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 23, 2014

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: Tom Amann, Joyce McMullin, Randy Wofford, Bill Mullins, Amy Clary, and Josh Boone.

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Director John Knuf, and Police Chief Steve Jarvis

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Clary, to approve the minutes from the council meetings on September 11, 2014, and September 25, 2014, with a correction as noted by Ms. Clary. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his report, including the status of the roof replacement at the Firehouse.

Public Works

Mr. Knuf's report was included in the council packets. The improvements to the walkway in the underpass has been completed. Ms. McMullin suggested that Mr. Knuf contact the school to see if students could create a Veterans mural inside the tunnel.

Police Department

Chief Jarvis submitted his monthly report to Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn thanked everyone who helped to make the City's 150th Celebration a success.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain discussed her report. Mr. Amann requested that Council receive a monthly bank statement in their packets. After discussion, Mayor Wynn advised he would have resolution drawn up for the next meeting to accept an agreement with Covington to clean up and maintain the incinerator property as part of the Devou Trails.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (Ms. Clary, Ms. McMullin)

Ms. Clary inquired about whether there were any bank statements to reconcile. Ms. Chamberlain advised that once David Baker sets up the accounting system, she will begin reconciling the bank statements.

Public Works Committee (Mr. Amann, Mr. Boone): No report.

Safety Committee (Mr. Mullins, Mr. Wofford): No report.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Gary Fitzwater, owner of 22-24 Ash Street, requested that the City write off the Code Enforcement Board Liens on the property. Mayor Wynn advised that the City will not reduce or waive the liens on the property, which has been vacant for ten years. Mayor Wynn requested that Mr. Fitzwater schedule a meeting with him, Ms. Chamberlain, and Tom Garner to discuss the issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-25

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Mullins, to pass Resolution 2014-25 A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property. Motion carried: all ayes.

Discussion on the Benefits of Duke Energy's Outdoor Lighting Maintenance Program

Mr. Knuf discussed the program in which all of the existing decorative streetlights in the downtown would be replaced with similar streetlights with LED lighting that would reduce costs and provide brighter light. The existing lights were wired incorrectly and burn through bulbs expected to last 1-2 years in only 3-5 months. The LED lights would each use 17-20 watts of electricity instead of the current 150 watts. Duke would assume the responsibility of replacing any damaged lights in the future. Discussion on the cost of the 10-year payment plan. Discussion on requesting electric outlets on the new streetlights to allow the City to hang holiday lights. The City could surplus the current lights once the new lights are installed. Mayor Wynn advised he would have a resolution prepared for the next meeting.

First Reading of Ordinance 2014-18

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. McMullin, to introduce Ordinance 2014-18 An Ordinance Approving the Transfer of Ownership of the Real Property Located at 248 Deverill Street, Ludlow, Kentucky to the City of Ludlow, Kentucky for a first reading. Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2014-18.

First Reading of Ordinance 2014-19

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Ms. Clary, to introduce Ordinance 2014-19 An Ordinance Repealing City of Ludlow Ordinances 2005-3, 2005-23, and 2006-2, All Three (3) Ordinances Being Codified in Chapter 75 of the City of Ludlow Code of Ordinances for a first reading. Mr. Knuf advised that there are no KRS requirements for the City to restrict parking through an ordinance. Ms. Chamberlain advised that once the ordinances are repealed, Council could restrict parking on a case-by-case basis through a resolution. Mr.

Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2014-19 and advised that he would have the attachments for the ordinance at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMullin advised that, regarding Mr. Fitzwater's situation, when exceptions to ordinances are made, blight will never be cleaned up in the city. Discussion on the status of the construction of Phase I of the Riverfront Commons project, which should begin in the spring.

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. McMullin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor