

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

November 8, 2012

Mayor Ken 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, Joyce McMullin, Denny Allen, and Tom Amann (Charlie Manning arrived at 7:05 p.m.; C.J. Kleier was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Brian Richmond, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Public Works Foreman John Knuf, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Code Enforcement Officer Rob Himes, and Police Chief Benny Johnson

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Allen, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on October 11, 2012. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Department

Mr. Knuf submitted his report to Council. Discussion on the placement of the proposed public works garage.

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his report.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Himes discussed his report and the status of several vacant properties. Discussion on adjustments to the City's new website. Discussion on the status of 36 Euclid Avenue.

Police Department

Chief Johnson discussed his report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Strategic Advisers is preparing a report based on the information obtained from the focus groups. Mayor Wynn requested a caucus meeting on November 27, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation by Strategic Advisers. The audit is underway and appears to be going well.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The City will hold another public hearing as part of the grant application for funding to assist with the development of 38 Elm Street. Mr. Richmond is working with the City of Cincinnati to get a quit claim deed for the property in the right of way along the railroad for construction of the new public works building. Discussion on a group who is purchasing homes throughout the city to rehab and sell to homeowners. The group has been successful with the program in Bellevue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The Committee recently reconciled the bank statements and everything appears normal. The Committee will meet with Mayor Wynn and Mr. Richmond on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. to review the budget. Discussion on the possibility of issuing Fire Department stipend checks on a monthly basis to reduce processing costs.

Safety Committee – (Mr. Allen, Mr. Kleier)

Mr. Allen congratulated Lt. Bart Beck on acquiring a used camera suit and Humvee for the Police Department and thanked Chief Dreyer and several Fire Department members for rehabbing the Firehouse.

Public Works Committee – (Ms. McMullin, Mr. Boone)

The Committee is waiting for information regarding the new public works building.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Kelly (?) of 105 Ash Street discussed an issue with a parking lot near her home that belongs to Highpoint. Discussion on a grassy lot that is not being maintained by Highpoint. Mr. Richmond advised the City could issue a citation for the overgrown lot. Chief Johnson advised he would contact the owner of Highpoint, rather than management, to resolve the parking issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-19

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Allen, to call up Ordinance 2012-19 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kenton County, Kentucky, Repealing Ordinance No. 2008-4 and the Monthly Subscriber Service Charge Levied and Imposed Therein for 911 Emergency Telephone Services* for a second reading. Following the second reading by Mr. Otis and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-27

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Allen, to introduce Resolution 2012-27 *A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to File an Application for Brownfield Cleanup Grant Funds with the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and Commitment of Funding for Local Match*. Following the reading of Resolution 2012-27 by Mr. Otis and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

First Reading of Ordinance 2012-20

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Manning, to introduce Ordinance 2012-20 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, Amending the Official Zoning Code of the City to Create a New Section, 9.33, Which Regulates Portable Storage Units and Trash Receptacles and Directing That This Ordinance Be Published By Summary* for a first reading. Discussion about restrictions regarding portable storage units on public streets, roadways, and alleyways. Discussion on the possibility of waiving the fee for portable

storage units and dumpsters in the event of a natural disaster. Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2012-20 in summary.

First Reading of Ordinance 2012-21

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Amann, to introduce Ordinance 2012-21 An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, Amending the Official Zoning Code of the City to Create a New Permitted Use in the Residential 1J Urban Zone for Two-Family Residential Dwellings, and Directing That This Ordinance Be Published By Summary for a first reading. Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2012-21 in summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Amann – Mr. Amann discussed a recent event he and Mr. Boone attended at Circus Mojo. Discussion on possible issues that could arise from a lack of parking in the area.

Mr. Allen – Mr. Allen congratulated everyone who was elected to council.

Mr. Manning – None

Mayor Wynn – The Civic Club will be hosting a Community Christmas Party on December 14, 2012 at Turfway Park.

Ms. McMullin – Ms. McMullin thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, businesses, and the individuals who helped make Halloween in the Park a success. Ms. McMullin thanked the residents for their votes to re-elect her to council.

Mr. Boone – The Annual Ludlow Historic Society’s Christmas Tour will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This year, nine musical groups from local choirs and the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra will perform at several churches. Tickets will be available at Ideal Supplies, Ludlow Pharmacy, and the Flower Basket or online at preserveludlow.org at a cost of \$25.00 for all performances or \$5.00 per single performance.

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Allen, to amend Section 3(c) in Ordinance 2012-20 and delete the phrase “and that the unit is not placed on a public street, road, alley or right-of-way” to eliminate any inconsistency in the ordinance. Motion carried, all ayes. Mr. Otis advised he would make the necessary changes to the ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor