

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 8, 2013

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, Bill Mullins, Amy Clary, and Josh Boone. (Joyce McMullin and Randy Wofford were absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Brian Richmond, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Foreman John Knuf, and Interim Police Chief Bart Beck

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Clary, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on July 11, 2013. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer submitted his report to Council.

Public Works

Mr. Knuf submitted his report to Council. Mr. Knuf extended an invitation to Mayor, Council, and City Staff to attend the groundbreaking of the new Public Works facility on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Discussion on the need to identify and replace the lights that are out in the street lamps along Elm Street.

Police Department

Chief Beck submitted his report to Council. Chief Beck discussed details of the Citizens Academy, which begins on August 27, 2013 and will meet for 2-3 hour weekly sessions for a period of 8-10 weeks. The City plans to hire a new part-time School Resource Officer (SRO) in the next week. Bill Sparks will also return as a part-time SRO.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn thanked everyone for their support during the loss of his brother.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – (Ms. Clary, Ms. McMullin)

Ms. Clary reconciled the June bank statements and found no concerns.

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

The Committee had nothing to report.

Safety Committee – (Mr. Mullins, Mr. Wofford)

Mr. Mullins advised that the Committee met with Mr. Richmond and Chief Beck to review the status of the Police Department and discuss any concerns.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Richmond discussed his recommendation for the City to obtain a tax anticipation note in an amount up to \$350,000.00 to cover the cost of the Hazen Street project and continuing renovations at the Firehouse. The note will assist the City with expenses until tax revenue is received in October. The money borrowed will need to be paid back within the fiscal year. Mr. Richmond discussed an issue with the tax rate calculations due to a public utility company disputing the assessed value of their property. To avoid any legal issues, Mr. Richmond advised Council to adopt the compensating tax rate (\$.295 per \$100.00 assessed value) rather than the compensating + 4% tax rate (\$.306 per \$100.00 assessed value). If the public utility's assessment is added back in, the adjusted compensating + 4% rate would be \$.295 per \$100.00 assessed value.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-6

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to call up Ordinance 2013-6 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2012-9 Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 Through June 30, 2013 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Revenue of ~~\$2,990,386.00~~ \$3,318,330.96 and Expenditures of ~~\$2,963,543.96~~ \$3,048,832.86 for a second reading. Following the second reading of Ordinance 2013-6 and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-7

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Ms. Clary to introduce Ordinance 2013-7 An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in the County of Kenton, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Acting on a Recommendation From the Kenton County Planning Commission Regarding a Proposed Statement of Goals and Objectives for a New Kenton County Comprehensive Plan for a first reading. Mr. Amann stated that he had attended two of the meetings held by NKAPC regarding the plan and advised that there was very good citizen participation at the meetings. **Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2013-7 in summary form.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-8

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to introduce Ordinance 2013-8 An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013, and Ending June 30, 2014 Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow,

Kentucky, and Fixing the Time and Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same for a first reading. The tax rate will be \$.295 per \$100.00 assessed value of real estate and \$.716 per \$100.00 assessed value of personal and mixed property. **Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2013-8.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-9

Motion by Ms. Clary, second by Mr. Amann, to introduce Ordinance 2013-9 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013, and Ending June 30, 2014 Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, for The Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Special Ad Valorem Tax, and Fixing the Time and Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same for a first reading.* The tax rate will be set at \$.175 per \$100.00 assessed value of real estate, personal, and mixed property. **Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2013-9.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-10

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to introduce Ordinance 2013-10 *An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of 2013 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes; Approving a Form of Note; Authorizing Designated Officers to Execute and Deliver the Notes; Authorizing and Directing the Filing of Notice with the State Local Debt Officer; Providing for the Payment and Security of the Notes; Appointing a Paying Agent and Registrar; Creating a Sinking Fund; Making Certain Federal Income Tax Covenants in Respect of the Notes; Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the Proposal of the Note Purchaser for the Purchase of the Notes; and Repealing Inconsistent Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders for a first reading.* Mr. Otis completed the first reading in summary form.

Resolution 2013-17

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Boone, to pass Resolution 2013-17 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property. Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013, and Ending June 30, 2014 Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, and Fixing the Time and Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same* The resolution would allow the City to surplus a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2013-18

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Ms. Clary, to pass Resolution 2013-18 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Accepting the Proposal and Authorizing Payment for One (1) Ford Explorer Pursuit Police Vehicle Pursuant to the 2013-2014 Budget for the City of Ludlow, Kentucky.* Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Mullins thanked Public Works for taking care of an issue he recently brought to their attention.

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Clary, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor