

**LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**July 14, 2016**

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Josh Boone, Bill Mullins, Dan Ashcraft, Michele Cartwright, Bill Whiteley, and Tom Amann.

*ALSO ATTENDING:* City Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Public Works Project Manager Patrick Walkenhorst, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Chief Scott Smith

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2016, with corrections as noted. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed his monthly report. Discussion on the status of the repair of the streetlights in the downtown area. Discussion on the locations of the new bicycle racks throughout the city. Ms. Cartwright suggested asking businesses to sponsor a bike rack to offset the costs and in return a plaque displaying the business name would be placed on the rack.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report, including current Code Enforcement Board cases and delinquent rental licenses. Discussion on using Covington's rental license ordinance as a model to amend the City's ordinance to give it more "teeth". Discussion on HB 422, which gives Code Enforcement Board liens priority over mortgage liens.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report and upcoming projects. Discussion on a recent issue with residents blocking sidewalks with furniture, pools, etc.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee (Mr. Amann, Mr. Ashcraft)–The Committee reviewed the bank statements on June 16, 2016, and will meet on July 21, 2016, to review the June statements.

Public Works Committee (Mr. Boone, Mr. Whiteley)– The Committee recommended pursuing an electrical engineer to perform diagnostics on the streetlights downtown. Discussion on decoration ideas for the upcoming Beyond the Curb. Public Works will begin painting curbs yellow near the intersections.

Safety Committee (Ms. Cartwright, Mr. Mullins)– The Committee met with Chief Dreyer and Chief Smith, but had nothing to report to Council.

Local Business (Mr. Boone, Mr. Mullins)– No report.

**CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

Ms. Chamberlain discussed her monthly report. Discussion on the status of obtaining quotes for a digital sign in front of the Municipal Center. Mr. Amann advised that he would not be in favor of spending \$16,000.00 - \$18,000.00 on a digital sign, which he views as a luxury item. Mr. Amann believes that the money would be better spent in other areas, such as sidewalk improvements downtown, especially on Elm Street between Kenner and Adela. Mr. Mullins advised that the digital sign would be a better way to communicate with the citizens. Ms. Cartwright suggested contacting local businesses for a \$1,000.00 donation to put toward the cost of the sign and, in return, the business could advertise on the sign for one year. Following discussion about the possible procedure for sidewalk repairs, tree removal, and tree replacement in the 400 block of Elm Street, Ms. Chamberlain requested that Mr. Walkenhorst obtain estimates for the repairs.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2016-7**

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to pass Resolution 2016-7 A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Wynn to Enter Into an Interlocal Agreement to Join the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**Vote to Approve the Audit for Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

**Motion by Mr. Ashcraft, second by Mr. Amann, to approve the audit for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as presented by Van Gorder, Walker & Co., Inc. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Mullins advised that the Second Annual Ludlow Curveball Classic will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Ludlow Park and will feature four bands, including The Newbees. Mr. Whiteley encouraged everyone to support their local businesses. Mayor Wynn advised that Isaiah House is looking for volunteers for food distribution at Ludlow Vets. Anyone interested should just show up on the last Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

**Motion by Ms. Cartwright, second by Mr. Mullins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.  
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor