

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 8, 2016

City Attorney Jeff Otis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments from the public regarding the institution of proposed tax rates for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Mr. Otis read the Public Hearing Notice. John Gaiser inquired about how the tax rates are calculated. Following discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

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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, Bill Mullins, Dan Ashcraft (arrived during Judge Executive Knochelmann's presentation), Michele Cartwright, Bill Whiteley, and Tom Amann.

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

Presentation By Kenton County Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann

Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann, Joe Shriver, and Tommy Thompson discussed the proposed Kenton County radio system update, including the timeline for the upgrade and potential cost to the City. Boone and Campbell counties will also be a part of the Kenton County's new digital system, but will maintain separate dispatch centers.

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 11, 2016. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed changes in his monthly reporting making it more detailed. Mr. Mullins and Mr. Amann thanked the Fire Department and Paramedics for all they do.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst advised that the street lights have been repaired along Elm Street and the downtown will be decorated for fall. Mr. Amann advised that there is a faded stop sign at the intersection of Helen and Church Streets. Mr. Mullins advised of discarded mattresses in the 400 block of Walnut Alley that need to be removed.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report, including current Code Enforcement Board cases and House Bill 422.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (Mr. Amann, Mr. Ashcraft) – The Committee will meet on Thursday, September 15th to review the bank statements.

Public Works Committee (Mr. Boone, Mr. Whiteley) – No report.

Safety Committee (Ms. Cartwright, Mr. Mullins) – No report.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain thanked Southbank Partners for providing two large renderings of the planned parking lot that will be displayed in the lot next to the city building. Construction of the parking lot will likely begin in February or March. Discussion on House Bill 422. Ms. Chamberlain applauded Chief Smith for hosting the recent symposium to help proactively plan to keep residents and officers safe. Ms. Chamberlain thanked Chief Dreyer for serving on several boards, such as Mutual Aid, and thanked the Finance Committee for helping the City make it through the summer without obtaining a TAN account. Discussion on the timeline for the Façade program.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

John Gaiser inquired whether general tax revenue increased last year.

Joy Amann inquired about the calculation of the tax rate for 2016. After discussion, it was explained that the proposed 2016 property tax rate will result in an increase of \$39 more than the taxes paid in 2015 on a property valued at \$100,000.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-4

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to call up Ordinance 2016-4 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016, and Ending June 30, 2017 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 second reading.* Mr. Otis completed the second reading of Ordinance 2016-4, which sets the tax rate at \$.385 per \$100.00 valuation for real property and \$.749 per \$100.00 valuation for personal and mixed property. Mr. Amann inquired about the personal property tax rate and how the funds generated from the increase in property taxes would be spent. Mr. Otis advised that the law prohibits the City from earmarking tax revenue. Discussion on the law that permits the mayor to spend up to \$20,000.00 without Council's approval. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 4 ayes, 2 nays (Mr. Amann & Mr. Whiteley).**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-5

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Mullins, to call up Ordinance 2016-5 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016, and Ending June 30, 2017 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 for Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same for a second reading.* Mr. Otis completed the second reading of Ordinance 2016-5, which sets the special ad valorem tax for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services at \$.175 per \$100 valuation. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

NEW BUSINESS

(Mayor Wynn amended the agenda to remove the First Reading of Ordinance 2016-8.)

Resolution 2016-8

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to pass Resolution 2016-8 *A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Ludlow to Enter Into an Interlocal Agreement with SD1 for Infrastructure Projects and a Private Sewer Lateral Repair Program on Behalf of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky.* Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

First Reading of Ordinance 2016-6

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to introduce Ordinance 2016-6 *An Ordinance Repealing the City Sticker Ordinance for the City of Ludlow.* Mr. Otis completed the first reading.

First Reading of Ordinance 2016-7

Mr. Otis advised that Kentucky legislation was enacted in 2014 to abolish the alcohol sale ban on Election Day and this ordinance would put the City in line with the statutes. **Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Ms. Cartwright, to introduce Ordinance 2016-7 *An Ordinance Amending Section 112 of the City of Ludlow Code of Ordinances to Permit the Sales of Beer, Distilled Spirits or Wine When the Polls are Open for Voting.* Mr. Otis completed the first reading.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Mullins announced that the Curveball Classic was two weeks away and time was running out to register a team.

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Ashcraft to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation.

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**Motion by Ms. Cartwright, second by Mr. Mullins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor