

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 10, 2015

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, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Project Manager Patrick Walkenhorst, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Chief Scott Smith

Motion by Ms. Cartwright, second by Mr. Whiteley, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on November 12, 2015. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his monthly report, including training, mutual aid, and an upcoming grant for a new extrication tool.

Public Works Department

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed his monthly report, including the status of the Adela sidewalk installation and the status of the replacement of the traffic light at Elm and Carneal Streets. The street light outages in the 400 block of Elm have been repaired.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report, including open cases and the status of compiling a list of vacant properties that will be charged the vacant property tax for 2016.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report, including the status of the drug tip hotline and the receipt of a \$5,000.00 grant from the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation for the K-9 unit.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain thanked the administrative staff for being prepared for the sale of city vehicle stickers. Discussion on the possibility of joining the Northern Kentucky Ethics Authority. Discussion on meeting with the Finance Committee for a thorough review of the City's finances.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn thanked everyone who participated in Shop Ludlow Day and tree lighting. The City would like to have more Shop Ludlow Days in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (Mr. Amann, Mr. Ashcraft) – The Committee reviewed the bank statements for October and will go back to review July through September. The statements will be reviewed on

a monthly basis. The Committee is also checking to ensure that the City is getting the best value on purchases.

Public Works Committee (Mr. Boone, Mr. Whiteley) – The Committee will meet with Mr. Walkenhorst in January to review last year’s projects and discuss projects planned for the coming year.

Safety Committee (Ms. Cartwright, Mr. Mullins) – The Committee met recently with Chief Smith to discuss Police Department operations and will meet with Chief Dreyer soon.

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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-15

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Cartwright, to pass Resolution 2015-15 *Resolution Appointing a Representative and an Alternate Representative to the Planning and Development Services of Kenton County Council for the Year 2016. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ashcraft advised that the Shop Ludlow Day and the City Tree Lighting went well and the Police Department did a great job decorating the Meeting Room for the event. Mr. Ashcraft also complimented Ronald B. Jones Funeral Home for getting into the holiday spirit with their decorations. Mr. Amann advised that the Ludlow Tavern will open on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Amann, to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c). Following a roll call vote, motion failed: two ayes (Mr. Amann, Mr. Boone) and four nays (Mr. Ashcraft, Mr. Mullins, Ms. Cartwright, and Mr. Whiteley).

Following a brief discussion, motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Whiteley, to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c); and pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f), cross referenced by KRS 61.810 (1)(d), on the conditions that it could lead to disciplinary action. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

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Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Whiteley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor