

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

May 12, 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, Bill Whiteley, and Tom Amann. (Michele Cartwright was absent.)

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 Senator Chris McDaniel

Senator Chris McDaniel discussed the recent legislative session and several significant bills that passed. Discussion on the status of the state pension fund.

Presentation by Tara Johnson of the Catalytic Fund

Tara Johnson discussed the Catalytic Fund and “Beyond the Curb” program that focuses on real estate investments in the urban core of river cities. Anyone who purchases a ticket to “Beyond the Curb” hosted by Ludlow on October 9, 2016, will also receive admission to DesignBuildCincy held on October 8-9, 2016 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center.

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Amann, to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 14, 2016. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dryer discussed his monthly report and the issue of retaining volunteer firefighters.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed his monthly report.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report. There have been 380 rental licenses issued. Mr. Garner will send a notice of violation to 109 property owners who did not purchase a rental license.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report. Discussion on having officers involved in various community and school projects.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Planning and Development Services of Northern Kentucky will try to get the Vacant Property Registration Ordinance on the agenda of the Kenton County Fiscal Court's June meeting. Discussion on the status of the Riverfront Commons project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (Mr. Amann, Mr. Ashcraft)—The Committee met with Ms. Chamberlain to review the 2016-2017 Budget and is in favor of the budget as presented. Ms. Chamberlain thanked all of the department heads and administrative staff for assisting with the budget.

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 discussed her monthly report and thanked Mr. Mullins for obtaining quotes for a digital sign at the Ludlow Municipal Center. The quotes will be included in the next meeting packet for Council to review. Discussion on the Livewell Ludlow Coalition. Discussion on up to \$5,000.00 in available funds through the NKY Health Department for a smoking cessation program to attempt to make the parks smoke-free or at least designate a smoking area within the park. Discussion on the possibility of incentives to bring smaller businesses to the city, which would be funded from the payback of the Riverside Marketplace loan.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation Supporting Building Safety Month

Motion by Mr. Ashcraft, second by Mr. Whiteley, to pass a Proclamation in Support of Building Safety Month. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

First Reading of Ordinance 2016-3

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to introduce Ordinance 2016-3 *An Ordinance Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2017 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Revenue of \$4,053,045.00 and Expenditures of \$3,818,067.99 for a First Reading.* Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2016-3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Boone advised that Tidy Up Ludlow will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Anyone interested in participating should meet at Ronald B. Jones Offices (former Huntington Bank building). Mr. Amann invited citizens of Ludlow to attend the Preservation Awards held in the council chambers on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Cartwright has organized a Godfather's Spaghetti Dinner at Wynner's Cup on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) for discussion on proposed/pending litigation. Motion carried, all ayes.

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Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Boone, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor