

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 10, 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, Randy Wofford, Bill Mullins, Amy Clary, and Josh Boone. (Joyce McMullin arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Brian Richmond, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Foreman John Knuf, Code Enforcement Officer Rob Himes, and Interim Police Chief Bart Beck

Motion by Ms. Clary, second by Mr. Wofford, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on September 26, 2013. Motion carried: all ayes (Ms. McMullin was absent).

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Discussion on recent improvements to the Fire House.

Public Works

Discussion on necessary repairs to the lights along the streetscape area; plans to order a new play set for Ludlow Park in the spring; the status of construction of the new public works facility.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Himes submitted his monthly report to Council.

Police Department

Discussion on the multi-year plan that was a requirement of the process to achieve accreditation for the Police Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn advised that he would be available to answer any questions regarding the budget or the finance report that was included in the packets. Mayor Wynn advised that he would like to table the discussion on the ordinance regarding abandoned urban property until the next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The Committee had nothing to report.

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

The Ludlow Park clean up day will be on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

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

The Committee had nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Discussion on the abandoned property ordinance and the status of drafting a rental property inspection ordinance. Mr. Richmond advised that he recently met with the Ludlow Business Council and the Ludlow Historic Society. Discussion on the success of the newest businesses in the community, such as Subway, and advised that another business may open soon. Discussion on the possibility of joining KLC's bond pool for financing projects.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Lefty Pegg of 468 Elm Street advised that he is the President of the newly formed Ludlow Business Association and discussed their recent meeting with Mr. Richmond. The Association would like to work with the City to improve properties and increase property values in hopes of attracting new businesses. Discussion on the possibility of implementing a rental occupancy inspection license fee in an effort to improve housing in the City. The Association's other officers include Rick Smith as Secretary/Treasurer and Council Liaison and Charlie Hartman as an alternate Council Liaison. Mr. Richmond advised that the City is serious about improving the properties in the City, which is why they have contracted with Northern Kentucky Area Planning to enforce building codes. Mayor Wynn advised that he would like to form a committee to review establishing rental license inspections. Discussion on the current rental license fee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-12

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to call up Ordinance 2013-12 *An Ordinance Amending City of Ludlow Ordinance Chapter 91: Nuisances* for a second reading. Mr. Himes explained the Nuisance Code amendment. **Following the second reading by Mr. Otis and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-13

Motion by Mr. Mullins, second by Mr. Wofford, to call up Ordinance 2013-13 *An Ordinance Amending the Direction of One-Way Traffic on a Portion of Davies Street* for a second reading. **Following the second reading by Mr. Otis and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-14

Motion by Ms. Clary, second by Mr. Boone, to call up Ordinance 2013-14 An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky Establishing a Non-Exclusive Franchise for the Use of the Public Streets, Alleys and Other Public Grounds of the City for the Transmission and Distribution of Either or Both Natural Gas and Electricity Through and for Consumption Within the City; and Providing the Terms Thereof for a second reading. Following the second reading by Mr. Otis in summary form and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-15

The purpose of Ordinance 2013-15 is to repeal the Board of Adjustment. The Kenton County Board of Adjustment will take over the responsibilities. Discussion on the difficulty of finding volunteers to serve on the Board and to complete the required training. Mr. Otis advised that by using the County's services, all cases will be reviewed by experienced members at no additional cost to the City. **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Mullins, to introduce Ordinance 2013-15 An Ordinance Repealing City of Ludlow Official Zoning Ordinance Section 18 for a first reading.** Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2013-15.

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-11

Discussion on the amendments to the Waste Ordinance to allow for the disposal of recyclables and change the approved waste container sizes. **Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Clary, to introduce Ordinance 2013-11 An Ordinance Amending City of Ludlow Ordinance No. 2011-20 Regarding Waste Collection for a first reading.** Mr. Otis completed the ordinance in summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMullin advised that Halloween in the Park will be on October 30, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Mr. Wofford reminded everyone that the Ludlow Park clean up day to paint benches, trash cans, and picnic tables will be on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Wynn announced that on October 19, 2013, there will be a benefit for Alicia Waters at the Ludlow Vets and Night at the Races at the Knights of Columbus.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor