

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 11, 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 was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Brian Richmond, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Foreman John Knuf, Code Enforcement Officer Rob Himes, and Police Chief Benny Johnson

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Wofford, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on March 14, 2013. Motion carried: all ayes.

Presentation by Senator Chris McDaniel

State Senator Chris McDaniel discussed an overview of the highlights of the recent Kentucky Legislative session. Sen. McDaniel discussed Senate Bill 2, the pension reform bill which will go into effect on January 1, 2014, and how it will impact the City.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer distributed his monthly report to Council. Discussion on the status of renovations to the Firehouse.

Public Works

Mr. Knuf distributed his monthly report to Council. Discussion on the need for the state to repair the manhole cover at the corner of Adela and Elm. The cost to reconstruct the 400 block of Hazen Street is estimated to be around \$450,000.00. With anticipated funding from SD1, Northern Kentucky Water District, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the City will likely need to fund \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 of the total cost.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Himes submitted his monthly report to Council. The sale of 207 Adela Avenue should be finalized within the next month. Mr. Himes requested Council's recommendation on a request for a handicap parking sign in front of a residence on Linden Street with a driveway that is too small to accommodate a large van with wheelchair access on the side. **After discussion, motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Wofford, to allow the requested handicap sign on Linden Street upon the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van. Motion carried, all ayes.**

Police Department

Chief Johnson submitted his monthly report to Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn advised there is a committee that is working on ideas for the City's 150th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Sparks announced the dates for the City Wide Yard Sale on June 1, 2013 (rain date: June 8, 2013) and September 7, 2013 (rain date: September 14, 2013) and Large Item Trash Pick Up on June 15, 2013.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The Committee is in the process of reconciling the City's accounts.

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

The request for bids for the new Public Works building should be out by the end of April. Mr. Knuf advised bid packets would be available on April 29, 2013 and bids would need to be submitted by May 17, 2013. Mr. Boone advised that Public Works did a great job cleaning out the lot at Ash & Traverse Streets.

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

Mr. Mullins advised that the new patrol car has been ordered. Mr. Wofford advised he has had residents tell him they feel safe because there is always someone at the Firehouse.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Richmond discussed a memo from City Attorney Tom Miller regarding the possibility of placing an ad valorem tax on all motor vehicles in the City. Discussion on the taxes and fees charged in other cities in Northern Kentucky and how they compare to Ludlow. The budget looks strong and the City is carrying a budget surplus of \$128,275.00. Discussion on the overages in the Public Works budget due to unforeseen projects and in the Fire Department budget due to the start up of ALS and Firehouse renovations. Discussion on the status of a bicycle/coffee shop that had expressed an interest in opening in the City. Strategic Advisers is assisting with the grand opening of the Subway at the end of April. Discussion on the status of the opening of Pizza Hut, which has applied for permits through Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2013-2

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to introduce Ordinance 2013-2 *An Ordinance Adopting Flood Protection Development Controls in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky for a first reading.* Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2013-2. Mr. Otis advised the proposed Resolution 2013-9 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Ludlow to Establish a Flood Plain Ordinance* was not necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Motion by Ms. Clary, second by Mr. Mullins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor