

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 12, 2017

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Bill Whiteley, Jordan Scheid, Josh Boone, Matt Williams, Tom Amann, and John Gaiser.

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Fred Johnson, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Project Manager Patrick Walkenhorst, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Chief Scott Smith

Presentation on the Ludlow Housing Market Overview

Joy Amann gave a presentation on the positive attributes of historic preservation and how it increases overall property values. Ms. Amann discussed urban housing inventory shortages, recession proofing, and managing aging housing stock to prevent deterioration. The demand for housing stock that is 80 years and older is increasing in the river cities.

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Boone, to approve the minutes from the meetings on September 12, 2017, and September 14, 2017. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer was absent; however, his report was included in the council packet.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed the street cleaning and crack sealing on Oak Street; construction on the Municipal Lot; and the need to replace home plate at Hollingsworth Field due to rain damage. Leaf pick up will begin once a schedule is worked out with Rumpke.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his report. Mr. Garner reminded everyone that it is against the law to blow leaves into the street and anyone caught doing so could receive a citation. The City is currently maintaining five or six of the fifty-five total vacant properties in the city.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report. Sgt. Greg Eastham recently graduated from the Sergeant's Academy. Discussion on the recent robbery of Pizza Hut.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn advised that John Chamberlain of Van Gorder, Walker & Co. was very pleased with the audit progress and plans to present the audit to Council in December.

Mayor Wynn encouraged Council to attend the Lou Noll Symposium on Saturday, October 21, 2017. In conjunction with the Shop Ludlow Day on December 2, 2017, the City will have Ludlow Day at Behringer-Crawford Museum where all Ludlow residents will get free admission into the museum to view the Holiday Trains exhibit.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Amann and Mr. Boone met on September 26, 2017, to review the August statements and everything appeared to be in order.

Public Works—Mr. Williams and Mr. Scheid met with Mr. Walkenhorst on October 5, 2017. Mr. Scheid advised that the F-250 was sent out for a transmission replacement; salt prices will be a little cheaper this year; discussion on the possibility of the City looking into the Tree City USA program; discussion on concerns about the pedestrian walkway in the Underpass and possible improvements. Mr. Walkenhorst advised that the lighting that was installed several years ago in the Underpass walkway was installed in the sidewalk and gets covered up with dirt.

Safety—Mr. Whiteley advised that the Committee plans to meet soon.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Discussion on the status of the Municipal Lot project. Since the sidewalk to the Police Department and meeting room will be torn up due to the construction, a new key fob reader was installed on the door at the front of the building to allow access. Ms. Chamberlain plans to attend the OKI luncheon on November 2, 2017. The City will receive funds for Adela Avenue reconstruction next year. Ms. Chamberlain thanked Ms. Amann for her presentation and discussed the City's efforts to improve property values. Mayor Wynn and Council plan to move forward with creating an historic overlay zone. Discussion on the land use map for Direction 2030, which isn't a zoning change, but will make zoning changes easier when necessary in the future. Three Nano Grants were awarded to: Jordan Scheid; the Senior Center & Livewell's partnership with the City for landscaping at the Senior Center; and Northern Kentucky Hidden Rocks, which is planning a rock painting event.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Brenda Boone invited everyone to attend the Ludlow Historic Society's Ludlow LagoonFest on October 21, 2017, at the Ludlow Vets, Knights of Columbus, and Senior Center. The event will feature a lecture series by Dave Schroeder and Patrick Snadon, exhibits about the Lagoon Amusement Park and World War I, a movie about the Lagoon Amusement Park, and a walking tour. Lagoon shirts are available for purchase at Hater's Dry Goods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Whiteley announced that Second Sight Spirits will hold an event at Hotel Covington on Friday, October 13, 2017, to celebrate the release of the first bourbon produced in Kenton County in nearly 100 years. Mr. Scheid reminded everyone about the first Community Spooktacular at the Firehouse on October 30, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and thanked Jeff Thomas Catering, Hater's Dry Goods, Ideal, Hammel Metals, and Ronald B. Jones Funeral Home for their donations. Hazel Massey of My Mother's Daughter will be

sponsoring the craft table and the Civic Club will provide burgers and hot dogs for the event. Donations of candy are still needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Scheid, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) Deliberations on the Future Acquisition or Sale of Real Property. Motion carried, all ayes.

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Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor