

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 8, 2015

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order upon the arrival of City Attorney Jeff Otis at 7:11 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Josh Boone, Dan Ashcraft, Bill Mullins, 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. Ashcraft, to approve the minutes from the council meetings on September 10, 2015, and September 17, 2015. Motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his monthly report. Discussion on several recent fires and incidents in which the Fire Department assisted the Covington Fire Department. Discussion on the fire department tour earlier in the week for Fire Prevention Week.

Public Works Department

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed his monthly report and upcoming projects, including the project in Ludlow Park in which 75-100 volunteers from Duke Energy will assist. Discussion on several street lights being out in the 400 block of Elm Street and along the business district. Mr. Walkenhorst advised that the City is waiting on approval from the State before the responsibility of maintaining the street lights in the business district can be turned over to Duke Energy. After discussion, Mr. Walkenhorst advised that he would replace the bulbs until the program with Duke Energy is implemented. Discussion on the litter abatement grant and the addition of new decorative trash cans on Elm Street.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report. Mr. Garner advised that he has completed an exterior inspection of approximately 300 of the 500 rental properties and found that most are in good shape. Discussion on compiling a list of abandoned properties to file with the county so they may be taxed at a higher property tax rate next year.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report, including discussion on how the new drug hotline (1-844-4-NO-2-DOPE) will work. Chief Smith presented a Lifesaver Award to Officer John Dorman for saving a woman from an attempted suicide.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Discussion on the status of the Riverfront Commons Project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain's report was included in the packets. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the funds for Phase II of the Riverfront Commons project are available now. Ms. Chamberlain is working with Mr. Walkenhorst to secure an engineer to begin the design phase of the project.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-11

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to call up Ordinance 2015-11 *An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2014-7 Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 Through June 30, 2015 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Revenue of ~~[\$3,125,300.00]~~ \$3,965,325.67 and Expenditures of ~~[\$3,120,842.00]~~ \$3,790,490.90* for a second reading. Mr. Otis completed the second reading of Ordinance 2015-11. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes, 1 absent (Ms. Cartwright briefly stepped away from the meeting during the vote).**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-14

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Mullins, to adopt Resolution 2015-14 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Approving the Transfer of Control of Time Warner Cable, Inc. and Insight Kentucky Partners II, LP to Charter Communications.* **Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Discussion and Vote on the City of Ludlow Annual Event for 2016

Mayor Wynn advised that the purpose of having an event next year was to promote the City; however, after discussing the issue with Council members and doing some "soul searching", he requested a motion to cancel the event for 2016. Mayor Wynn advised that he has reached out to local businesses and other organizations about having several smaller events next year instead. **Motion by Ms. Cartwright, second by Mr. Whiteley, to cancel the City's event planned for 2016. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Amann reminded everyone about the Curveball Classic on October 10, 2015, at Ludlow Park and discussed how the event will work. Following the tournament, which lasts from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., there will be three bands and food trucks (Eli's BBQ, Marty's Waffles, and Braxton Brewery). Spectators are welcome and there will be additional events for kids throughout the day. Mr. Whiteley advised that he has attended several meetings with Mayor Wynn and found that the more events you have in your city, the better you are. More exposure through events brings more people into the City. Mr. Mullins encouraged

everyone to come out and support the Curveball Classic and advised that the headliner is a Beatles tribute band. Mr. Ashcraft advised that we need more events to help spotlight the City, but it is important to have the events spread out so each can be a success. Mr. Boone reminded everyone about the Covington Bicentennial Movie Night, sponsored by the Ludlow Historic Society, which will be held at the Ludlow Municipal Center on October 28, 2015.

**Motion by Mr. Ashcraft, second by Mr. Whiteley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor