

**LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**December 9, 2021**

Mayor Josh Boone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation of Badge and Plaque to Sergeant Jason Compton**

Chief Smith announced that four police officers recently tested for the sergeant position. Chief Smith advised that it was a tough competition with both a written examination and interview process and all did well. Jason Compton received the highest score and has been promoted to sergeant. Chief Smith presented Sgt. Compton with his new badge and a plaque in honor of his achievement. Patrolman Terry Eshman will now serve as detective.

City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Vanetta Davis, and Julie Terry Navarre. Chris Wright arrived a few minutes after the meeting began.

*ALSO ATTENDING:* City Attorney Todd McMurtry, City Administrative Officer/Police Chief Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Fire Department**

Chief Steward's report was included in the packet. Mayor Boone advised that Chief Steward wanted to remind everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors and to be mindful not to overload circuits in their homes, especially this time of the year.

**Public Works**

Mr. Hamant's report was included in the packet. Mr. Hamant has been busy this past month working on the ball field renovation. Ms. Terry Navarre thanked the public works employees for all of their help in decorating the plaza. Mr. Chapman advised that a lot of community members appreciate the leaf pick up.

**Code Enforcement**

There was no code enforcement report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boone thanked everyone who was involved in the recent Christmas Parade, especially Paul Graszus who spearheaded it. Ms. Graszus advised that there was a lot of community participation. Mayor Boone recently attended a meeting at Planning and Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) regarding issues with sober living houses moving into local communities. Mayor Boone advised that residents in Lakeside Park and Ft. Mitchell have objected to the sober living houses and asked what could be done to prevent them from moving into their cities. Mayor Boone advised that an attorney at the meeting advised that cities have limited ability to regulate sober living houses because a recovering addict is considered disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Currently, there are two sober living houses in

Ludlow; one has been here for about ten years. Mayor Boone advised that he would send out the attorney's opinion to Council.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Finance* – The Committee will meet in January.

*Public Works* – The Committee did not meet.

*Safety* – Mr. Wright recently met with Chief Smith to discuss plans for the police department.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Chief Smith apologized for sending out the report from the previous month. Chief Smith discussed the status of the park renovations and advised that the goal is to have the ball field completed by the second week of April. Discussion on recently speaking with a donor about potentially doing more with the Riverwalk area at the park. The developers of the proposed project at the west end of the city have until the end of the month to get everything finalized. Work on Adela Avenue was supposed to begin on Monday, but the company advised that upon closer examination of the area, they have determined that the project will cost an additional \$200,000.00 to complete. Chief Smith advised that the City could not afford the additional funds and requested that the company only do what is absolutely necessary to get the street repaved. Mr. McMurtry advised that everything appears to be progressing nicely with the easement for the Fischer development. Chief Smith has not heard anything from the Northern Kentucky Area Development District regarding the utility funding. Discussion on possible grant opportunities for the City through Southbank. A mediation is scheduled for January 18, 2022, in the Elishia Chamberlain lawsuit. The police department had 332 calls last month. Chief Smith has been reviewing the rank structure in the police department and would like to propose the creation of a captain position. The addition of a new rank gives employees room for advancement and is good for recruitment. The City is still looking to hire an officer. Mr. Wright advised that he is in favor of creating the captain position to make the City more marketable. Chief Smith advised that if residents have a general concern or non-emergency they can call the police department directly or send an email, but if it is an emergency, he requested that they call dispatch.

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

None

**Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve the minutes from the council meetings on October 14, 2021; October 28, 2021; and October 29, 2021. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-11**

**Following a second reading by Mr. McMurtry, motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to adopt Ordinance 2021-11 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Granting and Issuing a Competitive, Non-Exclusive Franchise for a Combined Term of Ten (10) Years to, and Authorizing the Execution of the Franchise Agreement with, Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC, Its Permitted Successors or Assigns, Providing for the Construction, Erection, Installation, Upgrade, Maintenance, Repair and Operation of a Cable Television System for the Provision of Cable Television Services in the City Of Ludlow, All Upon the Terms, Conditions and Covenants Contained in the Franchise Agreement.* Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2021-14**

Mayor Boone advised that the resolution is an annual appointment to allow him to represent the City at the PDS Council's quarterly meetings. Councilman Steve Chapman will serve as the alternate representative. **Mr. McMurtry read Resolution 2021-14 A Resolution Appointing a Representative and an Alternate Representative to the Planning and Development Services Council for 2022. Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to pass Resolution 2021-14. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Wright thanked Paula Graszus, Ms. Terry Navarre, and all who were involved in the Light Up Ludlow event.

**Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josh Boone, Mayor