

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

February 10, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright served called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Tiffany Grider, Brie Banks, Vanetta Davis, and Julie Terry Navarre.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Stephen Taylor, City Administrative Officer/Police Chief Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Director Shane Hamant

Presentation of the 2020-2021 Audit

Patty Edgley of Chamberlin Owens CPA reviewed the presentation slides and discussed the audit.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Grider, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on December 9, 2021. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Effective May 1, 2022, the Fire Department's ISO rating will be lowered from 3 to 2, which could result in lower insurance rates. Chief Steward stated that the lower rating is a tribute to all the hard work of the volunteers and a big accomplishment for a city our size. Chief Smith commended Chief Steward and the volunteers for all they do. The Fire Department was awarded a \$10,000.00 grant to help purchase new fire gear. Cindy Ford retired on January 31, 2022, and the Fire Department is accepting applications to fill the full-time paramedic position.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed the status of the Ludlow Park renovations. Discussion on the recent snow and ice storms that kept Public Works busy. During a snow event, public works focuses clearing the hills first, then main streets, secondary streets, and finally the alleys. Public Works will begin filling potholes soon.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner's report was included in the packet. Discussion on how short-term rentals would be located.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wright advised that Mayor Boone was under the weather and wished him a speedy recovery.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – The Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Mr. Chapman thanked Chief Smith for doing a good job in managing the City's finances and keeping overall expenses down.

Public Works— Ms. Terry Navarre advised that she recently met with Mr. Hamant to discuss the upcoming need to purchase a new truck for the Public Works department.

Safety— Mr. Wright advised that he would schedule a meeting soon.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith advised that the proposed development for the west end of the city fell apart due to lack of financing. The City hired someone for the administrative assistant position. There is a lot of in-house training planned for the police department and call volumes remain at around 400 calls per month. Last year, the City ordered two new police cruisers that should be in soon. An active shooter training is scheduled at Ludlow Schools on Monday, February 21, 2022.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-1

Mr. Taylor read Resolution 2022-1 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property [Fire Department Equipment]*. **Motion by Ms. Grider, second by Ms. Banks, to approve Resolution 2022-1. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2022-2

Mr. Taylor read Resolution 2022-2 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property [Police Vehicles]*. **Motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to approve Resolution 2022-2. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Ordinance 2022-1

Mr. Taylor completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-1 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Amending the Text of the Ludlow Public Records Ordinance to Comply with the General Assembly's Revisions to the Open Records Act.*

Ordinance 2022-2

Mr. Taylor completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-2 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Adopting an Amended Comprehensive Pay Plan for the Non-Elected City Officers and Employees of the City of Ludlow, in Accordance with KRS 83A.070(2).* Mr. Wright advised that he is in favor of the ordinance because it makes the City more competitive while remaining cost effective.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Davis thanked Public Works for all they did removing the ice and snow recently. Mr. Wright also commended Public Works for doing a great job with snow removal and thanked the Fire and EMS crew for all they do. Ms. Banks and Ms. Grider also thanked Public Works and the Fire

Department. Mr. Chapman advised that the streets in Ludlow were in much better condition during the recent snow than streets in nearby cities.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) for discussion on pending litigation. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

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Upon coming out of Executive Session, motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Josh Boone, Mayor