

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

**February 11, 2021**

Mayor Josh Boone called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Tiffany Grider, Chris Wright, and Julie Terry Navarre. Brie Banks and Vanetta Davis were absent.

*ALSO ATTENDING:* City Attorney Todd McMurtry, City Administrator/Police Chief Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Director Shane Hamant, and Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner

**Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Grider, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on January 14, 2021. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Fire Department

Chief Steward submitted the year end report in the council packets and discussed the January squad and fire runs.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed his report. Discussion on installing new flooring in the police department lobby and repairing the walls in the council chambers. Discussion on the recent snow events. Discussion on moving the TANK bus stop in front of 550 Oak Street across Helen Street to the space in front of 602 Oak Street. The resident at 604 Oak Street expressed concern about losing 3 ½ feet of space in front of her home as a result of the bus stop being moved. The owner of the nail salon at 550 Oak Street requested that the two spaces that opened up in front of her property be designated as limited parking for her elderly customers. Mr. Chapman requested that the trash can in front of 602 Oak Street be moved to the corner of Helen and Oak Streets.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed the status of the code enforcement cases. Mr. Garner advised that there are 20 cases on hold that can't be cited until Senate Bill 150 is no longer in effect. No Certificate of Appropriateness applications were filed last month. Rental license applications will be mailed out the first of March and will be due on April 15, 2021. Mr. Garner thanked Public Works for recently securing several vacant buildings. The City has already filed liens on most of the 20 vacant properties in the city and Public Works takes care of them in the summer. Discussion on the status of mass foreclosures. Mr. McMurtry advised that he is ready to file the mass foreclosures. The City will be responsible for paying the cost of the title searches, which will be approximately \$300.00 to \$400.00 for each property. Chief Smith advised that he is looking to start the mass foreclosures on between five to eight properties, which will cost the City approximately \$3,000.00, per property, to complete the process.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boone advised that he recently attended a meeting of the River's Breeze Condo Association to discuss updates in the city and answer a few questions about the new Fischer

Development. The Ludlow Historic Society recently purchased a house on Butler Street and will begin rehabbing it. Last week, Mayor Boone attended a Memorial Day Parade planning meeting. Paula Graszus is heading up the event. In addition to the Parade on May 31, 2021, the Ludlow Vets will unveil the upgrades to the War Monument in Ludlow Park. Later in the afternoon on Memorial Day, the Ludlow Heritage Museum will host an event at Ludlow Plaza for the grand opening of the caboose.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Finance* – The Committee met recently to review the December invoices, and everything appeared to be in order.

*Public Works* – The Committee did not meet. Ms. Terry Navarre thanked Mr. Hamant and his crew for keeping the streets clear during the recent snow events.

*Safety* – The Committee did not meet.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Chief Smith discussed the status of several projects. The City is waiting on approval from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the Adela Avenue repaving project, the Urban Community Development across from the City Building, and the Fischer Development. The proposed Fischer Development is on the agenda for the Kenton County Planning Commission meeting on March 4, 2021. There will be a public hearing of the Kenton County Joint Board of Adjustment on February 17, 2021, regarding 2-14 Highway Avenue. Discussion on the status of the ball field renovation, which should be completed by 2022. Chief Smith thanked Code Enforcement, Public Works, the Fire Department, and Police Department for working so well together. The police officers have been very proactive. There were only 338 police calls in January.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-1**

**Motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to call up Ordinance 2021-1 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Adopting the Amended Ludlow Historic Design Guidelines* for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. McMurtry and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

#### **Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-2**

**Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Wright, to call up Ordinance 2021-2 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Adopting Amendments to the Ludlow Zoning Ordinance* for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. McMurtry and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 2021-4**

Mr. McMurtry read **Resolution 2021-4 *A Resolution Urging the Kentucky General Assembly to Enact Legislation that Increases Transportation Funding and Modernizes Kentucky's Road Funding Formula to Provide a More Equitable Allocation of Revenue to Cities to Ensure the Safety, Maintenance and Construction of Vital City Streets and Bridges.*** Mayor Boone advised that there has been an ongoing issue with funding for Municipal Road Aid, which has continued to decrease over the last few years. Resolution 2021-4 urges the legislators to change the way they

provide funding for city roads. **Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Mr. Chapman, to pass Resolution 2021-4. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**Motion by Ms. Grider, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua A. Boone, Mayor