

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 10, 2016

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Josh Boone, Bill Mullins, Dan Ashcraft, 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

Presentation of Civilian Appreciation Award to James Megerle

Chief Smith presented a Civilian Appreciation Award to James Megerle for volunteering to put himself in harm's way to assist Officer Samuel Hodge when he was shot during a traffic stop on December 22, 2015.

Presentation on the Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration Ordinance

Rob Himes of Planning and Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) provided Council with a packet of information about foreclosures in Kenton County. The ordinance would hold lenders accountable for the state of the property from the moment it is foreclosed and becomes vacant. Several local cities already have a similar ordinance in place. PDS and Kenton County Fiscal Court are requesting the City's support through a resolution and/or letter. Discussion on how the ordinance would be enforced. **Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Cartwright, to send a letter of support to the Kenton County Fiscal Court regarding the proposed Vacant Foreclosed Property Ordinance. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Motion by Mr. Ashcraft, second by Mr. Mullins, to approve the minutes from the meetings on January 14, 2016; January 28, 2016; and February 4, 2016. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his monthly report.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed his monthly report. Construction on the replacement of the traffic light at Elm and Carneal Streets should begin in the next three weeks.

Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report. Mr. Boone and Mr. Ashcraft discussed the recent garbage collection issues. Mr. Garner discussed the new procedures that Rumpke has put into place. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the Rumpke representative was leaving the company around the same time the contract went into place, which resulted in communication issues. Ms. Chamberlain advised that Ludlow produces three times more trash than any other local cities. The new Rumpke representative plans to send out a new flyer to residents to clarify the recent garbage collection issues.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report. Officer Hodge returned to work on March 1, 2016. Discussion on plans to walk through the alleys with the K-9 units once the weather gets warmer in hopes of locating drug activity. Chief Smith advised that he is looking for alternatives for the drug activity hotline.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Southbank meeting was cancelled. Mayor Wynn attended a recent meeting at PDS regarding the installation of cell towers. Dave Heidrich has hired someone to manage the project to develop the property at the site of the former trailer park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (Mr. Amann, Mr. Ashcraft) – The Committee will meet at the Municipal Center on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Public Works Committee (Mr. Boone, Mr. Whiteley) – The Committee plans to attend the next Park Board Meeting with Mr. Walkenhorst to discuss projects planned for the coming year.

Safety Committee (Ms. Cartwright, Mr. Mullins) – The Committee plans to meet with Chief Dreyer to discuss budgetary items.

Local Business (Mr. Boone, Mr. Mullins) – No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain thanked Ms. Cartwright and Mayor Wynn for their assistance in bringing new businesses to the City. Ms. Chamberlain discussed her monthly report. Discussion on an issue with broken bottles and glass in the park over the weekend. Police will monitor the park constantly and, if problems persist, the City may have to look at the possibility of installing cameras. Discussion on looking into a bike rack plan and the status of Riverfront Commons.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Kevin Meyer inquired about when Rumpke will pick up large items. Discussion on garbage collection issues. Discussion on the status of when Duke Energy will take over maintenance of the street lights in the downtown area. Mr. Meyer commended the Public

Works department for doing a wonderful job on snow removal. Discussion on the development of a repaving program.

Corey Burke inquired about whether the City is taking any initiative to prevent the new traffic light at the intersection of Elm and Carneal Streets from being damaged in the future, such as installing a concrete barrier around it. Mr. Walkenhorst advised that a concrete barrier could not be installed around the light due to safety reasons.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-1

Motion by Ms. Cartwright, second by Mr. Mullins, to call up Ordinance 2016-1 An Ordinance Repealing Sections 40.55 Through 40.65 of Ludlow City Ordinance Numbers 1994-13, Specifically, All Ordinance Sections Creating the City of Ludlow Ethics Board, to Include Sections 40.55, 40.56, 40.57, 40.58, 40.59, 40.60, 40.61, 40.62, 40.63, 40.64, and 40.65 for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. Otis and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Cartwright is working with Lisa Crawford at the Ludlow Senior Center to organize the Senior Prom on April 1, 2016. Three volunteers are needed to move tables on the day of the event and a makeup artist is needed to do the ladies' makeup between 10:00 a.m. and noon on April 1, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Ashcraft, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor