

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 8, 2018

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wynn advised that he amended the meeting agenda by removing Executive Session. Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Bill Whiteley, Jordan Scheid, Josh Boone, Matt Williams, Tom Amann and John Gaiser.

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Fred Johnson, 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 Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Boone, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 15, 2018. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed the issues with the recent flooding. Mayor Wynn thanked the Fire Department with their assistance with the flood. After Mr. Scheid discussed a recent issue with a resident having difficulty connecting to Kenton County Dispatch when calling 911 from a cell phone, Chief Dreyer advised that Dispatch could be reached directly by calling (859) 356-3191.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst thanked Rob Begnoche for working third shift on the Saturday during the weekend of the flood to clear debris from the streets. Mr. Walkenhorst thanked the Fire Department for their assistance in cleaning off the streets and disinfecting the playground equipment. Mr. Boone inquired whether the sand in the playground area would need to be replaced. Mr. Walkenhorst stated that the Health Department advised that the sun would dry out and disinfect porous surfaces, such as the sand, and only non-porous surfaces, such as the playground equipment, needed to be disinfected.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner gave an update of the Code Enforcement cases. Discussion on the status of the property at [244] Park Street, which has been sold and the new owner plans to convert to a single-family home. The exterior of the property has been cleaned up and there are no current fines due. Mr. Amann thanked Mr. Garner for checking out the Park Street property the first thing on the day following the meeting where the property was discussed.

Police Department

Chief Smith advised that a Ludlow man wanted for a shooting in Crittenden was arrested. Discussion on a recent drug bust in Riversbreeze in which heroin, fentanyl, and 60 guns

were seized. Chief Smith reassured the residents that the Police are usually working on anywhere from 10-15 drug issues at a time, but it takes time to build a good case.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn thanked Kenton County for arranging for the Red Cross to be in Ludlow to distribute cleaning kits to those affected by the flood.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Amann and Mr. Boone met on March 6, 2018, to review the January bank statements and everything appeared to be in order.

Public Works—Mr. Williams advised that they will meet with Public Works in two weeks.

Safety—Mr. Gaiser encouraged residents to attend the free fitness classes offered at three different locations in the City through LiveWell Ludlow. Mr. Gaiser advised that he recently talked to Chief Smith about safety issues.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain advised that six cities will meet soon to discuss the RFQ for a new joint solid waste contract, which will begin on July 1, 2018. All members of the Parks Advisory Board have been contacted and Ms. Chamberlain is waiting to hear from them on when they will hold their first meeting. Mr. Walkenhorst will serve as a liaison to the Parks Advisory Board. Police and Fire will store the records that they don't access that often in an off-site facility. A housing presentation will be at NKU on April 19, 2018, to discuss the best practices for low income and affordable housing. Pat Wingo has taken a new position and will no longer be available to assist the City with economic development. Ms. Chamberlain is working with Tri-Ed until a new director is in place and she will continue to share any updates with Council. Discussion on the status of the community engagement forums and the Preferred Developer Agreement for the Ludlow Yards project. Ms. Chamberlain advised the deadline for the Agreement had been extended due to a Sanitation District issue. Mr. Amann requested that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Otis review the Preferred Developer Agreement Term Sheet and present the Preferred Developer Agreement to Council next month for approval. In response to Mr. Gaiser's question, Ms. Chamberlain advised that the only money spent on the Ludlow Yards project was for the acquisition of the property. Mr. Boone advised that the City will not develop the Ludlow Yards project, but rather sell the property to a developer to complete the project. Mr. Gaiser advised that Adela Avenue needs to be repaved. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the City will receive grant funds to repave Adela Avenue. Discussion on the City's finances.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-1

Motion by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Boone, to call up Ordinance 2018-1 An Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Text Amendment Pertaining to Sign Regulations in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky as Proposed by the Text Amendments and Recommendations of the Planning and

Development Services of Kenton County, Kentucky. Said Recommendations are Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A" for a second reading. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Gaiser).

Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-2

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to call up Ordinance 2018-2 An Ordinance Adopting a Mini Cell Tower Franchise Fee. Said Master License Agreement for Wireless Communications Facilities in the Right-of-Way is Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A" for a second reading. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Scheid advised that the Spring Fling will be held at Ludlow Memorial Park on March 31, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The event is free, but volunteers are needed. Mr. Boone announced that the NKY Restoration Fair will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018, in Newport. The event is a great resource for those who live in an older home. Mayor Wynn reminded everyone that Shop Ludlow Day will be on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Mr. Williams thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works for working together to clean up after the recent flood. At Mr. Williams' request, Chief Smith announced that the Police will soon host a question and answer meeting to give citizens an opportunity to have a conversation with the Police Department. Mr. Amann wished the women of Ludlow a Happy International Women's Day and encouraged women to run for council this year. Mr. Gaiser thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor