

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 12, 2018

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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: City 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 Lt. Bart Beck

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 8, 2018. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer advised that the Fire Department is completing the annual building inspections and continue to have businesses that need to work on building safety compliance. There is a burn ban in effect from May 1, 2018 through October 1, 2018.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed the status of the Municipal Lot project, which will likely be completed by June. Mr. Walkenhorst thanked everyone who participated in the recent Walk, Talk & Trash event to pick up litter because it allows Public Works to focus on other projects. Discussion on the status of Riverfront Commons Phase II.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed the status of CEB cases, noting that there are currently 47 open cases. Mr. Garner reminded everyone to not put grass clippings in the street when mowing their lawns or they could face a fine of up to \$500.00 per day. Public Works will be maintaining five abandoned properties this year. Discussion on the status of the trailer that had been hit on Highway Avenue. Lt. Beck advised that he will cite the trailer and, if it is not moved within a reasonable time, it will be towed. Rental license applications are coming in steadily.

Police Department

Lt. Beck read a poem that the Police Department received instead of an actual complaint about an individual. Lt. Beck advised that he looked into the complaint, but the individual did not violate any laws. Lt. Beck encouraged resident to call the police and talk to them about any complaints. The Police Department will be hosting an open house on May 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers to give citizens an opportunity to meet and get to know the police officers in a neutral setting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn advised that the Catalytic Fund will give a report on the status of Ludlow Yards once a month. Discussion on whether a phase-in for the CERS cost increase will be approved.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Amann and Mr. Boone met on March 20, 2018, to review the February bank statements and everything appeared to be in order. They will meet on April 25, 2018 to review the budget and March bank statements.

Public Works—Mr. Williams advised that the City is waiting on the Kentucky Heritage Council's approval of Phase II of Riverfront Commons. Public Works will begin working in the parks. Mr. Scheid thanked everyone who participated in Walk, Talk, & Trash because it was a huge help to Public Works. Mayor Wynn thanked Scot Dewitz for organizing the event.

Safety—No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain discussed the user-friendly financial charts that will be placed on the City's website soon. Discussion on the budget. Ms. Chamberlain recently met with Rhonda Chisenhall who advised that the Ludlow Senior Center has made great progress to increase attendance in order to continue to receive funding. The Girl Scouts submitted a volunteer work request to have a clean-up day in Ludlow Memorial Park on April 29, 2018. Ms. Chamberlain will meet with Planning and Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) during the week of April 30, 2018, to work on the historic overlay zone. Discussion on the status of the parks and fields and the status of scheduling a meeting with the Park Advisory Board. Discussion on the status of the purchase of new radios for the Police and Fire Departments. Chief Dreyer advised that there is no final number on the cost of the radios, but they hope to get the new system up and running by the end of the year. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the price of the radios will be locked in for two years. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the City has advertised for solid waste bids as part of an interlocal group of five cities (Ludlow, Edgewood, Crescent Springs, Taylor Mill, and Villa Hills) and will update Council soon. The group has requested a four-year contract price or a three-year contract price with a fourth year extension option.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Wynn encouraged everyone to participate in Shop Ludlow Day on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Mr. Williams advised that there will be a block party (300 block of Oak Street) on May 26, 2018. Mr. Williams announced that the First Annual Ludlow Limburger Festival will be held on July 28, 2018 at the Ludlow Vets. Mr. Amann encouraged everyone to attend the Ludlow Bromley Swim Club Fundraiser at the Ludlow Vets on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.; cost is \$15.00 per person.

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) for discussion on the future acquisition or sale of real property. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

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Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Scheid, to adjourn the meeting. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 5 ayes. (Mr. Gaiser left during Executive Session).

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor