

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 13, 2017

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, and John Gaiser. (Tom Amann was absent.)

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 Lieutenant Bart Beck

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 9, 2017. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his monthly report. Northern Kentucky Water District is replacing 25 of the 40 fire hydrants throughout the city.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed his monthly report. Discussion on the issue with litter throughout the city and a request to install more trash cans in the city and in Ludlow Park. Discussion on the rental of a backhoe at a reduced rate for a four-month period to allow the City to store more salt.

Code Enforcement Board

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report. Next month, notices will be sent out to property owners for non-payment of the rental license. Discussion on the implementation of a new program of using door hangers instead of mailing out citations for issues such as high grass, leaving trash cans out at the curb, or parking on an unpaved surface. Mr. Gaiser requested that Mr. Garner use more polite language in the flyers. Mr. Garner advised that the wording in the flyer is more toned down than a standard citation. Mr. Gaiser inquired about providing assistance to residents in need. Mr. Garner advised that while the City cannot provide direct assistance to someone, he has referred residents to People Working Cooperatively and Brighton Center depending on their needs.

Police Department

Lt. Beck encouraged everyone to sign up for the Citizens Police Academy.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn advised that Kenton County is rehabbing the old Bavarian building in Covington and Planning and Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) may be

moving to there once renovations are complete. PDS has had several meetings regarding changes to the sign regulations, but has tabled the issue. PDS hopes to provide an update in six months. Discussion on scheduling the fields for practices and games. Mayor Wynn advised that the City is not losing Lemker or Hollingsworth Fields. The property where Carlisle Field is located is not owned by the City and the owner is selling the property. The City can continue to use Carlisle Field until the end of May.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Boone and Mr. Amann met on April 12, 2017, and reviewed the January and February bank statements.

Public Works—No report.

Safety—No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Urban Development Review Board will meet on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, to review two applications for the Façade Program. Discussion Mr. Scheid's program to engage Ludlow School students in Council and Community activity. Discussion on requests for athletic equipment to be moved around the parks and requests on upkeep at the Ludlow Senior Center. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the City assists with the requests when possible, but it would be helpful if the community could form a group to assist in these community needs.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Kirby Mitchell of 438 Elm Street requested that the City improve the signs and crosswalks at Elm Street and Logan's Way and at Elm Street and Euclid Avenue to make them more prominent. Mr. Walkenhorst advised that he would contact the State regarding his request.

Cindy Powell of 624 Church Street inquired about who was responsible for emptying the trash cans in the 500 block of Oak Street because they need to be emptied more often. Ms. Powell inquired when the area around a fire hydrant that was installed near her home will be permanently fixed. Mr. Walkenhorst advised that the Water District will pour concrete around all the fire hydrants at one time once the entire replacement project is complete. Ms. Powell inquired whether the Fire Department offered CPR classes to the community. Chief Dreyer advised Ms. Powell to contact Heather Ladanyi at the Fire Department and she will set up a CPR class upon request. Ms. Powell advised that Ludlow Youth Football would be happy to assist with the Senior Center's needs. Mayor Wynn advised the he would give Ms. Powell's contact information to Lisa Crawford, the manager of the Ludlow Senior Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-1

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Whiteley, to call up Ordinance 2017-1 An Ordinance Amending Section 11.0 of Chapter 156 of the City of Ludlow Code of Ordinances to Establish Exemptions for Off Street Parking for a second reading. Mr. Gaiser requested a special meeting to discuss ordinances when they are brought before Council. Mr. Johnson

advised that it would be overkill to have a special meeting for every ordinance that is presented because there is usually an additional opportunity to discuss an ordinance at the caucus meeting. **Following a second reading by Mr. Johnson and a roll call vote, motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 “present, not voting” (Mr. Gaiser).**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2017-5

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Williams, to pass Resolution 2017-5 A Resolution Accepting the Re-Appointment of Marcus Carey, Robert F. Greene, Darryl Cummins, Carolyn Lainhart, Robert Sanders, and Tom Quirk and Appointment of Wesley Williams as Members of the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority Enforcement Committee for a Two-Year Term, Commencing February 1, 2017 and Expiring on January 31, 2019. Mr. Johnson read the Resolution in title only. Mr. Gaiser inquired about the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority and whether the City had a representative on the Board. Mayor Wynn advised that Board members are appointed by the Northern Kentucky Area Development District. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 no (Mr. Gaiser).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Scheid discussed the Panther Cup program through Ludlow School in which students will earn points by attending council meetings. Mayor Wynn wished everyone a Happy Easter. Mr. Williams advised that some of the funds the City receives through the smoke-free parks program can go toward the purchase of trash cans.

Motion by Mr. Gaiser, second by Mr. Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor