

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 14, 2022

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

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Todd McMurtry, City Administrative Officer/Police Chief Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks

Presentation of Police Officer Promotions

Chief Smith announced the promotion of Bart Beck from Lieutenant to Captain and Greg Eastham from Sergeant to Lieutenant and presented each with a plaque honoring their achievement.

Presentation of Proclamation to Robert “Eppy” Epperson

Mayor Boone congratulated Robert “Eppy” Epperson on his 50 years of dedicated service to the City as a police clerk. Chief Smith advised that Mr. Epperson is a true asset to the City. Mayor Boone read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Epperson’s granddaughter, Misty, who accepted on his behalf.

Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on March 10, 2022. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Effective May 1, 2022, the Fire Department’s ISO rating will be lowered to 2, which could result in lower insurance rates.

Public Works

Mayor Boone discussed several of the items in Mr. Hamant’s report, advising that he has been inspecting curbs and sidewalks on Adela Avenue and working on the construction of the concession building in the park. The old playground equipment has been removed to make room for the new equipment. Adela Avenue should be paved by mid-May.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner’s report was included in the packet. Mayor Boone advised that rental license applications are due by April 15th.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Boone advised that he spoke to Jill Morenz of the Catalytic Fund about the upcoming bourbon barrel art project, which Ludlow will participate in again. The project should begin in July. Mayor Boone attended a Southbank meeting last month and discussed a grant opportunity for flood mitigation and management, which may help with development of the west end of the city. Mayor Boone attended the Mayor’s Group meeting last month where the NKY Chamber

was there to announce the return of the BLINK light show in the fall. The Chamber requested that cities donate to the Chamber \$1 for each person who lives in the city, which would be close to \$5,000.00, to help fund BLINK. Mayor Boone advised that while it is a well-attended event, he was not sure that the revenue the City would receive would be worth the cost. Following discussion, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Terry Navarre, and Ms. Davis agreed with the Mayor that the City should not donate to the Chamber because the City will not be involved in the presentation of the event.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—The Committee will meet later in the month to review the budget and property reassessments.

Public Works—Mr. Terry Navarre advised that they have not met recently.

Safety—Mr. Wright advised that they have not met recently.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith advised that, once it is finished, Lemker Field will be one of the nicest ball fields in Northern Kentucky. Ludlow Schools, St. Elizabeth, and many other donors are making the renovation happen. The installation of the playground equipment should be completed by early May. Fischer Homes is still working on legalities, but the Cityview Station project is still moving forward. Chief Smith advised that he would meet with the Finance Committee by May to discuss planning for the next fiscal year's budget. The police department call volume numbers hit the 500 mark last month, but the officers are still doing what they are supposed to be doing. Chief Smith advised that he has an interview scheduled with a candidate for the police officer position and, if it works out, that would bring the police department to full staff. The police cruisers are finally in after waiting for one and a half years.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2022-3

Mayor Boone advised that the ordinance would amend the short-term rental ordinance to correct clerical errors, set a due date, change the rate, and eliminate the parking pass section. Mr. McMurtry completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-3 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kenton County, Kentucky Amending the Text of Chapter 119: Short-Term Rental Regulations in the Ludlow Code of Ordinances.*

First Reading of Ordinance 2022-4

Mayor Boone advised that the City is mandated to update the zoning ordinance regarding family child care homes to comply with the changes that were passed in the state legislature. Mr. McMurtry completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-4 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Amending Ludlow's Zoning Ordinance to Include Family Child Care Homes as a Conditional Use in All Residential Zones.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Motion by Ms. Grider, second by Mr. Chapman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Josh Boone, Mayor