

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 8, 2021

Mayor Josh Boone called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public on the desirability of public assistance for eligible citizens who need help paying for covered utilities. Mayor Boone advised that the City has an opportunity to apply for a grant that would make \$200,000.00 available for utility payment assistance for qualifying residents. The grant would be administered by the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD). The City would issue the checks, as directed by NKADD, to the utility companies on behalf of the applicant. Discussion on basic terms of the grant, which is expected to assist an estimated 50 households. With no comments from the public, the public hearing ended at 7:05 p.m.

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Mayor Josh Boone called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Brie Banks, Chris Wright, and Julie Terry Navarre. Tiffany Grider and Vanetta Davis were absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Todd McMurtry, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Director Shane Hamant, and Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on March 11, 2021. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward discussed the squad and fire runs for March. Two firefighters attended fire inspection training. The Fire Department will begin annual hydrant testing in April and will post signs throughout the City. The next blood drive is scheduled for May 14, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed his monthly report, including discussion on replacing a damaged camera in the park, a recent Zoom meeting with Sanitation District No. 1, and finishing the installation of the new flooring in the administrative hallway. Discussion on an issue of kids leaving trash behind in the park, especially in the basketball court area.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed the status of the code enforcement cases. Mr. Garner reminded everyone that blowing grass clippings into the street is illegal and violators could be fined up to \$500.00. The Urban Design Review Board (UDRB) received Certificate of Appropriateness applications for 24 Euclid Avenue and 33 Kenner Street. The City has received 151 rental license applications, as of April 8, 2021. Riverside Marketplace and Family Dollar were notified that, effective April 1, if the City finds a grocery cart outside of their parking lot, the City will dispose of it. Mr. McMurtry advised that the City of Ft. Wright passed an ordinance to fine Walmart \$75.00 for each

cart that is found off their property. Discussion on the status of Airbnb or short-term rental regulations. Mr. Garner advised that, at the request of Chief Smith, he is in the process of researching how the issue is being addressed in other local cities.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boone advised that, although there is no start date, the State has signed off on the Adela Avenue Paving Project. The project will include new sidewalks and will incorporate some of the old bricks from the existing sidewalks. Next month, the City will reconcile the budget. The City is still looking into the COVID funding and how the funds could be used. Mayor Boone and Chief Smith recently met with Will Weber, the new Director of Southbank, to discuss options for moving ahead with the Riverwalk. Ludlow School is looking into applying for grants for their portion of the Riverwalk. A traffic study is underway in the area near the proposed Fischer Development to determine whether a traffic light would need to be installed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – The Committee will meet on April 13, 2021, to review the bank statements.

Public Works – The Committee met after the March council meeting and will submit its findings to Mayor Boone and Chief Smith.

Safety – The Committee will meet later in the month.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2021-3

Mr. McMurtry completed the first reading of Ordinance 2021-3 *An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky*. The second reading will occur at the May meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Joshua A. Boone, Mayor