

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

May 12, 2022

Mayor Josh Boone 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, Public Works Director Shane Hamant

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on April 14, 2022. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike Steward's report was included in the council packet.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed the status of construction on the concession building in Ludlow Park. Mr. Hamant thanked the volunteers who helped get Ludlow Park ready and thanked the Fire Department for watering the sod at Lemker Field. Discussion on the status of the Adela Paving Project, which is set for May 30, 2022. Mr. Hamant advised that Oak Street will be closed at the entrance of Bromley during the day on May 17, 2022, to allow for sewer work. Mr. Chapman commended Mr. Hamant and his crew for their work on Ludlow Park.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner's report was included in the packet.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boone thanked everyone who attended the recent opening of the ballpark. Mayor Boone advised that with the improvement of the ball field and the park, it will be a nice attraction for the City.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith discussed an issue with parents continuing to take their children to the closed playground and expressed concern that someone could get hurt. The Adela Avenue Paving Project should be completed soon. The City is still looking for someone to develop the property on the west end. Chief Smith advised that he is waiting for updates on the Fischer development before forming a citizen review committee. The Police Department had 407 calls last month.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—The Committee met earlier in the week to review the April bank statements and everything appeared in order. The Committee also reviewed the budget, and the City is in good financial shape.

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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Gayle Starks, owner of 803 Oak Street, discussed an issue with a notice of violation she received from the City for furniture behind her property. Ms. Starks advised that the furniture belonged to the residents in the property at 805-807 Oak Street. Ms. Starks advised that she has called and sent several emails to the City regarding the issue. Chief Smith advised that Mr. Garner handles code enforcement issues, but he has been in and out of the office due to serious medical issues. Chief Smith advised that Mr. Garner may already be addressing the issue with the neighbor, but he will have to wait until Mr. Garner returns to the office before he could address Ms. Starks' concerns. Chief Smith advised that the number of rental properties in the city has been cut almost in half in the last three years as a result of the City going after landlords who don't keep up their properties. The City could revoke a rental license due to violations.

Presentation by Aleta Bergsman on Public Arts Projects

Mayor Boone advised that Ms. Bergsman had approached him with an idea of the City working with businesses to install murals on buildings similar to those in Covington and Cincinnati; however, the City can't afford to spend \$50,000.00 on murals. Mayor Boone advised that Ms. Bergsman has requested the presentation be rescheduled until next month to discuss ideas for other public art projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-3

Following a second 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* by Mr. McMurtry, motion made by Mr. Wright, second by Mr. Chapman, to adopt the ordinance. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-4

Following a second 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* by Mr. McMurtry, motion made by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Banks, to adopt the ordinance. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2022-5

Chief Smith advised that the budget was amended to include the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue. The City received half of the funding in the current fiscal year and the other half will be received in the next fiscal year. Mr. McMurtry completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-5 ***An Ordinance Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Revenue of ~~\$4,952,983.00~~ \$4,621,176.24 and Expenditures of ~~\$4,175,570.00~~ \$4,256,488.93.***

First Reading of Ordinance 2022-6

Mr. McMurtry completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-6 ***An Ordinance Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Revenue of***

\$4,628,800.00 and Expenditures of \$4,297,340.00. Mayor Boone advised that next year's budget is very much on par with this year's budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Terry Navarre announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be on May 30, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The parade will kick off in Bromley at the Veteran's Memorial, move up Oak Street to Carneal and then down Elm Street to the Veteran's Monument in Ludlow Park. The cookout will be at the park this year following the ceremony. Ms. Davis advised that the opening of the ballpark looked nice and thanked Public Works. Mr. Wright, Ms. Banks, and Ms. Grider also thanked Public Works for the work on the ballpark.

Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Mr. Chapman, to enter into executive session at 7:29 p.m., pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) for Discussion on Pending Litigation. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

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Upon coming out of executive session, motion by Ms. Grider, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to adjourn the meeting. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Josh Boone, Mayor