

LUDLOW COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

May 22, 2025

Mayor Chris Wright 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: Steve Chapman, Paula Graszus, David Ziegler, Sarah Thompson, Julie Terry Navarre, and Abigail Miller.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Patrick Grote, City Administrative Officer Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2025-5

Mr. Grote completed the first reading of Ordinance 2025-5 *An Ordinance Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025 for the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, Calling for Revenue of ~~\$4,849,000.00~~ \$4,867,500.00 and Expenditures of ~~\$4,421,440.00~~ \$4,705,100.00.* The \$162,400.00 surplus will likely go toward the purchase of property on the west end.

First Reading of Ordinance 2025-6

Mr. Grote completed the first reading of Ordinance 2025-6 *An Ordinance Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 Through June 30, 2026 for the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, Calling for Revenue of \$5,262,000.00 and Expenditures of \$4,721,340.00.* Discussion on changes in the budget for the next fiscal year. Ms. Miller requested a copy of the line-item budget, which Mr. Smith will provide by the next council meeting. Discussion on possibly investing the savings into a high-yield savings account. Mr. Chapman discussed the status of the City's long-term debt.

First Reading of Ordinance 2025-7

Mr. Grote completed the first reading of Ordinance 2025-7 *An Ordinance Amending the City of Ludlow Code of Ordinances, Chapter 94: Noise Regulations, for the Purpose of Permitting Certain Artificially Amplified Noise at Bars and Restaurants Within the City of Ludlow.* The maximum noise level will be sixty-five decibels measured at thirty-five feet away from the device. The zoning ordinance amendment will occur after the adoption of Z21 zoning code. The City will purchase a decibel meter once the ordinance passes. Mr. Blank requested that the ordinance allow for the sound level to be measured thirty-five feet from the property line rather than from the device. Following discussion, the ordinance will remain as written with the sound level measured thirty-five feet from the device because that is the most objective measure.

Motion by Ms. Thompson, second by Mr. Chapman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Chris Wright, Mayor