

LUDLOW COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

June 26, 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, and Julie Terry Navarre. Mayor Wright advised that Abigail Miller's absence was excused.

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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-6

Mr. Grote completed the second 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 \$5,678,100.00 and Expenditures of \$5,097,840.00.* **Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Thompson, to adopt Ordinance 2025-6. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Ziegler).**

Discussion and Vote on Fitness Court Grant

Discussion on whether to accept a \$50,000.00 grant from UC Health toward the cost of installing a Fitness Court at Caple Park. The total cost of the project would be between \$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00. Mr. Smith advised that he has until July 23, 2025, to obtain donations. If approved, this would be the first Fitness Court in the region. The Fitness Court would be located close to Riverfront Commons. Mr. Smith advised that he is working to gain access to Carlisle Field, which is larger than the field that would be eliminated at Caple Park. The City would smooth out the field, install a fence, backstop, and bleachers at Carlisle. Discussion over concerns about who would utilize the Fitness Court, access, parking, maintenance, and security cameras. Mr. Smith advised that he would like to improve the basketball court and install a small piece of playground equipment at Caple Park. **Motion by Ms. Thompson, second by Ms. Graszus, to accept the grant funds from UC Health in the amount of \$50,000.00 toward the cost of a Fitness Court (Resolution 2025-7). If the project is not fully funded through donations, the issue will come back before council for approval to spend the necessary amount to finish the project. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Ziegler).**

Motion by Mr. Ziegler, second by Ms. Graszus, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Chris Wright, Mayor