

LUDLOW COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

July 14, 2026

Mayor Sarah Thompson 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, Meagan Guthrie, David Ziegler, and Paula Graszus. Julie Terry Navarre was absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Zach Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Budget Consultant Steve Bodde

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-9

Mr. Smith completed the second reading of Ordinance 2026-9 *An Ordinance Adopting the City of Ludlow, Kentucky's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2027, By Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the City to the Full Extent Authorized by KRS 82.082 and Interpretative Case Law.* **Motion by Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, to adopt Ordinance 2026-9.** Mr. Chapman discussed a comparison of the City's budget and year-end balances to those of other local cities, including Florence, Walton, Ft. Thomas, Southgate, and Elsmere. Ms. Guthrie advised that she believes Mayor Thompson made a good faith effort to meet council in the middle with her budget and she encouraged council to have continued financial oversight throughout the year. Mr. Ziegler advised that he appreciated everyone's efforts. Ms. Graszus appreciated all the work that went into the budget and was glad everyone could come together to agree on the budget. Ms. Graszus advised that she would still like to work with the school on getting the lights at Hollingsworth Field for next spring. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Motion by Ms. Graszus, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Sarah Thompson, Mayor