

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 27, 2026

Mayor Sarah Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Michelle Eviston called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Meagan Guthrie, Julie Terry Navarre, David Ziegler, and Paula Graszus. Brian Bumgarner was absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Michelle Eviston, City Attorney Zach Smith, Police Chief Bart Beck

Presentations:

- Stacey Hans, of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), discussed the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Ms. Hans encouraged residents to visit their website Brentspencebridgecorridor.com for updates and to sign up for emails and text messages.
- Will Weber of Southbank Partners provided a Riverfront Commons update and discussed other projects they are working on in the city.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Thompson thanked Infinite Hills Productions and the Ludlow Heritage Museum for their work on the recent Ludlow Rail Sessions event. The next Rail Sessions event will be on September 16, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Mayor Thompson advised that City Treasurer Wayne Harris submitted his resignation, and his last day was Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Mr. Harris accepted a position closer to his home. Steve Bodde will assist the City during the transition.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Potential Bicycle Ordinance

Discussion on topics to include in the bicycle ordinance, including allowing children under 8 years old to ride their bicycles on the sidewalk, requiring children 16 years old and younger to wear a helmet, permitting bicycles on the skatepark, prohibiting electronic bikes on the Riverwalk, impounding bicycles for violators, and whether the violations would be civil or criminal. Discussion on having police officers give a presentation at the school about bicycle safety and the changes to bicycle ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Terry Navarre announced that Walk 'n Talk 'n Trash will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants will dig up pottery on the riverbank to collect for a future project. Ludlow in Bloom will be from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The meeting locations will be announced on Facebook.

- In response to Ms. Guthrie's question, Mayor Thompson advised that Wayne Harris submitted his resignation on Monday, August 17, 2026. Ms. Guthrie inquired about updates on the tax rate. Mayor Thompson advised that the tax rate information will be presented to council soon. Ms. Eviston advised that Laurie Sparks will place the ads for a public hearing that will be held prior to the council meeting at the end of September.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, seconded by Ms. Graszus, to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(g) for discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, seconded by Ms. Graszus, to come out of executive session and resume the meeting. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, to permit the mayor to negotiate a lease of 800 Elm Street with the Ludlow Heritage Museum for mooring and to create a parking lot for the Delta Queen, if acquired. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: four ayes, one nay (Mr. Ziegler).

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(c) for discussions of two matters of pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, seconded by Ms. Graszus, to come out of executive session. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, seconded by Ms. Guthrie, to adjourn the meeting. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Sarah Thompson, Mayor