

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 13, 2018

Mayor Kenneth Wynn 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: Bill Whiteley, Jordan Scheid, Josh Boone, Tom Amann and John Gaiser. (Matt Williams was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Fred Johnson, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Project Manager Patrick Walkenhorst, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Lt. Bart Beck

Mayor Wynn amended the agenda to add a voice resolution to block off Davies Street between Elm and Walnut Alley on September 30, 2018 between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and discussion concerning Beyond the Curb.

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Scheid, to approve the minutes from the meetings on August 6, 2018, August 9, 2018 and August 23, 2018. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Deputy Chief Steward advised that the report was submitted to council. Mayor Wynn advised that Chief Dreyer tendered his resignation, effective September 26, 2018, and thanked him for his six and a half years of service. Deputy Chief Steward will serve as Interim Chief until a new chief is appointed after the election.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst announced that the Grand Opening of the Rail Viewing Station will be on October 13, 2018. The Rail Viewing Station is open, but trash cans and benches will be added soon. A backhoe has been rented for use during winter.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed the status of Code Enforcement cases and his annual report. Discussion on the possibility of implementing an amnesty program for code enforcement citations and asked Council to review a similar program in use in Florida. Approximately twenty people attended the Code Enforcement 101 seminar. Mr. Garner reminded everyone that campaign signs cannot be placed in the right of way and, if found there, they will be removed.

Police Department

Lt. Beck advised that Chief Smith graduated from the FBI Academy and will be back on Monday.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Amann and Mr. Boone reviewed the July bank statements and found no irregularities. They will meet next week with David Baker to review the August statements and do forecasting for next year.

Public Works—Mr. Scheid advised that they plan to meet in the coming weeks.

Safety—They will meet when Chief Smith returns and Deputy Chief Steward begins serving as Interim Fire Chief.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain advised that the Urban Design Review Board met on August 29, 2018, and will meet on September 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. with business owners in the proposed Historic Overlay Zone. The Parks Advisory Board met recently to have a visioning session for the parks and welcome input from the residents. Discussion on the need for the City to put a new strategic plan in place. A new restaurant is coming soon to the downtown area. Discussion on new FCC regulations that will hinder cities from creating franchise agreements. Ms. Chamberlain asked that any requests of elected officials and employees be submitted through email or the City's website contact page rather than through Facebook messenger. Due to a change with a development in the city, the City is looking at a huge loss in revenue. Mr. Amann inquired why the council packets were delivered late; Ms. Chamberlain advised it was because Ms. Sparks was attending an insurance conference in the beginning of the week. Mr. Amann inquired when the date was set for the grand opening of the Ludlow Plaza because it conflicts with the Curveball Classic. Discussion on the two events, which also fall on the same day as Shop Ludlow.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Dan Ashcraft, 58 Kenner Street, discussed the parking issue on Kenner Street, which he stated has deteriorated over the years.

Nancy Mullins, 461 Elm Street, attended the meeting discussing the Ludlow Yards project where issues such as parking, aesthetics, and low-income rent were discussed. Ms. Mullins advised that 40% of the people in Ludlow live below the qualifying income for the apartments at Ludlow Yards. Ms. Mullins inquired whether the project was turned down because of the developer. Ms. Mullins inquired about when the Park Advisory Board would meet and when there will be a meeting on the Strategic Plan. Discussion on the specific area of the proposed Historic Overlay Zone, which will be discussed in a meeting open to businesses in the affected area. Ms. Mullins advised that she did not receive a letter about the meeting, which is scheduled for September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

Bill Mullins, 461 Elm Street, discussed the proposed area of the Historic Overlay Zone. Mr. Amann advised that Planning and Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) will need to clarify the specific area.

Linnor Rich advised that she spent several weeks planning an art show and music event and created a poster for the event, which she requested be held during Beyond the Curb at

the Ludlow Plaza. Ms. Chamberlain advised that it would be disrespectful to host an event with bands that would keep people in Ludlow and prevent them from visiting other cities on the tour. Ms. Chamberlain suggested that the event be set up on Davies Street or along the sidewalk as it was during the previous Beyond the Curb. Following further discussion, Mayor Wynn advised that they would need to sit down with Jill Morenz from Beyond the Curb to work out the details of the event.

Further discussion on the exact location of the proposed Historic Overlay Zone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-5

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to call up Ordinance 2018-5 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018, and Ending June 30, 2019 Upon Real Estate Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, and Fixing the Time and Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same for a second reading.* Mr. Johnson completed the second reading of Ordinance 2018-5. Mr. Amann advised that while he is not in favor of raising taxes, they would only be taking the compensating rate, which would generate the same revenue as last year. While Mr. Amann was discussing the impact of the tax rate, Mr. Johnson advised Mr. Amann that he was out of order because he was giving a speech. Mr. Boone advised that Mr. Amann was discussing the tax rate. Mr. Gaiser expressed concern about the increase in property values from the Property Valuation Administrator. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 3 ayes (Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Scheid, Mr. Amann), 2 nays (Mr. Boone, Mr. Gaiser).**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-6

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to call up Ordinance 2018-6 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018, and Ending June 30, 2019 Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, for the Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Special Ad Valorem Tax, and Fixing the Time for Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same for a second reading.* Following a second reading by Mr. Johnson and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Wes Bittlinger and Discussion on the Parking Situation on Montclair Ave.

Mr. Bittlinger discussed the parking situation and requested that a parking permit be required for the 300 block of Montclair Avenue. There are 28 properties in the block and one resident has nine vehicles. Mr. Bittlinger advised that he collected 13 signatures and spoke to many who would be happy to comply but didn't want to sign the petition. Mr. Bittlinger requested two parking passes and one overnight guess pass per residence as a solution. Mr. Boone suggested that Council discuss the issue at the caucus meeting.

Voice Resolution to Approve Window Painting on the Storefronts in the Downtown Area

Ms. Chamberlain advised that they would like to see the empty storefronts painted for Beyond the Curb. Justin Adcock will work with the art students at the high school to complete the painting project. The maximum cost would be \$300.00 to \$400.00 for supplies.

The projects must be an autumn theme and family friendly. If it is successful, Love Ludlow or the high school could continue the project for each season. **Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to allow window painting on the storefronts subject to guidelines as prepared by the City Administrative Officer. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2018-7

Discussion on the reason for the time frame selected for the limited parking. Discussion on the possibility of requesting that the railroad clean up their property on the south side of Cedar alley and whether that would eliminate the need for the ordinance. Discussion on painting white lines restricting parking only in the narrow area of the alley rather than restricting parking in the whole block. Discussion on issues with recycling pick up in other alleys. **Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Boone, to introduce Ordinance 2018-7 An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Amending Chapter 75: Parking Schedules, Schedule II. "Limited Parking Zones" for a first reading.** Mr. Johnson completed the first reading of Ordinance 2018-7.

Vote to Approve Resolution 2018-11

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to approve Resolution 2018-11 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of 2018B Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes; Approving a Form of Note; Authorizing Designated Officers to Execute and Deliver the 2018B Notes; Authorizing and Directing the Filing of Notice with the State Local Debt Officer; Providing for the Payment and Security of the 2018B Notes; Appointing a Paying Agent and Registrar; Creating a Sinking Fund; Making Certain Federal Income Tax Covenants in Respect of the 2018B Notes; Accepting the Proposal of the Note Purchaser for the Purchase of the 2018B Notes; and Repealing Inconsistent Resolutions and Orders. Mr. Johnson read the title of the resolution. **Following a roll call vote, motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Gaiser).**

The vote to approve blocking off Davies Street was removed from the agenda. Discussion on the location of the art show and music event on the day of Beyond the Curb, which would need to be worked out with Jill Morenz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Scheid announced that the 2nd Annual Community Spooktacular will be held on October 30, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Ludlow Plaza.

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Amann, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor