

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

January 12, 2023

Mayor Chris Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Lori Davenport, Samantha Frank, Julie Terry Navarre, and Abigail Miller. Brie Banks was absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Todd McMurtry, City Administrative Officer/Police Chief Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Director Shane Hamant, Code Enforcement Officer Jamie West

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on December 8, 2022. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward discussed his monthly report and a recent fire that affected two houses in the 200 block of Oak Street. Currently, there are five Junior Firefighters and approximately 20-25 students from Ludlow High School expressed an interest in signing up. Discussion on the qualifications of the Junior Firefighter program. Discussion on plans for business inspections.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant advised that the City will be purchasing a new utility truck for Public Works. The City received payment for the damaged street light poles, which are on backorder until April. Discussion on an electrical issue that was repaired outside the Public Works building. The new light poles will be installed soon at Ludlow Park. Discussion on the snow removal policy.

Code Enforcement

Mr. West discussed the status of open and closed code enforcement cases. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued by the Urban Design Review Board for 51 Ash Street and 421 Closson Court. Mr. West advised that this month he is highlighting Ludlow Code §91.07 "Junked or Wrecked Vehicles". Discussion on the Paint the Town project taking place in June.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wright stated that it is an honor to serve as mayor and discussed his family's deep roots in the community. Mayor Wright advised that he has been meeting with people in a variety of roles and will continue to listen and learn about the city. Mayor Wright attended the Ohio River Way meeting on December 15, 2022, and plans on attending the next meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Discussion on plans for the upcoming Cabin Fever Music + Arts Festival on February 25, 2023. Mayor Wright will attend the Kentucky League of Cities Mayors Group meeting on Friday and the Northern Kentucky Mayors Group meeting on Saturday. Mayor Wright will be at Ludlow Coffee on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for coffee and conversation about the city.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The council committees will be finalized next week.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith advised that the auditor will present and discuss the audit at the next council meeting. Chief Smith is still meeting with developers for the west end of the city. The State approved the Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Fischer project. Chief Smith will meet with the individual who would like to donate the funds for the amphitheater in Ludlow Park to review the plans for project. A meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023, with Bromley to discuss the possibility of their contribution toward the purchase of a new ambulance. Plans for the Riverwalk will hopefully be finalized by Southbank in February. Discussion on the possibility of consolidating police service among several communities in the future due to rising operational costs. The police department's annual Toy Drive was very successful; approximately 100 kids received multiple gifts.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Matthew North, 847 Elm Street, is an avid gardener and homesteader who requested that Council repeal the ordinance banning chickens to allow residents to have chickens in their backyards. Mr. North discussed the benefits of raising chickens and encouraged Council to look at Covington's ordinance on chickens. Ms. Miller advised that she is in favor of allowing chickens and inquired whether Mr. North would be interested in championing and education regarding raising chickens if Council chooses to pursue an ordinance change. Mr. North advised that he would be glad to assist. Further discussion on the possibility of allowing chickens with restrictions and on issues with backyard chickens in the past.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-1

Mr. McMurtry read Resolution 2023-1 *A Resolution Reappointing Members to Serve on City of Ludlow Boards.* **Motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to approve Resolution 2023-1. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2023-2

Mr. McMurtry read Resolution 2023-2 *A Resolution Appointing a Representative and an Alternate Representative to the Planning and Development Services Council for the Year 2023.* **Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Davenport, to approve Resolution 2023-2. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2023-3

Mr. McMurtry read Resolution 2023-3 *A Resolution Accepting the Re-Appointment of Marcus Carey, Darryl Cummins, Robert Sanders, Tom Quirk, Bryce C. Rhoades, and Jack Westwood and the appointment of James Dady as Members of the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority Enforcement Committee for a Two-Year Term, Commencing February 1, 2023 and Expiring on January 31, 2025.* **Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Davenport, to approve Resolution 2023-3. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2023-4

Mr. McMurtry read Resolution 2023-4 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property.* **Motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Frank, to approve Resolution 2023-4. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2023-5

Mr. McMurtry read Resolution 2023-5 *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky to Execute Continuing Engineering Services Agreement.* **Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve Resolution 2023-5. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2023-1

Mr. McMurtry completed the first reading of Ordinance 2023-1 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Amending Ordinance 2022-10.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Davenport announced that Cabin Fever will be on February 25, 2023. Mr. Chapman advised that a section of Route 8 is closed, but the state has not posted any signs.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Davenport, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Chris Wright, Mayor