

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

November 12, 2020

Mayor Josh Boone called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Tiffany Grider, Chris Wright, and Julie Terry Navarre. Bill Whiteley and Vanetta Davis were absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Todd McMurtry, City Administrator/Police Chief Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Director Shane Hamant, and Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner

Motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Mr. Wright, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on October 8, 2020. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all eyes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward experienced technical issues connecting to the meeting. Chief Steward's report was included in the packets.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed his report and thanked everyone who was involved in the recent City Clean Up. Mr. Hamant suggested hosting clean up events in the spring in fall. Discussion on the removal of Children at Play signs that residents have posted throughout the city. The Federal Highway Administration recommends the signs not be posted because they give a false sense of security that cars will slow down. Anyone who would like more information should contact Mr. Hamant at the city building. The City purchased a leaf vacuum and leaf pickup will begin next week throughout the city. Discussion on the installation of a new roof on the Community Center and the status of the stained-glass window project in the council chambers. Mr. Hamant thanked the Garden Club for cleaning up the area around the monument in Ludlow Park. Public Works will be filling potholes and encouraged residents to call the City Building to report any they see.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his monthly report. No new Certificate of Appropriateness applications were submitted to the Urban Design Review Board (UDRB) last month. The UDRB plans to finalize the guidelines for the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone and present them to Council next month. There are only five delinquent rental licenses. Discussion on the issue with "street spam", such as signs on telephone poles or in the right-of-way, and the potential citations that could be issued to violators. Discussion on the impact of SB 150, which prevents the City from filing liens or taking action on anything that could be appealed, such as a citation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boone discussed the mixed reactions he has received to the proposed development in the city. The project is not shovel ready and it will be a long process for approvals before any development could begin. Mayor Boone advised that the City will work with the developers and

the citizens. A new development would be very beneficial to the city and would generate more revenue.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – The Committee met on November 10, 2020 and reviewed the checks from September and October; everything appeared to be in order.

Public Works – The Committee did not meet.

Safety – The Committee did not meet.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

Chief Smith advised that despite the pandemic, there are new businesses opening in the city – Ludlow Parlor and Willow Boutique. Discussion on potential development in the city. Chief Smith advised that the City will work to make sure that any development leaves the city better off twenty years from now than it is today. The development across from the City Building is still moving forward. Chief Smith advised that he hopes to have a start date for the Adela Avenue Repaving Project by next month. Chief Smith advised that the City Clean Up went well and thanked Ms. Davis, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hamant, and Public Works Laborer Mike Dunaway for their work with the event. The Police Department call volume was extremely low last month. The new K-9, Kevin, is out working and is very friendly. Once the City can hold in-person meetings, representatives from the Haverkamp Association plan to give a presentation. Discussion on changes on how gifts will be distributed to families this year, due to the pandemic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-9

Motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Mr. Wright, to call up Ordinance 2020-9 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky, Amending the Text of the Ludlow Zoning Ordinance to Add Event Center and Entertainment Facilities as a Conditional Use in the I-1 Zone (Industrial-One) for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. McMurtry and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.*

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-14

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to pass Resolution 2020-14 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property.* Mr. McMurtry read the resolution, which declared miscellaneous Fire Department equipment surplus. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Resolution 2020-15

Motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to pass Resolution 2020-15 *A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Control of Cincinnati Bell Inc. and Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC to Red Fiber Parent LLC and RF Merger Sub Inc.* Following a reading by Mr. McMurtry and a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Boone congratulated everyone on their election win and will make arrangements to swear them in by the end of the year. Ms. Terry Navarre advised that the Ludlow Parlor has marvelous ice cream. Mr. Wright congratulated Ludlow Parlor and Willow Boutique on opening and

encouraged everyone to support local businesses. Mr. Chapman thanked Ms. Terry Navarre and Mr. Wright for assisting with the recent City Clean Up Day.

Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Joshua A. Boone, Mayor