

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

November 9, 2017

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, Matt Williams, Tom Amann, and John Gaiser.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Project Manager Patrick Walkenhorst, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Chief Scott Smith

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Scheid, to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 12, 2017. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer gave an update of recent fire calls in the City.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst advised that he has been monitoring the municipal lot project. Public Works has been working on keeping storm drains clear and patching potholes.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his report. Mr. Garner reminded everyone that it is against the law to blow leaves into the street and anyone caught doing so could receive a citation.

Police Department

Chief Smith thanked Covington Officer Brian Bogard for assisting with DUI training for the Ludlow police officers. Mr. Amann congratulated the Police Department for October being the month with the fewest number of calls in the past three years. Security Cameras have been installed at the city building and at Ludlow Park. Chief Smith encouraged residents that if they see drug activity, they should call the police to report it immediately rather than wait.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The City will not have a tree lighting this year, due to the construction of the municipal lot. The City will have Ludlow Day at Behringer-Crawford Museum instead where residents can view the holiday trains for free on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Amann and Mr. Boone met on October 26, 2017, to review the September statements and everything appeared to be in order. The Finance Group will meet with Mayor Wynn and Ms. Chamberlain in the last week of November to review the status of the financials for the Rail Viewing Project. The Finance Group will meet to review the October bank statements on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Public Works—No report.

Safety—No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain discussed her report, including the budget and checking on the status of the safety of trees throughout the city. Discussion on the Public Arts Network, funded through the Catalytic Fund, to discuss ways to inspire public art throughout Northern Kentucky.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Handicap Parking Space Appeal—618 Laurel Street

Kelli Martin of Burlington, spoke on behalf of her grandmother and grandfather who live at 618 Laurel Street to request a handicap parking space in front of her grandparents' home. Ms. Martin discussed the issues with her grandmother's illness and issues with the existing parking pad behind the home that makes access difficult via the rear stairs. Ms. Martin advised that installing a new parking pad and a ramp would be cost prohibitive. Ms. Martin confirmed that she is the power of attorney for her grandmother. Mr. Garner advised that, usually, the City does not allow a handicap parking space if someone has off-street parking. Council can approve or deny a request on a case by case basis. Mr. Amann advised that, based on Ms. Martin's appeal, he is in favor of approving the application for the handicap parking space. **Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to allow a handicap space to be installed in front of 618 Laurel Street. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2017-7

Motion by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Scheid, to introduce Ordinance 2017-7 *An Ordinance Amending City of Ludlow Ordinance No. 1990-13 Adopting and Approving the Establishment of the City of Ludlow Park Board for a first reading.* Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-7.

First Reading of Ordinance 2017-8

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Williams, to introduce Ordinance 2017-8 *An Ordinance Amending City of Ludlow Ordinance No. 2007-6 Adopting and Approving Park Rules and Regulations that Shall Apply to All Public Parks of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, for the Purpose of Promoting the Public Health, Safety and Welfare in Connection with the Use of These Parks by the General Public for a first reading.* Mr. Gaiser inquired whether the Park Board currently collects a 5% tax. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the 5% tax is not currently

collected, but Council could collect it in the future because the option of putting it on the ballot would be available. Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-8. Mr. Gaiser advised the he would like to read the current ordinance. Mr. Otis advised that the proposed Ordinance 2017-8 is the current ordinance and any changes are indicated by a strikethrough for deletions or underline for additions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Amann encouraged residents to take their children to see the Holiday Trains at Behringer-Crawford Museum on Ludlow Day. Mr. Williams wished everyone a safe and glorious Thanksgiving and holiday season. Mr. Scheid advised that 105 children attended the Halloween Spooktacular and thanked everyone who helped make this a successful event. Mr. Scheid also advised that Rumpke will continue to pick up bagged leaves though November 24, 2017. Mayor Wynn wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Scheid, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor