

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 12, 2019

Mayor Josh Boone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Scott Smith called the roll which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Tiffany Grider, Bill Whiteley, Chris Wright, Tom Amann, and Julie Terry Navarre.

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

Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on November 14, 2019 and November 25, 2019. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward discussed his monthly report, including run reports and staff training.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed his monthly report, including recent training and improvement projects. Public Works has been replacing the bulbs in the street lights downtown with LED bulbs to save money. Mr. Hamant thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for their assistance with a pole that came down at Hollingsworth Field during the recent high winds. Mr. Chapman thanked Mr. Hamant for saving the City money by switching out the street lights. Ms. Terry Navarre advised that the Christmas decorations look great.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed issues with printing reports since the code enforcement software company changed the program several weeks ago. Hopefully, the issues with reports will be resolved by the end of the year. The Urban Design Review Board (UDRB) received and approved its first application, which was for a parking pad. The UDRB is in the process of reviewing the guidelines for the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone and there will likely be several proposed changes presented to Council in January or February.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boone thanked Paula and John Graszus for spearheading the Christmas Parade and thanked the Fire Department, Police Department for their involvement with the parade. Mayor Boone thanked Public Works for the decorations. Mayor Boone advised that the Parade exceeded expectations and will likely be held again next year. Mayor Boone discussed several of the City's accomplishments in the past year, including amicably ending the lawsuit with Ludlow Youth Football, enacting an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars in back taxes thanks to the research of the administrative staff and city attorneys, developing a framework for long-term financial stability, repairing relations with Bromley and contracting with them to provide Fire & EMS services to its residents, saving the Senior Center

from closing and reopening it as a Community Center, renewing the interest in the local history museum and selling a valuable piece of property on Elm Street for redevelopment. Mayor Boone advised that over the past year, he is most proud of the fact that the City has restored civility and calm to the council meetings and the renewed civic pride in the city. Mayor Boone advised that he is confident that the City will get more projects completed in the next year.

Presentation to Braxton Gillespie

Chief Smith commended Braxton Gillespie, an 8-year-old boy from Ludlow, who collected a lot of toys on his own to donate to the Ludlow Police Department's annual toy drive. Chief Smith presented Braxton with a certificate to recognize his leadership and hard work in the community, a patch like the police officers wear on their uniforms, and a challenge coin in recognition of his efforts.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith advised that the City is working with a developer on the Ludlow Yards project and will announce the developer's name at the January council meeting. At the January caucus meeting, the developer will give a presentation on what the project will look like and allow an opportunity for comments from the community. The Adela Street repaving project is on schedule for paving in March. Chief Smith is in communication with someone in the city who is still interested in purchasing Ernie's. There may be an opportunity for possible development in the west end of the city along the river. Any developers who may be interested in developing the area should contact Chief Smith for more information. Chief Smith thanked Chief Steward for his work on the Bromley Fire and EMS contract. The City will be working toward a more efficient and cost-effective way to collect taxes, including taking online payments. Discussion on the status of mass foreclosure on possibly the top six properties with both delinquent tax and PDS liens.

Police Department

Chief Smith advised that he is proud of the consistently low number of police calls. There were 561 dispatch calls in November compared to the average number of 1,100-1,200 calls during the month in 2014 and 2015. The officers work hard to keep the crime rate low.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—The Committee met recently to review the October bank statements, and everything was in good order. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Public Works—The Park Board will meet in early January and the committee will touch base with Public Works following the meeting.

Safety—The Committee did not meet.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-19

Mr. McMurtry read **Resolution 2019-19 A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, Creating and Establishing for Bid a Non-Exclusive Telecommunications Franchise for the Placement of Wired Telecommunications Facilities Providing for the Transmission, Distribution and Sale of**

Telecommunications Services Within the Public Rights-of-Way of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, for No More Than a Twenty (20) Year Term, Imposing a Franchise Fee in the Sum of Three Percent (3.00%) of Franchisee's Gross Receipts per Year Arising From Franchisee's Sale of Telecommunications Services to Customers or Subscribers Inside the Corporate Limits of the City of Ludlow; and Further Providing for Compliance with Relevant Laws, Regulations and Standards; Usage Limitations, Indemnification, Insurance, and Such Other Terms and Conditions Contained in the Attached Telecommunications Franchise Agreement; and Bid Requirements; All Effective on Date of Passage and explained the process in developing the franchise agreement. Mr. McMurtry advised that the resolution authorizes the City to take 5% of the sales of telecommunication services inside the City. Ludlow, Park Hills, and Ft. Wright will all have the same agreement. The City will receive a minimum of \$3,000.00 per year as part of the agreement. **At Mr. McMurtry's recommendation, motion by Mr. Wright, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve Resolution 2019-19. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

NEW BUSINESS
Resolution 2019-23

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve Resolution 2019-23 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ludlow, in Kenton County, Kentucky to Authorize Mayor Josh Boone to Execute the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Ludlow Youth Football League, Inc. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes. Mr. McMurtry thanked the City's insurance agent, Chuck Honkomp, for his work in saving the City from having to pay part of the settlement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Amann thanked Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Department Heads, and the City Administrator for having a really productive year and civil and respectful meetings. Mr. Amann wished everyone a happy holiday. Mr. Wright stated that he is proud of what Council has done and the direction of the City and that he's proud to serve the community with everyone on Council. Mr. Whiteley advised that it's been a pleasure to work with everyone on Council this year and wished everyone happy holidays. Ms. Grider stated that she hopes the City will continue to move forward. Mr. Chapman wished everyone happy holidays and stated that he enjoyed his first year on Council and looks forward to greater things happening next year.

Motion by Ms. Grider, second by Mr. Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Joshua A. Boone, Mayor