

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 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, Matt Williams, Tom Amann and John Gaiser.

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Dominic Romeo, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Chief Scott Smith

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 8, 2018. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward discussed the monthly Fire Department report. Chief Steward reminded everyone to be careful not to overload electrical circuits with holiday lights.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst was absent due to illness but had submitted his report to Council.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed the status of Code Enforcement cases. Discussion on a trash issue behind Family Dollar.

Police Department

Chief Smith advised that they had a great response with toy collection for the holidays and asked for volunteers to help wrap the gifts. Chief Smith commended the officers who apprehended two burglary suspects on Sleepy Hollow Road. The police were able to recover the seven guns that the suspects had stolen.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Amann advised that he and Mr. Boone reviewed the October bank statements and everything appeared to be in order.

Public Works—Mr. Scheid reminded residents to park as close to the side of the alleys as possible during a snow event to allow Public Works to pass through with the salt truck.

Safety—No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain advised that Chief Smith wrote an article that will be published in the FBI National Academy Associates magazine. Discussion on filing in a gap in the budget. Discussion on the success of the Façade Program in which seven projects have been funded by awarding \$38,474.00 of the \$50,000.00 total available funds. Ms. Chamberlain thanked Council for injecting the funds into improving the downtown. Discussion on the status of the RFPs for the radios. The final amount due for the easement process of Phase II of the Riverfront Commons project is \$56,000.00; no funds have been allotted to cover the cost. Discussion on a rumor that a large scale residential development is planned for the Lagoon site. The Lagoon site is under an environmental covenant and it would take millions of dollars to develop the property. Discussion on the impact of the Kentucky Supreme Court ruling regarding the pension reform bill.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Presentation of Awards to Outgoing Council and Mayor

Mayor Wynn thanked Mr. Scheid, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Gaiser for serving two years on Council and presented each with an engraved paperweight. Ms. Chamberlain thanked the councilmembers for their service to the community. Ms. Chamberlain presented Mayor Wynn with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service on Council from 2005 through 2010 and as Mayor from 2011 through 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Whiteley thanked Mayor, Council, and City employees for their hard work and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. Mr. Scheid thanked everyone, including Council and City staff, for working together with him the past two years. Mr. Boone thanked Mayor Wynn, Mr. Scheid, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Gaiser for their service and wished them the best of luck. Mr. Boone stated that he is looking forward to working with the staff and Council. Mr. Williams thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on Council. Mr. Amann stated that it was a pleasure working with Council and wished the outgoing councilmembers good luck. Mr. Amann advised that the police are still accepting donations of toys until December 21, 2018, and wished everyone a happy holiday and a good 2019. Mr. Gaiser wished everyone the best of luck and stated that working together overall, they got the job done.

Mayor Wynn stated that the past fourteen years serving the City have been a wonderful, great experience and that he loves this community. Mayor Wynn thanked the hardworking

staff that is dedicated to the City and thanked family, friends, and citizens for the past fourteen years. Mayor Wynn tapped the gavel and adjourned the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Whiteley, to officially adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor