

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 8, 2017

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Elishia Chamberlain called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Bill Whiteley, Josh Boone, Matt Williams, and John Gaiser. (Jordan Scheid and Tom Amann were absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Fred Johnson, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Project Manager Patrick Walkenhorst, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Sergeant Greg Eastham

Mayor Wynn advised that the minutes will be presented at the next council meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his report.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst discussed his report, including the status of Riverfront Commons. Mr. Walkenhorst advised that a sink hole at Oak and Park will be repaired soon by Sanitation District No. 1.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his report, advising that only five of the 450 rental properties in the city are delinquent in obtaining their rental license. Discussion on the status of the building at the corner of Elm and Carneal Streets.

Police Department

Chief Smith's report was included in the council packets. Sgt. Eastham advised that three cities have benefited from the use of the K-9 units in school searches.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn thanked the Civic Club for organizing the Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Wynn and Mr. Johnson attended the Master Commissioner's sale last week and acquired Ernie's Bar. Plans for the building have been shared with Council.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—No report.

Public Works—No report.

Safety—Mr. Whiteley advised that he recently met with Chief Smith to discuss the Police Department and was also introduced to Detective Jason Compton. Mr. Whiteley and Mr.

Gaiser met with Chief Dreyer to discuss new equipment, new communication software, and toured the fire house.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain thanked the council members for participating in the Memorial Day Parade. Ms. Chamberlain invited council members to attend the Municipal Government League's event at a Florence Freedom game. Discussion on the status of the Municipal Lot. The Urban Design Review Committee received another application for Façade Program funds. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the City is in a great place financially and discussed the challenges of managing public finance. Discussion on an issue with QuickBooks that will need to be fixed before an up-to-date financial statement can be distributed. Discussion on the plan to secure the Ernie's Bar building.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Cindy Powell inquired about the process involved in using the K-9 units in school searches. Sgt. Eastham advised Ms. Powell to contact Lt. Beck for more information. Ms. Powell inquired why the City purchased Ernie's Bar. Mr. Johnson advised that the building was becoming a liability because of the amount of money due to the City. The City will recoup the costs when it sells the property and will also be able to control what type of business moves into the building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-2

Mr. Johnson provided his legal opinion regarding the amended budget, which reduces a portion of Ms. Chamberlain's salary increase, advising that it could be potentially problematic for the City because the previous two administrators, who were men, received a higher raise. Mr. Williams advised that he would like to bring the City's underpaid employees' salaries up to comparable rates and change the hiring practices to prevent new employees from being underpaid in the future. Ms. Chamberlain advised that the pay grade scale is out of date and needs to be amended. Mr. Boone disagreed with Mr. Johnson's suggestion that sexism played a role in the reduction of Ms. Chamberlain's raise. Discussion between Mr. Gaiser and Ms. Chamberlain regarding opportunities for discussion on the budget. **Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Williams, to call up Ordinance 2017-2 An Ordinance Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018 (with the amendment to reduce the Administration budget expenditures) for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. Johnson and a roll call vote, motion carried: 3 ayes (Mr. Boone, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gaiser); 1 nay (Mr. Whiteley).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williams advised that the City will be getting dog waste stations, trash bins, and new signs for the parks. Mr. Williams also advised the Mr. Amann couldn't attend the Council meeting due to a prior commitment.

Motion by Mr. Boone, second by Mr. Whiteley, to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) to discuss deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real

property and pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(g) to discuss a specific business siting proposal.
Motion carried, all ayes.

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Motion by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Boone, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor