

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 9, 2022

Mayor Josh Boone called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Brie Banks, Chris Wright, and Julie Terry Navarre. Vanetta Davis arrived at 7:13 p.m. Steve Chapman and Tiffany Grider were absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Steven Taylor, City Administrative Officer/Police Chief Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Director Shane Hamant

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward advised that the Fire Department had completed the fire hydrant testing throughout the city. Chief Steward discussed the run reports for Ludlow and Bromley and advised that it had been busier than the previous month.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed his report. Discussion on the status of work on the concession/restroom building and grading and seeding at Ludlow Memorial Park. Mr. Hamant thanked Woody McMillen from Ludlow School for keeping the infield levels consistent at Lemker Field. Adela Avenue has been paved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boone thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade and advised that he heard positive comments about the change in the direction of the parade route. Mayor Boone advised that he has also heard nice comments about the park.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – No report.

Public Works – No report.

Safety – Mr. Wright advised that he met with Chief Smith to discuss the police department. Mr. Wright advised that there have already been reports of vandalism at the park and encouraged everyone to work to keep the park nice.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Smith advised that once the concession stand and all the concrete is finished at Ludlow Memorial Park, there will be a grand re-opening party in the park. Details will be posted on the website. The City is still looking for developers for the west end. Unfortunately, Tom Garner will not be returning to work, so the City will be looking for a new code enforcement officer. The City signed a one-year renewal with Rumpke for garbage collection and will renegotiate along with other local cities for a new contract next year. Ms. Sparks and Mr. Smith have a deposition scheduled on June 21, 2022, regarding the Elishia Chamberlain case. Chief Smith advised residents to call the police if they see anyone that is suspicious no matter what time it is. The City is in the final steps of hiring a new police officer who should start working in the next few weeks.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Chris Berberich, 11 Kenner Street, advised that he has been trying to purchase the property at 21 Kenner Street for the past ten years because it is in disrepair, and he would like to fix it up. Chief Smith asked Mr. Taylor to check with the Master Commissioner regarding the status of the sale of the property. Mr. Berberich also inquired about the status of 419 Hooper Street, which is also overgrown and has been vacant for several years.

Upon the arrival of Ms. Davis, motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on May 12, 2022. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-5

Following a second reading of Ordinance 2022-5 *An Ordinance Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Revenue of \$4,952,983.00 \$4,621,176.24 and Expenditures of \$4,175,570.00 \$4,256,488.93* by Mr. Taylor, motion made by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Banks, to adopt the ordinance. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-6

Following a second reading of Ordinance 2022-6 *An Ordinance Setting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023 for the City of Ludlow Calling for Revenue of \$4,628,800.00 and Expenditures of \$4,297,340.00* by Mr. Taylor, motion made by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Wright, to adopt the ordinance. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2022-7

Mayor Boone advised that the ordinance amends the garbage ordinance to reflect the cost increase of \$3.20 per month for the one-year renewal with Rumpke. Mr. Taylor completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-7 *An Ordinance Amending Section 50.06: Waste Collection Assessments of the Ludlow Code of Ordinances to Establish the Annual Fee.*

Resolution 2022-4

Mayor Boone advised that the resolution would authorize him to enter into a Quitclaim Deed with Challis Hodge for the property at 333-335 Elm Street. Chief Smith advised that Mr. Hodge has already invested \$70,000.00 in the property for the demolition of the building that was there and for maintenance. **Following a reading by Mr. Taylor, motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Banks, to pass Resolution 2022-4 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Quitclaim Deed Conveying the City's Interest in the Real Property Located at 333-335 Elm Street to Ernies Holdings, LLC.* Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Terry Navarre and Ms. Banks thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Ms. Banks addressed the issue with several children's recent bad behavior in Ludlow Memorial Park and advised everyone to take the opportunity if they see something to try and mentor them. Ms. Banks encouraged everyone to be a good example for these children.

Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Josh Boone, Mayor