

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

July 11, 2019

Mayor Josh Boone 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: Steve Chapman, Tiffany Grider, Bill Whiteley, Chris Wright, Tom Amann and Julie Terry Navarre.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief/City Administrator Scott Smith, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Department Captain Heather Ladanyi, and Public Works Foreman Rob Begnoche

Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on June 13, 2019 and June 27, 2019. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Captain Ladanyi discussed recent issues with the flooding on Sleepy Hollow Road and an electrical fire on Linden Street. Hydrant testing is continuing and should be completed by August. Business inspections are ongoing.

Public Works

Mr. Begnoche thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for their assistance in cleaning up after the recent flooding. Council and Mayor Boone thanked Mr. Begnoche for all of his hard work over the last ten years and wished him well at the City of Edgewood.

Code Enforcement

Chief Smith discussed the status of code enforcement cases. Chief Smith advised that Tom Garner is doing well and is hoping to come back to work in the beginning of August.

Police

Discussion on police calls and that status with issues on two properties – 203 Kenner Street and 524 Linden Street. Discussion on how well Kenton County's Code Red automated system worked during the recent SWAT call at 524 Linden Street. Anyone interested in signing up for Code Red alerts should visit Kenton County Dispatch's website.

City Administrative Officer's Report

Discussion on the sale of the museum property and relocation of the museum to the public works building. Chief Smith thanked Mr. Chapman, Mr. Amann, Ms. Terry Navarre, and everyone involved in prepping and painting the public works building for the museum. Movie Night will be at Ludlow Park on August 11, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. featuring the movie, Dumbo. Anyone interesting in attending should bring blankets or chairs; snow cones and popcorn will be available for purchase. Discussion on the status of working on cleaning up the Urban Design Review Board (UDRB) guidelines for the Historic Overlay. Paving of Adela Avenue should begin in March 2020; Sleepy Hollow is being repaired but there is no timeline for completion. Open Financials are posted on the City's website. The Community Action Commission is no longer operating the

Ludlow Senior Center. The City will take over operating the center, which will now be known as the Ludlow Community Center and will be open to seniors on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Joni Powers was hired to complete the paperwork required to receive state, federal, and county funding to keep the center open. The building will be updated and will be available for event rentals.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boone attended the recent Mayor's Group meeting in Park Hills. Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) representatives and the Finance Director of the Kentucky Retirement System (KRS) pension program were in attendance. Not much relief is expected for cities and counties anytime soon regarding the pension costs. Discussion on some legislators' efforts, with KLC's support, to separate the county and state pension systems because the state was not well-funded and is taking money from the county system to fund pensions. KRS is opposed to separating the two systems because they claim it will cost millions more to administer two programs instead of one. The state advises that they have given cities the ability to create more revenue, such as increasing insurance premium tax rates, rather than address the problems of the pension system.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Amann and Mr. Chapman are meeting every Tuesday. They reviewed the May bank statements, and everything appeared to be in order. The committee continues to look for ways to save money and increase revenue. Mr. Chapman advised that the City has a good profit and loss budget that he would like to post on the website. The state will reimburse the City 80% of the cost of repaving Adela Avenue.

Public Works—Ms. Terry Navarre advised that the committee will meet with Mr. Begnoche before he leaves. Mr. Whiteley thanked Mr. Begnoche and wished him luck on his new job.

Safety—Mr. Wright advised that the committee did not meet.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Bob Tate, owner of 203 Kenner Street, advised that the tenants moved out and he would like to clean up the property and re-rent it but needs the City to re-issue his rental license. Mr. Tate advised that if he can't rent it, he will sell it. Discussion on the issues involving the former tenants at the property and how they were handled by Mr. Tate. Chief Smith advised that Council will need to decide whether to allow Mr. Tate to have a rental license at the property. Ms. Grider advised that she would like Mr. Tate to sell the property. Mayor Boone advised that Council voted to revoke the license earlier and he does not plan to bring the issue back before Council for a vote.

A resident thanked Mayor and Council for rescuing the senior center.

Kevin Borowski, owner of 800 Elm Street, discussed his plans for renovating the building to put a dental office called Spirit of Ludlow Dentistry in the building. The tentative date for opening of the dental practice is November 1, 2019. Mr. Borowski is looking to hire two assistants and two dental hygienists with five years' experience. Discussion on plans on expanding the building by adding on the back within the next year or two. Mr. Borowski also purchased the adjacent property and is open to ideas for development. Discussion on an idea from Paul Miller to use the land for an open concert area until it is developed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-12

Mayor Boone advised that several years ago, the City joined the county's ethics board to eliminate any potential conflicts of interest that could arise with a local ethics board. **Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Ms. Terry Navarre, to approve Resolution 2019-12 A Resolution Accepting the Re-Appointment of Marcus Carey, Robert F. Greene, Darryl Cummins, Robert Sanders, Tom Quirk, and Wesley Williams and Appointment of Bryce C. Rhoades as Members of the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority Enforcement Committee for a Two-Year Term, Commencing on February 1, 2019 and Expiring on January 31, 2021. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2019-13

Mayor Boone advised that the resolution declares the museum property, 227 Elm Street, as surplus property and will open the space for new economic development. **Following a reading by Mr. McMurtry, a motion was made by Ms. Grider, second by Mr. Chapman, to approve Resolution 2019-13 A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

Resolution 2019-14

Following a reading by Mr. McMurtry, a motion was made by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Whiteley, to approve Resolution 2019-14 A Resolution of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Such Surplus Property. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes. Mayor Boone advised that the property, located at 852 Elm Street, is a small strip of land between the Ludlow Bromley Yacht Club and Celebrations.

Mr. Amann requested that if the deed is conveyed prior to the creation of the official Historic District, then there should be a restriction in the deed for the property at 227 Elm Street requiring the owner to follow the UDRB guidelines regarding exterior changes to the property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Terry Navarre announced that the Historic Society is having a train event on August 17, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Ludlow Plaza. The grand opening of the Heritage Museum will also be held during the event. Mr. Amann encouraged everyone to attend the Movie in the Park and thanked Joni Powers and Chief Smith for organizing the event. Mr. Amann announced that the Limburger Festival will be at the Ludlow Vets on July 27, 2019; proceeds from the event will benefit the Veteran's Monument Fund. Mr. Wright advised that Mr. Mitchell is looking for volunteers to move everything from the museum to the new location at the public works building on July 27, 2019. Mr. Chapman advised that Dan Sullivan, co-athletic director at Ludlow School, is working with the Cincinnati Reds to look at funding artificial turf in the infield at Lemker Field. Mr. Chapman advised that Mr. Sullivan would like Council's thoughts on the artificial turf, which would look similar to the ball field at Meinken Field and in Bellevue.

Motion by Ms. Grider, second by Mr. Wright, at 7:43 p.m. to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

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Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Grider, to adjourn the meeting. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

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Josh Boone, Mayor