

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 10, 2017

Mayor Kenneth Wynn called the meeting to order at 7:22 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, and Matt Williams. (Tom Amann was out of town and John Gaiser was attending a family wedding.)

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Public Works Project Manager Patrick Walkenhorst, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Chief Scott Smith

Motion by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Whiteley, to approve the minutes from the meetings on July 18, 2017 and July 20, 2017. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his report.

Public Works

The bid opening for the Municipal Lot and Train Viewing Platform will be on August 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Discussion on the status of Ernie's Bar. Kenton County is hosting a tire disposal event from August 24th-26th at the facility at 3L Highway. Mr. Walkenhorst advised that the poles to install along Riverfront Commons should arrive in two weeks.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his report. At Mr. William's request, Mr. Garner discussed the average time it takes for a citation to be handled through the code enforcement process.

Police Department

Chief Smith advised that the Police are aware of where sex offenders reside in the City and requested that if someone has an issue, they should contact the Police rather than confronting them directly. Discussion on the status of drug investigations.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wynn advised that volunteers are needed for the Ludlow/Bromley Neighborhood Blitz to Fight Heroin on August 26, 2017. Volunteers should meet at the Ludlow Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. to register and pick up flyers to distribute throughout the cities.

COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS

Finance—Mr. Boone advised that he and Mr. Amann met with Elishia to review the June statements and will meet again at the end of August.

Public Works—Mr. Williams advised that they met last month to discuss Riverfront Commons.

Safety—Mr. Whiteley advised that they haven't met since the last quarterly meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Chamberlain requested that if someone has an issue with something in the city, they should contact the City directly rather than post something about it on social media. Discussion on coming up with better ways to communicate with residents, including the use of fact sheets. The Ernie's Bar property was inspected by a structural engineer. Discussion on the myNano event, in which applications for funding for a community-wide project must be submitted by August 31, 2017; information is available on the City's website. Chief Smith is gathering estimates to install cameras in the park after someone tore down the fencing and drove on the Riverfront Commons walking path. Discussion on the Ludlow Yards project.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on the Parks Ordinance Amendments

Mr. Williams advised that the parks committee reviewed the possibility of charging youth athletic leagues a flat rate fee of \$5.00 per child for field use for games. The money collected (approximately \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 per year) would help cover the cost of field maintenance. John Grazsus, who runs Crosstown Baseball League, advised that the league does not pay fees to play youth baseball games on any of the fields they use. Chief Smith advised that Independence and Erlanger charge the leagues for game play. Mr. Whiteley advised that if the City doesn't charge the school to use the fields for games, then it shouldn't charge the youth athletic leagues either. The new Park Advisory Board will plan for future park improvements, including additional shelters and restrooms, and the fee would help fund these projects. Mr. Boone advised that he was opposed to charging a fee for organizations within the City, but not opposed to charging a fee for outside organizations. Further discussion on the possibility of charging a fee for organized sports leagues to use the fields.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2017-4

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Williams, to introduce Ordinance 2017-4 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky for a first reading. Mr. Otis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williams advised that he attended the Northern Kentucky Housing Summit with Tom Amann and John Gaiser. Mr. Williams advised that Joy Amann gave a presentation that he believed would be beneficial to present to Council.

Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Whiteley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor