

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 11, 2022

Mayor Josh Boone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Laurie Sparks called the roll, which showed the following council members present: Steve Chapman, Tiffany Grider, Brie Banks, Chris Wright, Vanetta Davis, and Julie Terry Navarre

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

Presentation by Patrick Snadon and Andy Corn on the Ludlow Railyard Store House Project

Patrick Snadon discussed the process of obtaining the designation of landmark status for the Ludlow Railyard Store House and the history of the building. The Ludlow Heritage Museum entered into a long-term lease with Norfolk Southern in an effort to save and restore the Store House. Plans are to move the museum into the building following the restoration and also make it an event center. Andy Corn presented an overview of the site plans for the renovation. Mr. Corn, on behalf of the Heritage Museum, requested a text amendment that would allow "museum" as a conditional use in the industrial zone where the Store House is located. The Museum is making the request for the text amendment at the suggestion of Planning and Development Services (PDS). Mr. Corn advised that the Museum needs permits to renovate the building and cannot obtain them until a text amendment is passed. Mayor Boone advised that it may take two months to get the issue on the Planning Commission's meeting agenda.

Motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Grider, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on June 9, 2022. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward discussed the run reports for July and August. Discussion on recent fires caused by fire pits, including one on Montclair Avenue that damaged a truck and a garage and one on Elm Street that damaged a fence.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant discussed the July and August reports, including the status of getting the light poles replaced in the downtown area, the status of completing the concession stand, and expanding the parking pad at Hollingsworth Field. Ms. Grider inquired about the possibility of replacing the damaged light poles with solar lights. Mr. Hamant advised that a different type of light post would not match the existing lights. Discussion on new signage that will be installed at the park at the top of the steps that will list the hours and indicate that a handicap accessible entrance is located at the parking pad at the rear of the park.

Code Enforcement

Chief Smith advised that since Council last met, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner passed away. Chief Smith advised that Mr. Garner was an expert in his field and an asset to the City.

The City is accepting applications for the position. In the meantime, police officers have been working with PDS to document code violations.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – The Committee reviewed and signed off the bank statements from May and June.

Public Works – No report.

Safety – No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The City planned to have a grand opening celebration for the park, but now it is uncertain with school starting soon. Discussion on possible development in the city and the status of the Fischer development. Discussion on a recent meeting with LiveWell to discuss the possibility of grant money to fund events in the park. Chief Smith is reviewing the list of rental properties that are operating without a license and will bring them before Council to review and possibly revoke the license. If the license is revoked, the tenants will be evicted. The City hired new police officer Zach Lindsley. Officer Brian Hager will be retiring at the end of August. Chief Smith advised that he met with Homeland Security and Emergency Management to discuss plans for active shooter training at Ludlow School. To be in compliance with SB1, only one school resource officer is required for the entire Ludlow school system because the buildings are connected.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Andy Wartman discussed the ATCS system that tracks trains and advised that four donors would like to pay to install the monitors and cameras on the train viewing platform. The estimated cost to install the system is \$4,300, but it would be no cost to the City. If Council approves, Mr. Wartman advised that he would draw up a formal proposal to present to Council next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-7

Following a second 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 by Mr. McMurtry, motion made by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Mr. Chapman, to adopt the ordinance. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-5

Following a reading by Mr. McMurtry, motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Grider, to pass Resolution 2022-5 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 2022-6

Mayor Boone advised that the original Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes were in the amount of \$350,000.00. The City is slowly paying it down and the balance is now \$150,000.00, which Mayor Boone hopes will be paid off next year. **Following a reading by Mr. McMurtry, motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Banks, to pass Resolution 2022-6 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of 2022 Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes; Approving a Form of Note; Authorizing Designated Officers to Execute and Deliver the Notes; Authorizing and Directing the**

Filing of Notice with the State Local Debt Officer; Providing for the Payment and Security of the Notes; Appointing a Paying Agent and Registrar; Creating a Sinking Fund; Accepting the Proposal of the Note Purchaser for the Purchase of the Notes; and Repealing Inconsistent Resolutions and Orders. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Chapman advised that he was approached by Ideal about the possibility of putting a sign over the scoreboard at Lemker Field. Chief Smith advised that all the businesses and organizations who have signs at the ballpark contributed money to the project and were involved the process. Ideal had an opportunity to be a part of the renovation in the beginning and they chose not to be a part of it.

Motion by Ms. Grider, second by Ms. Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Josh Boone, Mayor