

**LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**September 14, 2017**

Mayor Kenneth Wynn 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: Bill Whiteley, Jordan Scheid, Josh Boone, and Matt Williams. (John Gaiser was out of town.)

*ALSO ATTENDING:* Attorney Fred Johnson, City Administrator Elishia Chamberlain, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Fire Chief Rob Dreyer, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Garner, and Police Chief Scott Smith

**Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Boone, to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 10, 2017. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Fire Department

Chief Dreyer discussed his report. The Fire Department is expected to maintain its Class 3 ISO rating. Discussion on the recent incident on Sandbank Road and a request that people not post things on social media without knowing all the facts. Discussion on a reduction in response time for calls.

Public Works

Mr. Walkenhorst was on vacation, but his report was included in the council packet.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Garner discussed his annual report. The number of rental properties have decreased this year over last year.

Police Department

Chief Smith discussed his monthly report.

**Presentation by Joe Klare of the Catalytic Fund on the Ludlow Yards Project**

Mayor Wynn introduced Joe Klare of the Catalytic Fund whom he invited to discuss the Ludlow Yards Project and explain the process involved in selecting a developer for the project. The Ludlow Yards Selection Committee is comprised of Chase King, Nancy Mullins, John Winkle, and Scot Dewitz, assisted by Ms. Chamberlain and Mayor Wynn. The Committee selected Pennrose out of the three developers they interviewed. Pennrose is based out of Philadelphia, but recently opened an office in Cincinnati. Mr. Amann advised that he would have preferred that Council received the same information that was given the Committee to review. Mr. Klare advised that the Committee only selected a developer based on the criteria for the project; they did not approve any specific plans for the project. The next phase is to negotiate the development agreement. After discussion, Mr. Klare

advised that the committee selected Pennrose because they believed that they had spent more time in Ludlow finding out the vision for the city and connecting the project with Riverfront Commons. Discussion on the timeline for the project.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Kenton County building will be on September 25, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. The Groundbreaking for Ludlow Plaza will be on Friday, September 22, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

### **COUNCIL WORK GROUP REPORTS**

Finance—Mr. Amann and Mr. Boone met on August 22, 2017, to review the July statements and will meet again on September 26, 2017.

Public Works—Mr. Williams advised that the Committee plans to meet soon.

Safety—Mr. Whiteley advised that the Committee plans to meet soon.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Endeavor Construction was awarded the contract for the Ludlow Municipal Lot project, which should be completed in the spring. Ms. Chamberlain thanked Hub & Weber for their assistance with the project. Discussion on the status of the Norfolk Southern property. Ms. Chamberlain thanked Cindy Schachere for volunteering her time to spruce up the landscaping at the Ludlow Senior Center with the materials provided by the City. A Community Project Permit Application link will be on the website to improve communication with the City on any community projects. Discussion on the status of installing cameras in the park.

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-4**

**Motion by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Scheid, to call up Ordinance 2017-4 *An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky* for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. Johnson and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.**

#### **Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-5**

**Motion by Mr. Scheid, second by Mr. Williams, to call up Ordinance 2017-5 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017, and Ending June 30, 2018 Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, and Fixing the Time and Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same* for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. Johnson and a roll call vote, motion carried: three ayes (Mr. Scheid, Mr. Boone, Mr. Williams) and two nays (Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Amann).**

#### **Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-6**

**Motion by Mr. Whiteley, second by Mr. Boone, to call up Ordinance 2017-6 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017, and Ending June 30, 2018 Upon***

*Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, for the Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Special Ad Valorem Tax, and Fixing the Time for Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same for a second reading. Following a second reading by Mr. Johnson and a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2017-13**

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Scheid, to pass Resolution 2017-13 A Resolution to Support Maintaining the Current Structure and Benefits of the County Employees Retirement system While Separating it From the Kentucky Retirement Systems. Motion carried, all ayes.**

**Voice Resolution to Accept the Ludlow Yards Committee Selection of Developer**

Mr. Amann requested an amendment to the proposed resolution to read “proposed agreement to be presented to Council”. **Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Boone, to pass an amended resolution accepting the Ludlow Yards Committee (De Facto) selection of the developer Pennrose for development agreement negotiations and authorizing the Mayor, City Administrative Officer, and Ludlow Yards Committee to negotiate terms of a proposed agreement to be presented to Council. Motion carried, all ayes.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Scheid announced that there will be a Halloween Event at the Ludlow Firehouse on October 30, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mayor Wynn encouraged everyone to participate in Shop Ludlow Day on September 30, 2017. Mayor Wynn also thanked Kenton County for organizing the recent Neighborhood Blitz to fight the heroin epidemic and the volunteers who helped distributed flyers in Ludlow and Bromley. Mr. Williams advised that the Curveball Classic will be held on September 23, 2017, and will feature music and Eli’s Barbecue. The Taste of Ludlow will be held on September 30, 2017, at the Ludlow Senior Center.

**Motion by Mr. Amann, second by Mr. Scheid, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Wynn, Mayor