

LUDLOW SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 8, 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, Public Works Director Shane Hamant

Presentation by Aleta Bergsman on Public Arts Projects

Aleta Bergsman, owner of Ludlow Tavern, has an art degree and is passionate about using art as a way to make Ludlow a destination river city. Ms. Bergsman showed a presentation featuring art projects in various cities and how public art brings people there. Ms. Bergsman discussed the possibility of the City applying for a grant from the Arts Endowment Fund for the installation of vinyl murals, rather than painted murals, which could be installed on buildings and changed out every two years. The cost of the vinyl murals would be significantly cheaper than painted murals. Discussion on making interactive murals or sculptures that could be used as part of a scavenger hunt. Chief Smith inquired whether the businesses have agreed to participate in a mural project and whether the murals would meet the county sign regulations. In response to Ms. Davis's question about whether the murals would be permitted in the Historic District, Ms. Bergsman advised that they would be allowed under the guidelines of painting. Discussion on using local artists or students from Ludlow Schools to design the murals. Ms. Grider, Ms. Terry Navarre, and Mr. Wright volunteered to work with Ms. Bergsman on the project. Chief Smith advised Ms. Bergsman to contact Carus from Second Sight Spirits to set up a business meeting to discuss the possible project with the business owners and to check with Planning and Development Services (PDS) on any restrictions.

Motion by Mr. Wright, second by Ms. Davis, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on August 11, 2022. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Chief Steward's report was included in the council packet.

Public Works

Mr. Hamant thanked Cindy Schachere, Diane Allen, and Karen Collins for working on landscaping around the Ludlow sign on Sleepy Hollow Road. Mr. Hamant discussed that status of the Ludlow Park renovation and the status of the installation of the irrigation system at Lemker Field.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boone advised that Shop Ludlow will be on September 10, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Conserva, the new wine and tapas bar, will have a sneak preview during the event. The

tentative date for the Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. The parade committee has already met and is looking into having a longer parade route. Anyone interested in being involved with the parade should contact Paula Graszus.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Chapman advised that the proposed tax rate will be a 13.6% decrease from last year’s tax rate.

Public Works – No report.

Safety – No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Chief Smith advised that he is still talking to developers about a possible project on the west end of the city. The Knights of Columbus is currently under contract with an individual to purchase their building. There is a developer interested in developing 38 Elm Street and, if the project is solidified, they hope to present plans to council soon. Chief Smith advised that he and Mr. McMurtry attended a mediation on August 30, 2022, regarding the easement for the Fischer Homes project. The City is hoping to add an amphitheater at the back side of Ludlow Park near the river walk that would be funded by a private donor. Discussion on recent vandalism to the playground equipment and restrooms at Ludlow Park. Chief Smith advised that the City will enforce the laws regarding criminal activity even if a juvenile destroys property. A Meet the Candidates event will be held at the Ludlow Community Center on October 6, 2022. The police have identified the juveniles responsible for the recent damage in Ludlow Park. There are four cameras in the park and police have also stepped up patrols of the park, especially at night. Ten candidates were interviewed for the Code Enforcement Officer position over the past two days and a decision on who to hire will be made by Monday.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-8

Mayor Boone advised that the new rate of \$.449 per \$100 valuation will be lower than the current rate of \$.520 per \$100 valuation. **Following a second reading of Ordinance 2022-8 An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and Ending June 30, 2023, Upon Real Estate, Personal, and Mixed Property in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky, and Fixing the Time for Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same by Mr. McMurtry, motion by Mr. Chapman, second by Ms. Banks, to adopt the ordinance. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes.** The ordinance sets the tax rate of \$.449 per \$100 valuation of real property and \$1.234 per \$100 valuation of personal and mixed property.

First Reading of Ordinance 2022-9

Following a second reading of Ordinance 2022-9 An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and Ending June 30, 2023, 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 by Mr. McMurtry, motion by Ms. Terry Navarre, second by Ms. Banks, to adopt the

ordinance. Following a roll call vote, motion carried: all ayes. The ordinance keeps the tax rate at \$.175 per \$100 valuation of real, personal, and mixed property.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Terry Navarre advised that the Ludlow Heritage Museum will be hosting Railroad Heritage Day on October 1, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Ludlow Plaza. Meet the Candidates Night will be at the Ludlow Community Center on October 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Wright stated that he is looking forward to seeing everyone at Shop Ludlow Night on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Ms. Banks advised that the next Light Up Ludlow committee meeting will be on October 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the city building.

Motion by Ms. Grider, second by Mr. Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Following a voice vote, motion carried: all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Josh Boone, Mayor