

LUDLOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2010

Mayor Ed Schroeder 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: Ken Wynn, Joyce McMullin, C.J. Kleier, Charlie Manning, Denny Allen, and Mike Gaiser.

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Tom Miller, City Administrative Officer Brian Dehner, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, City Engineer Dave Lorei, Public Works Foreman Bernie Fiorelli, Special Projects Coordinator Brian Houillion, Fire Chief Ken Williams, Police Chief Wayne Turner

Motion by Mr. Kleier, second by Mr. Wynn, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on September 9, 2010. Motion carried, all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The City was awarded an equipment grant from the State for a grocery store. Discussion on the status of the streetscape project and street repairs on Adela Avenue. Anyone out of town on Election Day can vote by absentee ballot at the Kenton County Courthouse between October 15, 2010 and November 2, 2010. On October 14-18, 2010, a replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall will be on display at the Florence Government Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wynn

Mr. Wynn thanked everyone who participated in the Wine Tasting event last month. The Community Christmas Party will be on December 11, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus.

Ms. McMullin

Halloween in the Park will be Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ludlow Park. The event will feature food, drinks, a bonfire, pumpkin patch, crafts, and a D.J. Ms. McMullin encouraged everyone to vote on November 7, 2010.

Mr. Kleier

The next meeting of the Israel Ludlow Historical Society will be on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building. Mr. Kleier thanked Chief Turner for allowing him to accompany the police at the firing range during range qualifications. Mayor Schroeder thanked Mr. Kleier for his role in organizing the Logan's Way street dedication.

Mr. Manning

Mr. Manning thanked everyone for the staff reports. Discussion about the possibility of Sgt. Bart Beck being deputized as a U.S. Marshall.

Mr. Allen

Mr. Allen discussed a recent meeting with members of the Fire Department and the need to find a better method to secure the fire house building.

Mr. Gaiser

Mr. Gaiser had nothing to report.

City Engineer's Report

Mr. Lorei discussed the project status report.

Public Works Report

Mr. Fiorelli discussed several projects Public Works has been working on during the past month. Discussion on the status of rehabbing the NSP homes at 45 Ash Street and 38 Carneal Street. Discussion on a sinkhole at the end of Kenner Street.

Special Projects Coordinator's Report

Mr. Houillion advised he and Mr. Kleier will attend the next Planning Commission meeting regarding the Hills Project.

Fire Chief's Report

The next Fire Department business meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Details about the Fire Department's December photography fundraiser will appear in the November paper. Kindergarten through second grade classes from Ludlow School will visit the Firehouse on October 22, 2010 for Fire Safety Month. Mayor Schroeder thanked Ken Williams for his service as Fire Chief. The council committee of Mr. Gaiser, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Kleier and Fire Department representatives Jeff Chipley and Randy McCauley interviewed the candidates for fire chief and voted 3 to 2 in favor of Matt Chastain. Since the Fire Department did not make a recommendation for Fire Chief, Mayor Schroeder advised he would go with the interviewers' choice. **Motion by Mr. Gaiser, second by Ms. McMullin, to approve the appointment of Matt Chastain as Fire Chief. Motion carried, all ayes.**

Police Chief's Report

Chief Turner discussed the monthly police report.

City Administrator's Report

Mayor Schroeder advised there was an announcement in the paper of Brian Dehner's resignation, effective October 29, 2010. Mr. Dehner advised he enjoyed working for the City and thanked Mayor and Council, department heads, and staff. Discussion on the increase in the tangible property tax rate for 2010 due to a reduction of businesses in the City. Mr. Dehner thanked Arnold Simpson and Southbank for their assistance in getting the State to award the CDBG equipment grant for the grocery store to the City. Ms. McMullin thanked Mr. Dehner for his efforts in obtaining the equipment grant for the City. Mr. Dehner advised the City has received approximately \$4 million in grants in the past five years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-8

The City mailed out letters to property owners in the 100 block of Willow Alley advising of the City's plans to vacate a portion of the alley. Steve Arlinghaus, owner of 101-103 Ash Street, advised he is in favor of the grocery store, but expressed concerns about the safety issue of having an increased volume of traffic in the narrow alley behind his property. Mr. Arlinghaus requested the portion of the alley behind the houses at each end of the 100 block of Willow Alley be closed off from the parking lot. Discussion on the possible impact the alley closure might have on the Highway Department's approved plans for the parking lot. Once the City vacates the center portion of the alley, it would be turned over to the developer to manage traffic flow on the site. Mr. Dehner advised Council to vacate the alley to eliminate any liability to the City. **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Gaiser, for a second reading of Ordinance 2010-8. Motion carried, all ayes.** Mr. Miller completed the second reading of Ordinance 2010-8 *An Ordinance Closing and Vacating a Certain Portion of the Public Right-of-Way of Willow Alley Located in the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Consisting of .1057 Acres of Real Estate as Described in Detail on Exhibit "A" and Shown and Depicted on the Plat Marked as Exhibit "A-1" Both Attached Hereto.* **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Gaiser, to adopt Ordinance 2010-8. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mr. Wynn and Mr. Allen).**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-10

Mr. Miller completed the second reading of Ordinance 2010-10 *An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking Beginning at the Intersection of Elm Street and Carneal Street Extending a Distance of 180 Feet West on the North Side of Elm Street and 180 Feet on the South Side of Elm Street to Amend Chapter 75, Schedule I: No Parking Zones.* The ordinance was requested by the Highway Department to accommodate a turn lane on westbound Elm Street at the intersection of Carneal Street. **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Gaiser, to adopt Ordinance 2010-10. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 2 abstentions (Mr. Wynn and Mr. Allen).**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Kleier, to adjourn the council meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor