

LUDLOW COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 11, 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, Bill Froehle, Charlie Manning, Cindy Schachere and Mike Gaiser.

ALSO ATTENDING: City Attorney Tom Miller, City Administrative Officer Brian Dehner, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, Public Works Foreman Bernie Fiorelli, City Engineer Dave Lorei, Fire Chief Ken Williams, and Police Chief Wayne Turner

Motion by Ms. Schachere, second by Mr. Manning, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on February 11, 2010, with corrections as noted by Ms. Schachere. Motion carried, all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schroeder thanked the department heads for their reports. Mayor Schroeder recently attended a meeting regarding the sale of Transcare to Rural Metro, effective April 1st. There will be no cost increase through the end of the existing contract. Local Fire Departments are meeting to review any pending changes, but the transfer will still continue. The City of Bromley is organizing the Memorial Day Parade. The sale of the KDI properties is set for April 27, 2010. Boone County is withdrawing from TBNK. Mayor Schroeder thanked Public Works and read an email the City received from a resident in River's Breeze thanking them for doing a great job with snow removal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wynn

The Ludlow Community Connection is doing well. Mr. Wynn advised he and Ms. McMullin will meet with Mr. Miller and Mr. Dehner to discuss the formation of the Ludlow Historical Society. Mr. Wynn thanked everyone for their support during his recovery from donating a kidney to his niece.

Ms. McMullin

The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. this year. Ms. McMullin requested Council's assistance with Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 27th from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Ludlow Fellowship Hall. Ms. McMullin addressed an issue advising there is an opportunity for citizens wishing to address Mayor and Council on every council meeting agenda. Mayor Schroeder advised if someone would like to be included on the agenda, he or she may submit a request prior to the meeting.

Mr. Froehle

Mr. Froehle submitted his resignation from Council effective April 8, 2010, due to personal reasons. Mayor Schroeder thanked Mr. Froehle for his service and advised Council will have thirty days from April 8th to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Manning

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Party on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. Mr. Manning thanked the department heads for their reports. The Budget to Actual report shows that everything appears to be in line through the end of February. Mr. Manning advised the City should plan to sell the former city building, police, and public works garage rather than use the former city building as the location for the Ludlow Historical Society. Mr. Manning requested a copy of all of the Code Enforcement Board cases from Mr. Schutzman.

Ms. Schachere

Ms. Schachere advised she has been contacted by several people who would like to have been included in Council's discussions during recent meetings. Discussion on whether the January and February council meetings were televised. Discussion on Robert's Rules which specifies the public has an opportunity to speak when the Mayor opens the floor; however, public input is not permitted during Council's discussions. The Park Board will meet on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ludlow Municipal Center.

Mr. Gaiser

Sts. Boniface and James's Night at the Races will be at the Ludlow Vets on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and races begin at 7:00 p.m.

City Engineer's Report

Mr. Lorei discussed the project status report. **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Gaiser, to accept Eaton Asphalt's bid to pave Oak Street from Adela Avenue to Davies Street in the amount of \$72,910.50. Motion carried, all ayes.** Mr. Fiorelli will save the City money by replacing the curbs and handicap ramps within the area to be paved.

Public Works Report

Mr. Fiorelli's report was submitted to Council.

Building/Zoning Report

The Code Enforcement Board was submitted to Council. Discussion on the status of 44-46 Kenner Street.

Fire Department Report

Chief Williams' report was submitted to Council. Ms. McMullin requested Chief Williams advise Council if local Fire Chiefs have any issues with the Transcare sale.

Police Department Report

Chief Turner's monthly report was submitted to Council. Discussion on the status of the "No Turn on Red" signs at the intersection of Oak and Adela. Mr. Wynn noted the card the Police Department received from the residents at High Point thanking them for the Christmas dinner. Mr. Wynn requested Chief Turner keep Council informed of the plans for Easter at High Point.

City Administrative Officer's Report

Mr. Dehner discussed the report he submitted to Council. Mr. Dehner recently met with the Shor family, owners of the properties formerly occupied by Duro Bag. An environmental review has been performed and Mr. Miller is researching the deeds on the properties. Mr. Dehner will bring all of the information to Council in April to review before determining whether to pursue the acquisition of the properties. Mr. Miller advised he would make a recommendation based on the outcome of his research. The City has acquired the properties at 207 Adela, 38 Carneal and 45 Ash Streets with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds. HONK is the general contractor for the renovation of all three properties. Discussion on the status of the property at 458 Oak Street. The City has committed over 75% of the NSP grant funds. Discussion on the status of the grocery store project, which has been delayed pending the outcome of a grant application. Mr. Dehner met with the Transportation Cabinet to discuss curb cuts and storm water improvements near the project site. An archaeological dig and traffic study must be completed before final approval of the site plan. Mr. Dehner introduced Brian Houillion, an intern assistant to the City Administrative Officer, who will be working on various projects within the City. Mr. Houillion is a Master of Public Administration student at Northern Kentucky University who lives in Botany Hills. Mr. Houillion advised he and several other students would like to give a presentation at the May council meeting on their project on economic development in the City of Ludlow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2010-6

Mr. Miller read Resolution 2010-6 *A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Schroeder to Enter into an Agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for a \$398,000.00 Federal Reimbursement of the Streetscape Project.* **Motion by Mr. Froehle, second by Ms. McMullin, to approve Resolution 2010-6. Motion carried, all ayes.**

Proclamation Supporting Brain Injury Awareness Day

Mr. Miller read the proclamation in support of Brain Injury Awareness Day. **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Manning, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried, all ayes.**

Discussion on KDI Property Foreclosures

Mr. Dehner discussed the three properties owned by KDI which will be going up for sale at the Master Commissioner's office. Mr. Miller advised the issue of whether the properties will be sold as a whole or divided among three parcels will be decided by Judge Summe on March 22, 2010. Discussion on possible liability if the City obtains the properties. The

property adjacent to the Municipal Center was cleaned up by the EPA; however, Mr. Miller has expressed concerns about the liability of the historic nature of the property. Mr. Miller is consulting with another attorney who is an expert in environmental law to review the potential liability. Mr. Dehner advised Council to consider its plans for the properties and whether or not the City should proceed with acquiring some, if not all, of the properties. Mr. Miller advised there is a motion for summary judgment pending on the Barker property.

Ms. McMullin encouraged everyone to fill out their Census form and mail it back because it is important in determining funding for the community. Mr. Froehle advised part-time and full-time Census jobs are still available.

Ms. Schachere made a motion to transfer money from the Historic Preservation Board to the Ludlow Historical Society subject to the City Attorney's approval of how the Historical Society is established. If the society is not formed, the money would go toward the maintenance of the war monument in the Park. Motion seconded by Mr. Froehle. Motion carried, all ayes. If the money goes toward the war monument, Mr. Dehner requested Ms. Schachere meet with the Ludlow Vets to discuss the type of repairs that are needed. Discussion on the formation of the Ludlow Historical Society. Discussion on the possibility of dividing the Historic Preservation Board funds equally between the Historical Society and the war monument repair.

Mr. Froehle thanked all of the council members he has served with for the past nine years and the department heads for doing a great job. Mr. Froehle thanked Mayor Schroeder for setting a great example and thanked all of the citizens who elected him for each term. Mr. Froehle is resigning from Council due to personal reasons and will be moving out of the City. Mr. Froehle stated that Ludlow will always have a special place in his heart and he hopes to return someday.

Ms. Schachere submitted her resignation from Council. Mayor Schroeder stated he doesn't like to lose anyone on Council, but accepted Ms. Schachere's resignation. Mr. Miller advised the effective date of Ms. Schachere's resignation will not be until the next regular meeting on April 8, 2010. Discussion on the process to appoint two council members to fill the vacancies. Mayor Schroeder requested each council member submit two names to him by March 21, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Wynn, second by Ms. McMullin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor