

LUDLOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 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, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, Public Works Foreman Bernie Fiorelli, Special Projects Coordinator Brian Houillion, City Engineer Ben Brandstetter, Police Chief Wayne Turner

Motion by Mr. Kleier, second by Mr. Wynn, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on July 8, 2010. Motion carried, all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schroeder thanked everyone who helped with the Movie in the Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wynn

Mr. Wynn read a list of everyone who helped with the Movie in the Park and thanked them for their assistance.

Ms. McMullin

Ms. McMullin reported there was a good turnout for the recent Movie in the Park.

Mr. Kleier

Mr. Kleier thanked Public Works and the Fire Department for their assistance with Movies in the Park. The Israel Ludlow Historical Society, Inc. has been registered with the state and the by-laws should be ready by the next meeting. Mr. Kleier advised at a recent NKAPC meeting regarding hilltop development, NKAPC requested a consensus of the City's view on hilltop development. Mr. Kleier advised he is in favor of the City having control on whether hilltop development should be allowed.

Mr. Manning

Mr. Manning thanked the department heads for their reports. Mr. Manning reported that dried weeds left behind on the sidewalk at a house in the 300 block of Highway Avenue are a potential fire hazard. Mr. Schutzman advised he would address the issue. Mr. Manning advised the EMTs responded quickly and did a great job caring for his wife during a recent squad call.

Mr. Allen

Mr. Allen advised he attended the July Code Enforcement Board meeting; recently met with Curtis Hall, Superintendent of Ludlow Schools; and met with several volunteer fire fighters. Mr. Allen thanked Public Works and the Fire Department for assisting with Movie in the Park.

Mr. Gaiser

Mr. Gaiser had nothing to report.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Brandstetter distributed and discussed the project status report.

Public Works Report

Mr. Fiorelli's report was distributed to Council.

Building/Zoning Report

Public Works will board up the vacant home at 520 Church Street. Mr. Schutzman requested Council review the proposed amendments to the sign regulations for discussion at the September council meeting. Once Council has reached a consensus, Mr. Schutzman will notify NKAPC and a public hearing will be held. Discussion on the CEB's process to address complaints of overgrown grass at vacant houses. A decision to either rebuild or tear down the home damaged by fire in the 400 block of Elm Street should be reached by the end of August. Discussion on how code violations on a property could affect the owner's ability to obtain a rental license.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Turner submitted his monthly report to Council.

City Administrative Officer's Report

Mr. Dehner discussed the status of the pharmacy and grocery store project. The three KDI properties are scheduled to go up for sale at the Master Commissioner's Office on August 24, 2010. Mr. Dehner advised he would need direction from Council on whether to bid on the properties or to request Kenton County pull the properties from the sale so the City could begin the eminent domain process. Discussion on the possible construction of a multiuse recreational facility on the lagoon property through a joint effort between the City and Ludlow Schools, Kenton County, the City of Covington, and Southbank. A committee of Ms. McMullin, Mr. Kleier, and Mr. Allen will meet with the School Board to discuss issues of ownership and maintenance of the facility. The deadline to apply for a grant for the project is August 23, 2010. Ken Williams submitted his resignation as Fire Chief, effective October 1, 2010. At a recent Fire Department meeting, members voted and recommended Matt Chastain as the new fire chief. Randy McCauley of the Fire Department discussed objections to the recommendation and advised that two other candidates—Jeff Hatter and Mike Steward—were interested in the position. Mr. Dehner advised that Mr. Hatter and Mr. Steward are ineligible because they are not members of the

Ludlow Fire Department. At Mayor Schroeder's request, a council committee of Mr. Gaiser, Mr. Kleier, and Mr. Allen will meet with members of the Fire Department to review the selection process and discuss their recommendation for fire chief.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-4

Mr. Miller completed the second reading of Ordinance 2010-4 *An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on the South Side of Elm Street (Route 8) Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Elm Street and Adela Avenue Extending a Distance of 252 Feet East on Elm Street and to Amend Chapter 75, Schedule I: No Parking Zones.* **Motion by Mr. Wynn, second by Mr. Gaiser, to adopt Ordinance 2010-4. Motion carried, all ayes.**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-5

Mr. Miller completed the second reading of Ordinance 2010-5 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Changing the Name of Oldham Street to Logan's Way.* **Motion by Ms. McMullen, second by Mr. Kleier, to adopt Ordinance 2010-5. Motion carried, all ayes.**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2010-26

Mr. Miller read Resolution 2010-26 to appoint Tim Lantry to fill a vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board. **Motion by Ms. McMullen, second by Mr. Wynn, to approve Resolution 2010-26. Motion carried, all ayes.**

First Reading of Ordinance 2010-6

Mr. Miller completed the first reading of Ordinance 2010-6 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, and Ending June 30, 2011, 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.* The proposed tax rate for real estate is \$.212 per \$100.00 valuation and for personal and mixed property is \$.545 per \$100.00 valuation.

First Reading of Ordinance 2010-7

Mr. Miller completed the first reading of Ordinance 2010-7 *An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, and Ending June 30, 2011, 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 and Payment and Penalty for Non-Payment of Same.* The proposed tax rate is \$.171 per \$100.00 valuation.

First Reading of Ordinance 2010-9

Motion by Mr. Gaiser, second by Mr. Kleier, to introduce Ordinance 2010-9 for a first reading. Motion carried, all ayes. Mr. Miller completed the first reading of Ordinance 2010-9 *An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking Beginning at the Intersection of Elm Street and Carneal Street Extending a Distance of 124 Feet North on the East Side of Carneal Street and 95 Feet North on the West Side of Carneal Street to Amend Chapter 75, Schedule I: No Parking Zones.*

First Reading of Ordinance 2010-8

Ordinance 2010-8 would vacate the center portion of the 100 block of Willow Alley. Both ends of the alley will remain open and maintained by the City. Mr. Kleier expressed concern about the impact to property owners at each end of the alley. **Motion by Mr. Gaiser, second by Ms. McMullin, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2010-8. Motion carried, all ayes.** Mr. Miller completed the first 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.*

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Cindy Lowe requested permission to bring two vehicles and a small stage into Ludlow Park for a planned worship service on October 2, 2010. Mr. Dehner recommended Ms. Lowe attend the Park Board meeting on August 23, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. to explain her plans. The Park Board would make the final decision on whether to approve her request.

Angela Ralston of the 100 block of Montclair Avenue discussed issues of overgrown grass at 127 Montclair Avenue; neighbor's barking dogs; and her car being stolen from in front of her home. Chief Turner reported that Ms. Ralston's vehicle was recovered and advised he would speak to Ms. Ralston after the meeting about the other issues.

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Manning, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor