

LUDLOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 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, Denny Allen, and Mike Gaiser. (Charlie Manning was absent.)

ALSO ATTENDING: Attorney Jeff Otis, City Administrative Officer Brian Dehner, City Clerk Laurie Sparks, Building/Zoning Administrator Joe Schutzman, Public Works Foreman Bernie Fiorelli, Police Chief Wayne Turner

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Wynn, to approve the minutes from the council meeting on August 12, 2010. Motion carried, all ayes.

Presentation of Proclamation to Ludlow AC Class C-2 Senior Knothole Baseball Team

Mayor Schroeder congratulated the baseball team and read a proclamation, which he presented to each member and each coach.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schroeder thanked the council members who attended the recent NKADD Awards Dinner where he received the Unity of Effort award. Mayor Schroeder thanked everyone who participated in the dedication of Logan's Way.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gaiser

Mr. Gaiser had nothing to report.

Mr. Allen

Mr. Allen attended the Fire Department meeting earlier in the week. There are currently four candidates for the Fire Chief position. Mr. Allen thanked Mr. Kleier for his work in organizing the Logan's Way street dedication.

Mr. Kleier

Mr. Kleier thanked Public Works for getting the Logan's Way street signs up and cleaning the street prior to the dedication. The Fire Department Council Committee will meet next week to review the four Fire Chief applications and set up interviews with each candidate. Mr. Dehner inquired whether the issue of eligibility had been resolved. According to the by-laws, the fire chief is required to be a member of the Ludlow Volunteer Fire Department and three of the four candidates are not. If they become members, there is a six month probationary period. Jeff Chipley and Randy McCauley, President and Vice-President of the Fire Department respectively, will be involved in the interviews.

Ms. McMullin

Ms. McMullin congratulated Mayor Schroeder on the award presented by the NKADD and on his years of dedicated public service; thanked Mr. Kleier for his work in organizing the Logan's Way street dedication; and congratulated the Ludlow AC Class C-2 Senior Knothole Baseball Team on a championship season. Halloween in the Park, featuring crafts, activities, snacks, and a D.J., will be in Ludlow Park on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Wynn

Tricia Painter is the new president of the *Ludlow Community Connection*. The street sign at the intersection of Helen and Linden Streets is missing and needs to be replaced. The Ludlow Civics Club will sponsor a Wine Tasting at the Knights of Columbus on September 25, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Wynn encouraged everyone to attend the event which will feature wine from four local wineries and food from Hi Ways 2 and The Classy Pig.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Turner previously submitted his monthly report to Council.

Building/Zoning Report

After discussion, Council agreed to authorize Mr. Schutzman to submit the proposed sign ordinance amendment to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC). After NKAPC holds a public hearing in October, Mr. Schutzman will present its recommendations to Council. The property at 520 Church Street will be boarded up and a notice will be sent to Mr. Otis to begin foreclosure proceedings. The owner of the home destroyed by fire in the 400 block of Elm Street received approval from her insurance company to have the building torn down. The insurance company did not approve for the home to be rebuilt, but it is still a buildable lot.

Public Works Report

Mr. Fiorelli had previously submitted his report to Council. Ms. McMullin thanked Anne at The Flower Basket for sprucing up the flowers in the hanging baskets downtown and Public Works for keeping them watered.

City Administrative Officer's Report

Plans for Phase II of the Streetscape Project have been submitted to the State. The City purchased two of the KDI properties—the land adjacent to the Municipal Center for \$10,000.00 and the land at the corner of Ash and Traverse for \$3,500.00. The Barker property has not yet gone up for sale. Discussion on the Highway Department's requirement to eliminate some parking west of the intersection of Elm and Carneal Streets to accommodate a left turn lane on eastbound Elm Street. The developer is responsible for the cost of installing the turn lane. **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Gaiser, to introduce Ordinance 2010-10 for a first reading. Motion carried, all ayes.** Mr. Otis completed the first 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. Ordinance 2010-9 would not be brought up for a second reading because it is no longer necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-6

Mr. Otis completed the second 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 tax rate is set at \$.212 per \$100.00 valuation for real estate and \$.545 per \$100.00 valuation for personal and mixed property. **Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Gaiser, to adopt Ordinance 2010-6. Motion carried, all ayes.**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-7

Mr. Otis completed the second 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 tax rate is set at \$.171 per \$100.00 valuation. **Motion by Mr. Wynn, second by Ms. McMullin, to adopt Ordinance 2010-7. Motion carried, all ayes.**

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* was postponed until notification letters are sent to owners of property adjacent to the alley. The second reading will be held at the October council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to Approve Request for a Block Party on Kenner Street

Motion by Mr. Kleier, second by Mr. Wynn, to approve a request to block off Kenner Street between Closson Court and Somerset Street from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on September 26, 2010 for a block party. Motion carried, all ayes. Public Works will drop off barricades for the event and a confirmation letter will be sent to Bennie Holbrook.

Establish Trick-or-Treating Hours

Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Kleier, to establish trick-or-treating hours for October 31, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Discussion on the process involved in the construction of the two proposed HONK homes at 201 Oak Street. Discussion on the status of the rehabilitation of the NSP homes at 38 Carneal, 45 Ash, and 207 Adela.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Curtis Hall, superintendent of Ludlow Schools, thanked Council for the Logan’s Way street dedication and thanked the City of its partnership with the school in providing the School Resource Officer.

Marvin Knasel of 36 Ash Street inquired about the application process for purchasing the HONK rehabbed home at 45 Ash Street. Mr. Dehner advised he would forward Mr. Knasel’s contact information on to Paul Wolgin.

Nicole Kidd advised the Ludlow Fire Department received an excellent score in the recent State EMS inspection. Mr. Dehner commended Ms. Kidd on her hard work in improving the EMS inspection scores over the past two years. Mr. Wynn requested Ms. Kidd write an article for the paper about the inspection. Ms. Kidd advised she hasn’t noticed a big difference in the transition of ALS service from TransCare to Rural Metro because they have retained many of the same employees.

Angie Lee of 533 Elm Street inquired about what would happen to the existing Ludlow High School stadium if a new one is constructed as part of the Lagoon sports complex. Mr. Dehner advised Ms. Lee to direct her question to the school, which owns the property, not the City. Ms. Lee inquired about the Hills Project. Mr. Kleier discussed the NKAPC’s Hills Project and its efforts to gather public input on hilltop and hillside construction. Ms. Lee inquired about the status of the bricks in Elm Wood Park. Mr. Dehner advised the bricks have been moved to storage until they are relocated near the Municipal Center. The general consensus of a survey in the paper last year was to move the bricks to the Municipal Center rather than Ludlow Park. Ms. Lee inquired about the candidates for Fire Chief, which include Terry Keller, Matt Chastain, Jeff Hatter, and Mike Steward. In response to Ms. Lee’s question about the status of the Barker property, Mr. Dehner advised the property will go up for sale at the courthouse soon.

Mayor Schroeder advised he had been approached by a representative of the Senior Center regarding the removal of two trees in front of their building. Mr. Schutzman advised the trees are not the City’s responsibility. The City owns the building as part of the agreement when the CDBG grant was awarded to construct it, but Senior Services owns the land.

Marvin Knasel advised a street light is out at the corner of Locust and Ash Streets. Mr. Dehner advised the City would contact Duke Energy to get it repaired.

**Motion by Ms. McMullin, second by Mr. Kleier, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Motion carried, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Ed F. Schroeder, Mayor