

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vicki Boerger, Joe Hayes, Kim Nachazel, Dan Rice, Beth Rose, Michael Stoeckle, and Denny Zahler.

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Rob Ziegler, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Hils, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Jansing, Acting Police Chief Matt Robinson, City Treasurer Amy Guenther, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rectin and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman asked for the Comments from Council be moved above the Executive Session. **Mr. Zahler made a motion to approve the agenda** as requested by Mayor Hehman. Mrs. Nachazel offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular meeting. Mr. Zahler offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Lynne Saddler, MD, MPH, District Director of Health for NK Health Department presented an overview of the Department's Syringe Access Exchange Program. This program reduces the spread of communicable diseases like Hepatitis C, HIV and Hepatitis B. The program will give out sterile syringes and needles for contaminated ones, then the used ones are properly disposed. It also provides access to drug treatment, education, counseling and help with enrolling in healthcare coverage. Hepatitis B has increased 65% and Hepatitis C has increased 120% in the last five years. HIV has held steady. This program is an important component of Northern Kentucky's response to the heroin epidemic. Dr. Saddler requested the support of our elected official for this proposed program to help Northern Kentucky.

Gary Blank, Executive Vice President and COO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare, expressed the support of St. Elizabeth for the Syringe Access Exchange Program. He said the continuing increase in communicable diseases will have a drastic effect on our community. It can healthcare costs will increase, it can devastate the economy, employers will move out if we don't get a handle on it. We need to be proactive and this program is a good start.

Mayor Hehman thanked Dr. Saddler and Mr. Blank for their presentation and stated we will bring a resolution to the next meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ziegler performed a **second reading of Ordinance 2016-01** approving an interlocal agreement with SD1, other cities and Kenton County. Mr. Ziegler stated this only allows us to enter into an agreement to work together with SD1 if we want to do so in the future. We are not obligated to anything. **Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to adopt** Ordinance 2016-01. Mrs. Boerger offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Zahler	No	Mrs. Rose	Yes
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mr. Rice	Yes	Mr. Hayes	Yes
Mrs. Nachazel	Yes		

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Ziegler performed a **second reading of Ordinance 2016-02** Amending Section 32.16 of the City's Code of Ordinances relating to the Regular Meetings of Council. Changing the meetings to monthly with quarterly caucus meetings. **Mr. Nachazel made a motion to adopt** Ordinance 2016-02. Mr. Hayes offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Zahler	No	Mrs. Rose	No
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	No
Mr. Rice	Yes	Mr. Hayes	Yes
Mrs. Nachazel	Yes		

Ayes: 4 Nays: 3 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Ziegler performed a **second reading of Ordinance 2016-03** amending section 31.35(c) of the City's Code of Ordinances relating to the Qualifications Police Chief. **Mrs. Rose made a motion to adopt** Ordinance 2016-03. Mr. Rice offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Zahler	Yes	Mrs. Rose	Yes
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mr. Rice	Yes	Mr. Hayes	Yes
Mrs. Nachazel	Yes		

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent:0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Ziegler performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2016-06** appointing Angela Lucarelli to the Board of Adjustments to fulfill Howard Anneken's term. **Mrs. Boerger made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2016-06.** Mr. Rice offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or

discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. Vote was answered by all ayes no nays. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman thanked everyone for working on the Appreciation Dinner. He said he heard a good time was had by all and he was sorry he had to miss it. He announced there were many service awards handed out Saturday. He invited Chief Auffart to the front of the room.

Chief Auffart presented Dave Slusser and Amy Reis as our new Lieutenants. Adam Fuller is also a Lieutenant recently promoted, but he was unable to attend as he is out of town for a safety training.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy advised that the search for the new police chief will start immediately. We have contracted with NKADD to conduct the search same as we did for the fire chief. The ad will be placed next week and be open for three weeks. A committee to interview candidates is being put together by the Mayor.

Mrs. Reddy announced that the developers for the Drawbridge project are concerned about the city's requirement that all residential has to be above commercial. They are concerned that it may not be what is best for the site especially around back near the current apartments. Council asked that they come and address them at the next meeting

Mrs. Reddy said we will be getting more requests for outdoor dining. Korzenborn Garage and Greyhound Grill are both interested in adding an outdoor option for dining.

She said a citizen on Facebook asked if we would consider no parking on Highland Avenue for safety reasons. Mayor Hehman appointed Denny Zahler, Jim Hils and Matt Robinson to a committee to look at the issue on Highland and report back to council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Matt Robinson, Acting Chief of Police, said if the weather continues to be warm the officers will be out on bike patrol. He did start his research on the Beechwood School and Kroger's parking situation. He will have it completed by the next meeting. New officer Jacob McBee will be here riding with officers while the Police Academy is on spring break.

Gary Auffart, Fire Chief, submitted a written report to council. He said the department will check the field for needles prior to the Easter egg hunt. He announced the department has a 1940 light and a rescue truck that needs to be declared surplus property. They no longer use either item. They want to donate the light and sell the truck. There was no objection.

Amy Guenther, City Treasurer, said the department heads will review the plans to purchase large items that will be needed in the future. This will allow us to save for them. We received the \$100,000 grant for the purchase of turnout gear and \$25,000 grant for the purchase of a heart monitor. She said expenses are currently coming in under budget and revenue is on target.

Zach Rehtin, Recreation Coordinator, announced the egg hunt will be March 19. They need help stuffing eggs at the next Recreation meeting to be held on March 14.

Linda Bartels, City Clerk, announced we are joining with the cities of Bellevue, Dayton, Southgate and Woodlawn to bid waste collection service. This should save the citizens some money. The new personnel policy should be ready soon.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mrs. Boerger announced the Wall of Honor Ceremony will be held on May 30th. The nominations are due by April 15. Please submit full name, contact number, type of service and date of service.

Mrs. Rose made a motion at 8:35 pm to move to executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret. Mr. Rice offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Zahler	Yes	Mrs. Rose	Yes
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mr. Rice	Yes	Mr. Hayes	Yes
Mrs. Nachazel	Yes		

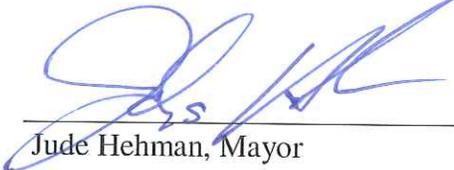
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.

Mrs. Boerger made a motion to move out of executive session at 8:58 pm. Mrs. Rose offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. Voice vote was answered by all ayes. Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Boerger made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 9:04 p.m. Mrs. Rose offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed 4-18, 2016



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk