

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 18, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 Dave Jansing, Acting Police Chief Matt Robinson, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rehtin and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman reminded everyone that tonight is a Special Meeting and only items on the agenda can be discussed. **Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to approve the agenda.** Mrs. Rose 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. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular meeting.** Mr. Rice 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.

**Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting.** Mrs. Rose 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.

**Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular meeting.** Mr. Rice 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**

Greg Pohlgeers, 21 Requardt Lane, said three acres of land on Orphanage Road have been cleared without acquiring a permit. They are also using Requardt Avenue to access the property. Mrs. Reddy said it is under one acre of land so they are not required to get a permit from SD1 and the permit requirements per our zoning ordinance are vague. Mayor Hehman stated they have a lease for the right of way to access Requardt Avenue. It will be two flag lots. He agrees with the concerns and they have asked them to go through the permit process. Mrs. Reddy said she will share the plans as soon as PDS receives them.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ziegler performed a **reading of Resolution 2016-02 supporting the needle exchange program.**

Mrs. Reddy said that Dr. Saddler said the St. Elizabeth Board asked her to look at a mobile unit. This unit could help more people than a permanent location. The State of Ohio has had success with the program. A discussion followed. The needle exchange program should help the spread of HIV, Hepatitis C and B. It will allow workers to help those that want help to get off the drugs. Mr. Rice asked how we can support an illegal activity. Mayor Hehman stated there is no room in jails for more people. Mrs. Nachazel asked what control we will have over a mobile van. Mr. Ziegler stated that the mobile unit will need the authority of the City and the County for the mobile exchange. The City will have a say in where it can park.

**Mrs. Boerger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-02 supporting the needle exchange program.** Mr. Zahler offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote. The Resolution will be sent to the County.

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

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

**Mr. Zahler made a motion to hold both ordinances related to the code enforcement board on the agenda.** Mayor Hehman asked him to withdraw the motion so that he could explain the ordinances. **Mr. Zahler withdrew his motion.**

Mayor Hehman said the Kenton County Mayors' Group recently held a discussion on the Joint Code Enforcement Board. There are a lot of positive aspects for joining the board and thinks it should be discussed. Greg Pohlgeers was in the audience and asked to address council. Mayor Hehman invited him to the podium.

Mr. Pohlgeers said his father is the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) Chairman, but he is here as a resident of Fort Mitchell not the Chair's son. He said this City is very unique, the residents hold themselves to a higher, different standard. It should be Fort Mitchell residents judging their peers. The current Board does a great job. They got rid of the old, bad hotel on Dixie Highway.

Mrs. Reddy explained the Code Enforcement process. Most complaints are for tall grass, weeds, junk cars, houses deteriorating and rubbish on the property. Rob Himes, Codes Administrator for PDS, settles most violations prior to reaching the board. We contract with them to take care of the Code violations. The problems the board hears are ones that have not cleaned up their violations despite the citations. The Board must consider not only the person who has a violation, but their neighbors who have to look at it every day. Long running violations can drive down property values in the neighborhood. The Joint Board represents 11 communities. We would have a seat on the board. They meet monthly and just by

doing that can settle issues faster. They will also work with residents to get the issue taken care of promptly. New State legislation will require Cities with a CEB to have a hearing office and notices and minutes out within 24 hours of a meeting.

After further discussion, council members stated that Fort Mitchell has a good, professional Board and they were willing to serve their City. They suggested we keep our local Board and training be given if needed.

**Mr. Zahler made a motion to table the reading of Ordinance 2016-04 dissolving the Code Enforcement Board and Ordinance 2016-05** approving the interlocal agreement to join the Kenton County Joint Code Enforcement Board. Mr. Rice offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. Vote was answered by all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ziegler said there is a proposed zoning text amendment to the design requirements on the agenda. Mrs. Reddy said this amendment will stop metal buildings from being built in the City. Mr. Jeff Bethel, Fort Mitchell's representative to the Kenton County Planning Commission, addressed Council. He said he supports the proposal and thinks it will work very well for Fort Mitchell.

After discussion, **Mr. Hays made a motion to send the proposed text amendment to PDS.** Mrs. Nachazel 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.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-SHARMILI REDDY**

- We have received 34 applications for the new police chief. The committee will review the applications this week.
- There will be a budget meeting in May with the Council and the Finance Committee.
- The recent Business Breakfast was successful. There will be another one in the fall.
- Health Department approached the City about going smoke free in our parks. The Park Board is in favor of it. They are looking for preliminary input. Council was in agreement with Board.
- An owner adjoining Iris Park would like to purchase part of an excess right of way. The park board did not have a problem with this purchase as we cannot use the area.
- Mini Cell Towers are poles with a cylinder on top. They are to fill in small areas and can be placed in the right of ways with no permits. The problem comes when there is a lot of them in one area. Mrs. Reddy is working with other cities to develop a way to handle this issue.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Zach Rehtin, Recreation Coordinator

- Announced the egg hunt was a success. A large crowd attended.

- There will be a 5K on Saturday, April 23
- A Live Well event was held here last week. This is part of Skyward.
- They are working on some new programs and improvements to the old ones. The summer recreation schedule should be out soon.
- There was a discussion on adding some additional basketball courts in the City possibly using empty lots.

Gary Auffart, Fire Chief

- Submitted a written report
- Rescue 24 was sold to a gentleman in New Jersey for over \$11,000

Matt Stegman, Public Works Director

- Crew has spent time recently cleaning and/or painting the snow removal equipment. Also clearing the storm drains.
- He has been familiarizing himself with all his various duties including touring the city looking at the condition of the roads.

Matt Robinson, Acting Police Chief

- He has been working Mr. Rehtin on the 5K. Some roads will be closed for a very short time between 8:00 and 8:45 am.
- On Saturday between 12:00 and 2:00 pm, some of our police officers will be in Bigby Coffee for Coffee with a Cop.

Linda Bartels, City Clerk

- Three of Fort Mitchell's voting precincts will move to the City Building for the upcoming elections.
- The trash bid is out and due back April 28. We are bidding with the Cities of Bellevue, Dayton, Southgate and Woodlawn.
- Suggested changing the due date of the city liquor licenses to match the State dates. This will be easy on the businesses. Council agreed to the change. Mr. Ziegler will bring the proper legislation.

## COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Zahler announced Mrs. Reddy won an award from ASPA for Career Achievement. She will be honored Friday.

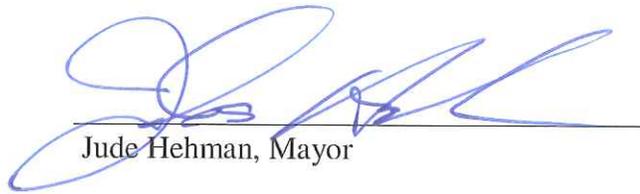
Mrs. Nachazel attended an OKI Regional Board meeting recently. They are working toward a healthy region.

Mayor Hehman reminded everyone to please thank our legislators, especially Senator Chris McDaniel, for helping get money placed in the budget for the first step in connecting Buttermilk and Orphanage Roads. This is a very important project.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Zahler made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:24 p.m.** Mrs. Nachazel 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