

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 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. He then thanked the police officers for protecting our community every day. Mayor Hehman called for a moment of silence for the police officers in Baton Rouge and Dallas who lost their lives this week in the line of duty.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Rob Ziegler, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, City Treasurer Amy Guenther, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rehtin, Park Director Kyle Bennett and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Krueger.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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 June 6, 2016 regular council 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 passed by all ayes.

EMPLOYEES

Mayor Hehman administered the Kentucky Oath of Office to Andrew Schierberg, the new Police Chief for the City of Fort Mitchell. Chief Schierberg said he appreciates the opportunity to serve the community that has been a part of his family for generations. He looks forward to working with the great team in Fort Mitchell.

Fire Chief Gary Auffart introduced Jeff Hampton. He was promoted to Fire Lieutenant today. His wife and daughter accompanied him. Lt. Hampton stated he was very grateful for the opportunity.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AWARD

Mayor Hehman announced the winners of the first Community Investment Award. They are W. Stephens Cabinetry & Design, Dr. Ryan Olexia Fort Mitchell Veterinary Center and Alex Edmondson. Mr. Stephens was present and expressed his thanks to the Mayor and Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2016-08 for a Text Amendment amending Sections 10.12, 10.13, 10.14 and 10.16 of the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-08 for a text amendment. Mrs. Nachazel offered a second. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman stated the Fourth of July Parade was great this year! We will honor the winners at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Hehman announced this is an election year and he asked Council Members to consider running again. It has been a good year and a half, but we have more work to do.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-SHARMILI REDDY

Mrs. Reddy said she has worked in Fort Mitchell now for one year. She thanked the department heads and staff for the work they do everyday. Thanked the Mayor for his daily support and council members for the ongoing support.

- A letter was mailed to the residents near the Buttermilk/Orphanage Road project.
- A copy of the proposed park survey was handed out tonight to Council. The survey will be mailed in late August.
- The flag lots in Fort Mitchell will be reviewed in September. Mrs. Reddy, Mr. Stegman and Mrs. Boerger met with PDS to begin the discussion.
- Still working with SDI on the private sewer laterals. The Mayors and County Judges met and agreed to add \$350,000 to the budget for the laterals.
- Thanked Linda Bartels for the excellent work in renewing our employee health insurance this year. There will not be an increase in cost.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administration – Linda Carter, City Clerk

- Reviewed the recent trash bid results. The bids were still high for the service. Mrs. Reddy said per a survey on Facebook, the citizens preferred once a week pickup instead of our current two times per week. Mayor Hehman said we could sign a one year contract and bid again next year with the City of Lakeside Park. Council suggests trying one time per to see how it works, stay with the same company (Best Way) and reevaluate at the end of the year.

Mrs. Rose made a motion to select Best Way as the waste/recycling hauler for the next year. Mrs. Nachazel offered a second. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

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

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

Police – Andrew Schierberg, Police Chief

- Thanked Mayor and Council for the raises his officers received this year. They were underpaid. Employees stay for three reasons: pay, leadership and opportunity. Now it is his job to take care of the other two.
- They are review body cameras and will continue to keep everyone updated.
- Joel Tignor will be returning to Fort Mitchell tomorrow.

Fire – Gary Auffart, Fire Chief

- Thanked Mayor and Council for the raises for the public safety employees
- Steve Greis and Todd Klier are retiring this month. The department is struggling to hire good employees. They do not like the long hours, want more time with family and more opportunities.

Recreation – Zach Rechtin, Recreation Coordinator

- Movie night a big deal this year. A movie screen and quality sound system was donated. There will be healthy food and drinks.
- A comprehensive report will be out by the end of August.

Finance – Amy Guenther, City Treasurer

- Sent out a Request for Proposals for an auditor. She contacted all finance officers in the area and request names of auditors. Ask Council Members to send her names also.

Public Works - Matt Stegman, Public Works Director

- This was his first year to work the parade and thought it was great. The coordination was excellent. He enjoyed the parade and is proud to work for Fort Mitchell.
- The underpass between Blessed Sacrament and Burdsall is now cleaned up. With the help of volunteers there is now new paint and lights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Rose made a motion to go in 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. Stoeckle seconded 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. The council moved in to executive session at 8:04 pm.

Mrs. Boerger made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:32 pm. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

Mayor Hehman announced we received two proposals for a City Attorney. There was one from Rob Ziegler and one from Louis Kelly. After careful review and consideration, the selection was made. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to select Louis Kelly of Adam, Stepner, Woltermann and Dusing as our new City attorney. Mrs. Rose offered a second. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

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

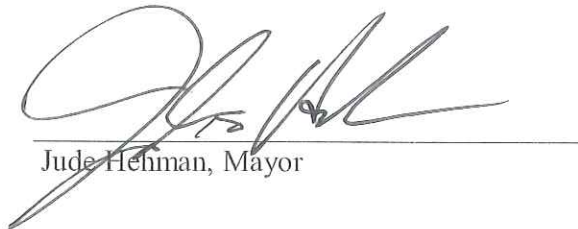
Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Absent: 1 Motion Carried.

Mayor and Council express their thanks to Rob Ziegler for his years of service. It is very much appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hayes made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:39 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 7-25-16, 2016



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk