

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Rob Ziegler, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Jansing, Acting Fire Chief Jim Hills, Public Works Director Dave Noll, Acting Police Chief Matt Robinson and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion to move the Citizens and Guests section of the agenda to follow Approval of the Minutes section. **Mr. Zahler made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the Citizens and Guests section to follow the Approval of the Minutes section.** 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. Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by motion. Mr. Stoeckle 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 August 18, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Stoeckle 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

Mayor Hehman asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the council. No one came forward.

Mayor Hehman asked Jacob McBee to come forward. He then swore him in as our newest Police Officer. Officer McBee is a graduate of LaSalle High School and Thomas More College with a degree in Criminal Justice. Officer McBee stated he looks forward to attending the Police Academy in October and working for the City of Fort Mitchell.

Mayor Hehman presented a proclamation to Shanna Novosel. Mrs. Novosel is the owner/operator of the Fort Mitchell Biggby Coffee. It is the only one located in Kentucky. Mrs. Novosel's shop was awarded the 2015 Biggby Coffee Store of the Year based on customer votes. Mrs. Novosel is also a

great support of the City of Fort Mitchell. She thanked the Mayor and council members for the recognition.

He also presented a proclamation to Lillian O'Bryan, an employee of Biggby Coffee, for being named Out of Market barista of the year for the Biggby Franchise.

SANITATION DISTRICT #1

Mrs. Reddy said the council packets contained information on SD1's position on sewer laterals. They will pay for laterals to be replaced if there is money available, but they will not replace the street. The Cities will have to take care of the streets. She said there is also concern about the indemnification clause. The packets are just for review at this time. They will discuss further at the next meeting. Assistant Chief Jansing stated that SD1 wants the Cities to hold them harmless if they make mistakes. Mr. Ziegler said he plans to discuss this issue with other City Attorneys. He will then report back to Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy explained the ordinance before council tonight is a new job description for a full time fire chief. The search committee working to find a new chief developed this description.

Mr. Ziegler performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2015-16 adopting a new job description for a full-time Fire Chief**. Mrs. Reddy said we hope to fill this position by the end of the year. If there are no major objections from Council, we will go forward with advertising the position. There were no objections.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman thanked everyone for making the dedication and the open house for the renovation of the city building a success last weekend. He said we missed the Appreciation dinner this year, but we will plan on having one in March. Part of the meeting in October will be recognizing long term employees.

Mayor Hehman said Mrs. Reddy will be coordinating a meeting of the Recreation Committee soon. The current members are Bobby Williams, Kyle Taylor, Kelli Estep, Jeff Epling, Kim Nachazel and Mike Stoeckle as Chair of the committee. They will be tasked with the job of recommending a new direction for Fort Mitchell recreation. They are also looking for one additional member. Zach Rehtin will coordinate the Halloween event.

Mayor Hehman introduced Jeff Hampton as the newest full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic. He started as a volunteer with Fort Mitchell in 2006 and is currently working part time for us. Mr. Hampton thanked the Mayor and Council. He stated he is proud to be in Fort Mitchell.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy said she will be applying for a grant for a sidewalk project on Orphanage Road. She also met with the Transportation Department recently to discuss a left turn lane on Beechwood Road. The design will be awarded in 2017 with 2019 the projected completion date. She asked them to consider moving the date up.

The Gateway area should see some movement within two months. Christ Hospital is currently focused on the Liberty Campus.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Department - Acting Fire Chief Jim Hils thanked Jeff Hampton for accepting the full time position. He will be a great addition to our full time staff. He also announced that they are currently developing the specifications for the new ambulance. The RFP should be ready by November 1. Mayor Hehman said Chief Hils has done a great job.

Administration Department – City Clerk Linda Bartels announced the tax bills were out and due October 31. This year you can look up your bill and pay on-line. Counting the Beechwood School tax we will collect over \$6.6 million this year.

Public Works Department – Public Works Director Dave Noll stated that SD1 has no established criteria of which laterals get replaced. Covington has laterals that have been on a list for two years. Our lateral probably would not get replaced. Currently we are replacing the ones that need it as roads are being repaved. He said the Crew is working on sidewalk repairs and will be doing street sweeping intermittently when they have time.

Mr. Stoeckle said the sidewalk on Dixie by Kroger's entrance is buckled. Mr. Noll will check it out.

Police Department – Acting Police Chief Matt Robinson said Jacob McBee was a great hire. He was an intern with us in the past and did a good job. The department will hold another cookout soon at the end of Oak Street. He is currently working out some issues with the new police app and will let Council know when it is fixed. He should also have a recommendation on a body wear camera for the officers soon.

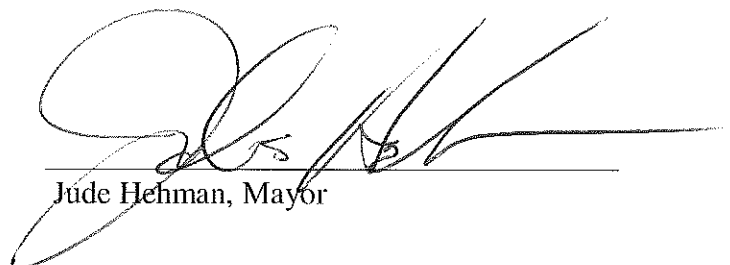
COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hayes said road work is frustrating for the Public Works Committee as the City has no standards for certain things like curb length, color or grass right-of-ways Mrs. Boerger asked that driveway aprons be included in the new standards.

ADJOURNMENT

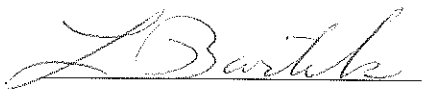
Mr. Zahler made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:48 p.m. Mr. Hayes offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed 10-5, 2015



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:


Linda Bartels, City Clerk