

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
November 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Sergeant Bill Zerhusen, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rehtin, Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Judge Executive, Steve Hensley, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director, Tom Thompson, Emergency Management Dispatch Director and Scott Gunning, Assistant County Administrator and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Krueger.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Zahler made a motion to approve the agenda, 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

Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 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.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Mayor Hehman introduced Kenton County Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann who gave an update on the Kenton County Radio System Project.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2016-06 authorizing the Mayor to apply for funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Programs for the purchase of a ladder truck and authorizing the expenditure of required local contribution if awarded.

Fire Chief Auffart advised the grant is administered by the Department of Homeland security. The city has applied for the grant the last three (3) years and has made the finals each year. The proposed purchase of the vehicle would be completed as a regional application in conjunction with the City of Erlanger and City of Fort Wright and the aerial would be used for mutual aid as it currently is. If awarded it would be a 10% share due to including Erlanger and Fort Wright. The City's portion would be \$5,000. Mrs.

Reddy noted that a ladder truck is included in the Capital Replacement Fund for 2017 for \$1,000,000. Mayor Hehman advised that the current truck always seems to be in the shop for repairs. Fire Chief Auffart advised that the company that built the truck is going out of business and it is getting harder to find replacement parts. Mayor Hehman stated that we have been very successful in obtaining grants and have received over \$750,000.00 from grants since 2006... Mr. Rice asked if this was a State grant and Fire Chief Auffart advised that it is a Federal grant and the Federal grants are the only matching grants.

Mr. Zahler made a motion for the Mayor to apply for funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of a ladder truck and further authorize the expenditure of required local contribution if awarded. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boerger. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

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

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

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2016-07 authorizing the Mayor to apply for funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Programs for the purchase of a Power Cot, Power Load System and Automatic CPR Device and further authorizing the expenditure of required local contribution if awarded.

Fire Chief Auffart advised that a Power Cot is required on all new squads and is a great help in preventing back injuries. The CPR Device performs perfect automatic CPR throughout a squad run. Mr. Rice asked what the cost would be and Fire Chief Auffart advised that the Power Cot is \$38,255.00 and the CPR Device is \$15,665.00. Mr. Rice asked what the grant would cover on this expense and Fire Chief Auffart advised it would cover 95% with our share being \$2,696.00. Mayor Hehman asked if there were replacement parts that would need to be considered and Fire Chief Auffart advised that batteries would need to be replaced every five to seven years.

Mr. Stoeckle made a motion for the Mayor to apply for funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of a Power Cot, Power Load System and Automatic CPR Device and further authorize the expenditure of required local contribution if awarded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zahler. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

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

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

Fire Chief Auffart recognized Lieutenant Fuller in the audience and advised that he is an expert grant writer and is responsible for all of the grant money that the City has received. The City is very lucky to have him on staff.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman advised that he did not have a report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Information has been sent to residents on Dixie Highway regarding the Sidewalk Grant Application and encourages residents to attend the December 5, 2016 Council meeting to get the complete details. Information will be posted on Facebook. Mr. Zahler had asked that a Citizens Committee is formed for this project and the City is committed to doing this. They asked for the moon on the application because there is no way to amend it once it is submitted and gives the ability to negotiate. It will be January or April before we hear anything on the grant. If awarded it would take six (6) to nine (9) months of working with the State. Mr. Stoeckle asked if this would be an opportunity to do anything with the City Building side of the Dixie Highway and Mrs. Reddy advised that although it would be a great time, nothing can be done because that side of the Dixie Highway is all private property. Mr. Rice asked If Council were to decide to withdraw from the grant process, would they need to do it at the December 5th meeting. Mrs. Reddy advised that the City should not be in a position to be awarded the grant and then turn around and give it back; therefore it would be best to withdraw it at the December 5th meeting. Mrs. Reddy again encouraged residents to attend the December 5th meeting to have all of their questions answered.
- Work is being done with Cincinnati Bell on a Franchise Agreement for mini cell towers. The agreement will come to Council before the final agreement is signed. Towers have already been placed on Grandview Drive.
- There is exciting news regarding a Fort Mitchell Business Association. She has been with business owners in the downtown area to create a sustainable model to promote business. This will be an independent organization. They hope to meet in January and they will decide what they want this organization to stand for.
- There is no new information on the Buttermilk/Orphanage project. The Transportation Cabinet has issued a hold on new projects until the next fiscal year.
- The TIF Application on the Drawbridge project is moving forward. A report is back from the State on the TIF application and Christ Hospital is reviewing the report. Work is being done with the developers to move back end items forward. The TIF Board will meet in January.
- Reviewing different options from other cities to come up with a process for clearing trees. Each property is different and it is hard to come up with regulations to stipulate across the board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director Matt Stegman reported:

- Concrete curbs have been replaced on Dixie Highway from the northbound I-75 exit along the front of Youthland Academy property.
- The decorative iron fence at the top of the underpass on Dixie Highway was installed the second week of October. There is still a little work to be completed.
- Three (3) new city benches have been installed and a fourth existing bench is being sponsored. Working on a proposed written policy for benches to control the locations, wording on plaques and the cost. Currently still using the same cost as eight (8) years ago even though our price has gone up.
- Applied for the Litter Abatement Grant. There is no match on this grant. It will reimburse the City for direct expenses for two (2) times a year of a city wide litter clean-up.

- Opted not to go with the Burdsall/Allentown bid to get part of the work completed by the end of the year and will combine this project with Thompson Avenue and will re-bid them at the same time. The work would be staggered because it is not part of this fiscal year budget.
- Minor parking requests for no parking signs will be addressed in-house, major requests will go to Council.
- Public Works crew has completed a few small repairs on Rosslyn and Grace Avenue. Have now started on leaves with the street sweeper and will begin to get the snowplows ready for the upcoming snow season.

Mr. Zahler asked if he understood that the resurfacing of Burdsall will not be completed until next summer. Mr. Stegman advised that the resurfacing is a Water District Project not a City project and Len Reigler is working on completing that project now. We have contract with him to do few small repairs while he is in the area. The reconstruction of the last 1/3 of Burdsall to Allentown will be rebid with the Thompson Avenue project.

Recreation Director Zach Rehtin reported:

- The Halloween event was well attended by about 500 people. The event included a petting zoo and Trunk or Treat.
- Ice Skating will be held on November 23, 2016 for Fort Mitchell and Lakeside Park residents.
- The Tree Lighting will be held on December 4, 2016 from 5-8 and will include carriage rides.

Police Sergeant Zerhusen reported:

- The body and cruiser cameras have a Request for Proposal on the website. The deadline is November 18, 2016 and they hope to bring their choice to the December 5, 2016 Council meeting.
- Mercedes and Camporosso are working on a fundraiser to help with the funds for the K9 police dog for the City. No date has been set, but donations can be made on the website.
- There will be a site visit for Accreditation on November 11, 2016. If the department passes, the accreditation will be good for five (5) years.
- Background checks are being done on two (2) perspective officers and if all goes well, they will be able to introduce them at the December 5, 2016 Council meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Debbie Krueger reported:

- That in the month of October a total of \$6,137,211.36 in property taxes were collected.

Fire Chief Auffart reported:

- No report at this time, but wishes all the candidates good luck on Election Day.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mrs. Nachazel advised that communication could be better. She has signed up with other cities to see how their communication works and has been talking with Mrs. Reddy to see if this is something to work on in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

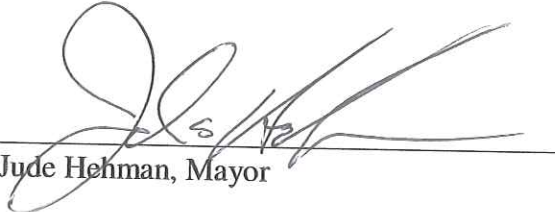
Mrs. Rose made a motion at 7:50 pm to move to executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boerger. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Boerger made a motion at 8:03 pm to move out of executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rose. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

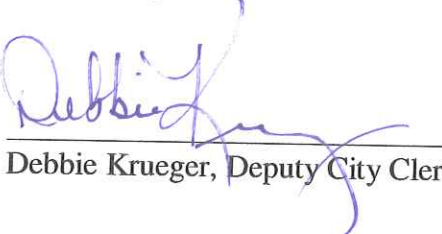
Mrs. Rose made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Rice offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed _____, 2016



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Debbie Krueger, Deputy City Clerk