

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introduced City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Rob Ziegler, and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Attorney Rob Ziegler, Acting Fire Chief Jim Hils, City Treasurer Amy Guenther, and Assistant Fire Chief Dave Jansing.

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 November 16, 2015 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

Mayor Hehman recognized Ed Butler, Director of Kenton County Dispatch Center. Mr. Butler said they are currently evaluating the 911 system and radio. They plan is to move from analog to digital technology within the next 2.5 years. This will require all radios in vehicles and handheld to be changed. The current cost for radios is approximately \$3,000 but they are coming down. How they are going to be funded has not yet been decided, but Judge Executive Knochelmann wanted Mr. Butler to keep all the entities they service informed. Each city will pay for their own, but the plans are to seek lower cost by cooperating with other cities and working with the Fiscal Court. Mayor Hehman asked about the second system in the County. Mr. Butler said they would build one that will include the entire county. He certainly hopes they are on the same system.

Mayor Hehman addressed Mr. Hentz in the audience tonight. He said Mr. Hentz challenged them to look at the response time to his home on Tantallon. Since there is a railroad track near his street, this could delay the emergency vehicles. Acting Chief Hils conducted a study of the response time taking different routes, including turning around at the tracks if a train was in motion and blocking the crossing. After the study, the emergency crews will now go Dixie to Buttermilk, to Anderson, onto Beechwood to Tantallon.

Rob Himes, Codes Administrator with PDS, presented a PowerPoint on Kenton County's proposed Vacant Property Registration Ordinance. Mr. Himes approached the Kenton County Fiscal Court about adopting a vacant property registration ordinance. Vacant property is a huge issue in all the cities in Kenton County. The biggest problem is the owners have walked away and the bank leaves the property in the owner's name. It is then next to impossible, to locate someone at the bank that will take responsibility for the violations. The property becomes increasingly rundown. The proposed ordinance will place the burden on the mortgage holder to take responsibility for the property or face fines. Mayor Hehman said Mr. Himes is just giving an update. The Fiscal Court would like a letter of support from the Cities.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ziegler performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2015-18 related to ALS Assistant Fire Chief Position.**

Mr. Ziegler informed Council that SD1 has not changed the agreement. They still want the City to be responsible for the roadwork after a lateral repair. Cities are also still concerned with the indemnity clause. The City of Erlanger wants to identify where the property lines are located. This could become a lawsuit. No action is required tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman said the Tree Lighting went well. Public Works and Zach Rehtin, our new recreation coordinator did a great job.

He congratulated Chief Jansing for being selected Outstanding Local Elected Official of the year. Chief Jansing is also the Mayor of Lakeside Park.

When Snow Emergencies are called, it is for the public as well as our employees' safety. Public Works have to clean the streets, Police and Fire/EMS have to go out for emergencies in all kinds of weather. Announcements will be by email blast and Facebook. The mayor is looking into having the sidewalk along Dixie between Beechwood and Greyhound cleaned during snow events.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Committee for the Fire Chief's position will begin reviewing applications soon. The position of Public Works Director has not yet been advertised.

For all upcoming recreational activities, check our website and Facebook page.

Bromley-Crescent Springs Road is on hold because the County has asked the State to take the road since it goes through multiple jurisdictions. They would exchange another road with the county. If this happens, the State will ask us to turn our part of the road over to them.

Mrs. Reddy said they are having a conversation with Beechwood School and the Park Board about adding a soccer and track field. Both would share the cost. She said this is just in the talking stage at this point. No money has been spent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee - Mr. Hayes they are still working on evaluating the roads.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administration Department – Linda Bartels, City Clerk, announced we have collected 98% of the money we budgeted for taxes.

Finance - Amy Guenther, City Treasurer, announced the audit was complete the first week in November. It will be presented at the January Council meeting. Our revenues are coming in as expected and the cash balance currently is \$6.4 million.

Dan Rice said the Finance Committee met last Monday night. They decided what finance reports to add to the website.

Police Department- Matt Robinson, Acting Police Chief, announce Officer Preder received a State award for issuing the most tickets for impaired driving. They are currently working on getting quotes for body and cruiser camera. On Wednesday, they will hold their version of Cops and Kids. They are using the money they received from Remke's Back the Blue event. He said you could also check for snow emergencies on the police twitter account.

Fire Department – Jim Hils, Acting Fire Chief, said there will be a CPR class held on January 16 at 9:00 am. There will be no cost to citizens.

Mayor Hehman said the Fire organization has a party for volunteers every year and the council gives a \$1,000 to them for a party room and food. There were no comments.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Zahler asked about the email he received announcing the PDS fees were going up 30 to 40%. Mrs. Reddy said the fees go to Kenton Planning Commission, PDS supplies staff for them. The increase has been talked about for a while, it brings them more in line with Boone County. She said someone from PDS or the Commission will come to Fort Mitchell and so a presentation.

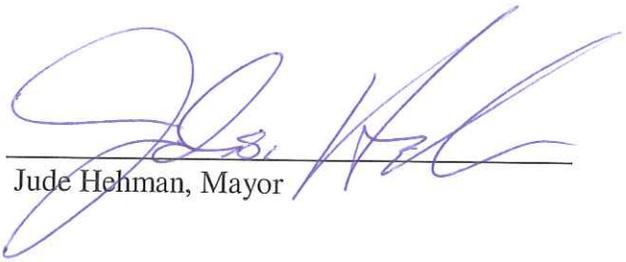
Dan Rice asked that in light of the recent events in California he would like us to have some preparedness training. Mayor Hehman said he would get in touch with Homeland Security.

Mayor Hehman asked if anyone had a problem canceling the second meeting this month. There were no comments. December 21 meeting is canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zahler made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:25 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 12-21-15, 2015



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk

