

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 6, 2017**

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

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Present - Vickie Boerger, Mary Burns, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Beth Rose, and Michael Stoeckle.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rehtin, and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Hummeldorf** 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 January 9, 2017, special council meeting. Mrs. Boerger** 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.

**Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017, council meeting. Mrs. Burns** 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Chief Auffart introduced Frank Santee as our new Firefighter/Paramedic. He was accompanied by his wife, Jessica. He said Mr. Santee started in the fire service in 2004 as a volunteer.

Chief Auffart introduced Brian Kinsley. He said Mr. Kinsley retired from the City with 20 years of service at the end of January. He is only the second person to retire from Fort Mitchell. Chief Auffart stated everyone was sad to see him leave, because he is such a lovable guy. He presented him with an award thanking him for his years of service. Assistant Chief Hils presented Brian with a plaque commemorating a dispute with a fence post. Mr. Kinsley stated he missed everyone and thank them for honoring him tonight.

## RECOGNITIONS

Police Chief Schierberg recognized Officers Mark Spanyer and Joel Tignor for saving the life of a young person recently. They responded to a burglary in progress only to find out the suspect inside had a gun and was planning to take his own life. Instead of backing off for their own safety, they went in the building and was able to save the suspect. Chief Schierberg presented them with a Fort Mitchell Life Saving Award. Mayor Hehman and Chief Schierberg thanked them.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**Mr. Stegman said due to the recent change in the prevailing wage law, the city decided to rebid the reconstruction of Burdsall, Allentown and Thompson.** The new bids will allow us to save up to \$74,000. The low bidder is Straight Edge Construction. Mr. Stegman recommended them as they are a good, reputable firm and have the lowest bid.

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-01** accepting the bid proposal for reconstruction of Burdsall, Allentown and Thompson. Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01, Mrs. Nachazel offered a seconded. Mayor called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-02** authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Wayne Stephens to lease 10 parking spaces for a period of one year. These spaces would be for public use. This was discussed at the recent planning session.

Mrs. Reddy explained our lease would be for \$50 per space. Her research showed in the inter-city spaces are leased for \$25 to \$45. She could not find a city like ours to compare. We will install signage, but will not pay for maintenance. IT would be a one year contract that would allow us to look at issues as they arise. The new business association members are concerned about the parking in the area and discussed doing a parking study.

Mrs. Nachazel and Mr. Pohlgeers stated they thought the cost was a little high and concerned that this is framed for Greyhound. Mayor Hehman stated anyone can use the spaces and the cost was negotiated down from a much higher point. Not only are the business concerned about parking so are the residents on Requardt.

**Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to table Resolution 2017-02, Mr. Pohlgeers** offered a second. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-03** authorizing the mayor to apply for the Staffing for Adequate fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. If this grant is awarded, the city would hire up to five full-time Firefighters/Paramedics. Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-03, Mrs. Rose offered a seconded. Mayor called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman stated that there is nothing more important than to develop the old Drawbridge site. However, he does not believe he can fight the "certificate of need". Everyone in the City works at or knows someone who works for different hospitals. He has to represent everyone. Mayor Hehman

said we have not received the 50% match for the TIF (tax incremental financing). He did write a letter to fight for the money for the project. The TIF committee will meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- The Tree Board will be reviewing our zoning ordinance soon. She recommended that two members of council attend the meetings to let the board know how they would like them to proceed.
- The school project for trail markings on the sidewalks has been dropped
- The Park Board took action last week by dropping the track proposal from consideration.
- A new telemarketing firm will open on Grandview in the old day care building.
- Coconut Joes is moving.
- A cleanup day is planned for April 22, 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Lakeside Park may join.
- Received an inquiry to change the zoning on a vacant lot on Grandview. We informed them we were not interested in changing the zoning at this time.
- KLC Day/Night is Wednesday. Meetings with legislators are set up between 10:30 and 12:30. This will give us a chance to pitch some of our projects.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Fire** – Chief Auffart reported retired Fire Chief Radenheimer passed recently. He thanked all the City for their support in laying him to rest the proper way.

**Police Department** – Chief Schierberg reported the following:

- The fund raiser held at Bigby Coffee raised \$500 and a trunk full of items for the Emergency
- Sent payment to purchase the K-9. They plan to go select the dog next week.

**Recreation** - Mr. Rehtin reported the following:

- Yoga class continues
- Valentine Cookies will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Fort Mitchell night at NKU men's and women's basketball
- Some tickets available for Perfect North for skiing.

**Administration** – Mrs. Bartels reported the following:

- Cleaning bids are out and due back on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Trash and recycling report for 2016
  - Material to landfill 3,032 tons
  - Material recycled 403 tons

## **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Hehman said Mrs. Reddy and he will work together to prioritize the list of projects developed at the planning session. It is impossible to complete all this year.

Mrs. Boerger said the Behringer Crawford museum no longer have room for the Fort Mitchell diorama. She asked Mr. Stegman to have it brought to the city building. The Boy Scouts built it in 2010 for the centennial.

Mrs. Boerger made a made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:56 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.



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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



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Linda Bartels, City Clerk