

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL
COUNCIL MEETING
March 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, Park Director Kyle Bennett and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Pohlgeers 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 February 6, 2017, 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.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS - None

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Hehman presented Bill and Anne Reis with a plaque honoring them for the many years of service to the community. They have volunteered in many areas for the city of Fort Mitchell including 29 years in the Fire Department, on city council and the Beautification Committee. They have decided to retire from the city so that they can spend time with family and other adventures. Mayor Hehman said their service is most appreciated and will definitely be missed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Reis thanked them for the plaque.

PRESENTATIONS

Carol Wagner, founder of Foxfire Foundation, said she started this foundation 12 years ago after losing her son to a heroin overdose. Mrs. Wagner said one out of every five people are affected by drug or alcohol addiction. Foxfire works with people who are in programs trying to beat their addiction. She said she would like to be more involved with the City to get information out on the

heroin epidemic. The Foundation is in need of money to continue their work. Mayor Hehman said he appreciated her sharing her story and the offer to work with the City. He thanked her for all she does to fight the disease. Chief Schierberg will work with her to coordinate some events.

Mr. Stegman presented an update on phase 1 for the streetscape project. He said MKSK developed a concept for the area between Requardt Lane and Orphanage Road. We have not adopted the concept, but have taken some ideas from their vision and moved it forward. We plan to start at Requardt Lane by reconstructing the intersection and extend the project to abate the flooding problem on Dixie Highway in the area. The approximate cost is \$85,000 with \$35,000 going to moving utilities in the area. This is an update, the next step will be to bid the project unless some has an objection. Mr. Hummeldorf asked if this fit in with the rest of the plans. Mr. Stegman stated yes, it is phase one of a three phase project. Mr. Stoeckle asked if they received input from the business association. Mrs. Reddy said they are very excited to get the project started. There were no objections stated.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-04 authorizing the submission of a text amendment application to add barber and beauty shops as a permitted use within the Professional Office (PO) zone. This allows the application to move forward for review by PDS. It will then return to Council for a vote. Mr. Chappie, owner of Elements Salon, stated he would like to keep his upscale salon in this area and suitable property is hard to find. This property would be a great location for them. Mr. Hermes, Hermes Construction, said the current zone is PO, Professional Office. This zone includes a wide range of uses such as banks, medical, daycare, health clubs, parking, schools, post office and offices. He thinks a beauty salon will be a good fit.

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-04, 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 2017-05 authorizing the mayor to apply for the 2017 Kentucky Office of Security Grants to replace fifty sections of 1.75" fire hose. No local match required. Mrs. Rose made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05, Mr. Pohlgeers 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 first reading of Ordinance 2017-05 modifying the activation date in the local participation agreement for the Buttermilk Pike/Royal Drive development area from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2018.

Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2017-06 modifying the salary scale ordinance to add one police sergeant position. Chief Schierberg gave a presentation on the need to add a sergeant. Currently we have some officers that go most of their shift without supervision. By adding an additional sergeant the majority of time there will be supervision. This is important to move the department forward.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman stated we will hold a meeting on April 17th regarding the installation of a sidewalk on Orphanage Road. The project is engineered and in the budget. Now it is time again to get additional feedback from the residents.

He recognized Council Member Boerger for winning Woman of the Year in Northern Kentucky.

Mayor Hehman thanked the Public Works and Police departments for their work during the recent power outage. He also recognized Chief Auffart and the Fire Department for the great job with the recent fire on Long Meadow.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy reported the following:

- PDS is reviewing all sign regulations in the county. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Fort Mitchell did not adopt the original model sign ordinance. Mrs. Reddy will look back in the records to see if there was a particular reason.
- Mr. Rehtin set up a cleanup day on April 22, 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We will clean Dixie Highway and Buttermilk Pike. A tent will be set up. It is also large item pickup day. Lakeside Christian Church will help clean up the parks.
- The State is reviewing the process on how they prioritize road projects. This may have some bearing the realignment of Orphanage Road. Mrs. Reddy and Mrs. Nachazel will attend an OKI meeting soon for more information.

Mrs. Reddy stated there are three properties in the city that are affected by boundary issues. One is on Requardt Lane that looks like the right of way was planned for a cul-de-sac but was never put in place. This needs to be cleaned up so the property owners have a clear boundary. At least one owner, Mr. Giglio, plans to sell his property and had a survey completed. All property owners would need to have a survey completed, approach the City with the request for us to abandon the right-of-way. Iris Road and Pauly Park are the other two properties that have boundary issues.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Finance – Mrs. Guenther distributed a financial statement narrative tonight. The financial report was part of the council packet. She stated the revenues and expenditures are both up some from last year at this time. The budget is running on track for the year. The Financial Statement Narrative is attached to the minutes. Mayor Hehman stated Mr. Hummeldorf is the chair of the Finance committee. Mrs. Reddy and the Mayor will start meeting with Department Heads next week regarding their budget.

Fire – Chief Auffart reported

- The surplus ambulance that was donated to the County has been returned to us as it needs \$8,000 in repairs that the County cannot afford. HE asked councils approval to now donate the ambulance to Pendleton County. They want to use it as a search and rescue unit and are aware of the problems with it. Council did not have an issue with donating it to Pendleton County.
- There was a big fire at 326 Long Meadow. The cause was accidental. No one was injured due to the smoke detectors working everyone got out of the house in time. They were assisted in the fire by Edgewood, Crescent Springs and the Fort Wright Fire Departments. Fort Mitchell Police department assisted.

Mrs. Nachazel thanked the Fire Department for training the Northern Kentucky Young Marines in CPR.

Public Works Department – Mr. Stegman reported:

- There will be a public meeting at the end of the month for the Allentown Drive, Burdsall Avenue, and Thompson Avenue project.
- The new dump truck is in use now. They used it for the last snow event. It did a great job.
- The Department of Local Government plans to award the street lighting grant in the spring.
- Jason Cocagne turned his resignation letter in today. His father was recently in a bad accident and cannot work at this time. Jason is going to replace him in selling insurance.

Administration Department – Linda Bartels reported:

- In the Human Resource area, updating our Drug Free Work Place program and soliciting quotes for employee benefits such as medical and dental insurance.
- Also soliciting quotes for all our business insurance.
- We are currently accepting bids for three new copiers. If you know anyone who may like to bid let us know or have them contact us.

Recreation - Mr. Rehtin reported:

- Roller skating Thursday night.

Park Board – Kyle Bennett reported:

- The Board is looking at the long range plans. They conducted a survey and held two public meetings. They are currently looking at the possibility of a walking trail, recreation center, in ground dugouts, batting cage along with other ideas. They are still discussing synthetic turf. The pocket parks are also under review.
- The upcoming budget was increased this year by adding necessary engineering fees.

Police Department – Chief Schierberg reported:

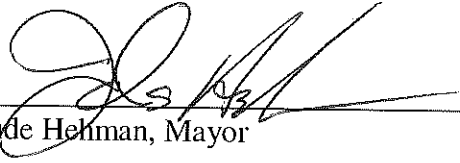
- Still working on the community cookouts. They are now planned for April 26th and May 3rd.
- Reminded everyone to keep their doors locked at home and the car. If you see anything suspicious call 911.
- The purchase order for the body camera is signed.
- Officer Best will pick up our new K9 this week. His name is Bruno

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mrs. Nachazel said Live Well meeting will be held here tomorrow night at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Pohlgeers said the PDS Board is looking at the zoning for the 21 Century. They will review all the zoning ordinances in the county and come back with recommendations. Mrs. Reddy said this will be a two phase project.

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:43 p.m. Mr. Stoeckle 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.



Jude Helman, Mayor

Prepared By:

Linda Bartels, City Clerk