

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Chris Moriconi, City Administrator, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Mr. Moriconi announced Mayor Wiest had a work commitment and may be arriving late for the meeting.

Mr. Hicks made a motion for Jim Hummeldorf to chair the Council meeting until Mayor Wiest arrives. Mr. Heist offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mr. Ziegler called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hummeldorf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Ray Heist, Frank Hicks, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Dan Rice and Dennis Zahler.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT City Attorney Rob Ziegler, City Administrator Chris Moriconi, Police Chief Jeff Eldridge, Public Works Director Dave Noll, Fire Chief Scott McVey, City Treasurer Amy Guenther and City Clerk Linda Carter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zahler made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014. Mr. Hicks offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mr. Hummeldorf called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT

Mr. John Chamberlin of Van Gorder, Walker and Company presented the City's audit for year ending June 30, 2013. Mr. Chamberlin complimented City Treasurer Amy Guenther for the great job she does for the City. The audit received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest opinion possible. There are no areas of weakness and no management comments. The City's financial controls are a model for other cities to follow. Mr. Chamberlin reported that the City has continued an excellent trend of pushing expenditures hundreds of thousands of dollars below budget, while increasing revenues, and is in excellent shape financially.

Presentation by Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Adam Caswell, Vice President of Public Affairs, presented the Chamber's legislative issues for 2014. He explained some of the Chamber's recommendations including the need for our caucus to pass fair, realistic and reasonable funding for the new Brent Spence Bridge. Other areas of concern this session are the need to adopt a comprehensive tax reform, an individual investment angel act, direct funding for

quality mental health and substance abuse service at a level consistent with other areas of the Commonwealth, and to expand casino gambling with a direct portion to education.

AUDIT – continued

Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to accept the audit for year ending June 30, 2013 as presented. Mr. Rice offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mr. Hummeldorf called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Wiest arrived. (7:42 pm)

Greg Berling announced he was planning to build a day care center on Dixie Highway between Central Bank and Red Zone. The building will have a residential feel and should be ready by next school year. He said he plans to honor all parking agreements and work out a safe ingress and egress.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee – Mr. Hummeldorf reported the committee held an open discussion with the public regarding the proposed bow hunting ordinance. After the discussion, the committee decided not to support the proposed ordinance.

Finance Committee – Mr. Rice reported the committee met to review current financial reports. Mrs. Guenther plans to send out a banking RFP later this month or early March.

CITY COUNCIL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA - None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2014-01 amending the speed limit on Beechwood Road between Page and Pleasant Ridge from 30 mph to 25 mph. Mr. Zahler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-01. Mr. Hicks offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Boerger:	Yes	Ms. Burns:	Yes
Mr. Heist:	Yes	Mr. Hicks:	Yes
Mr. Hummeldorf:	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel:	Yes
Mr. Rice:	Yes	Mr. Zahler:	Yes
Ayes: 8	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Motion Passed.

Mr. Rice withdrew Ordinance 2014-02 regarding bow hunting based on the Safety Committee’s recommendation.

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to take no action at this time on the Highland Avenue Road Study. Mr. Heist offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Boerger:	Yes	Ms. Burns:	Yes
Mr. Heist:	Yes	Mr. Hicks:	Yes
Mr. Hummeldorf:	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel:	Yes
Mr. Rice:	Yes	Mr. Zahler:	Yes
Ayes: 8	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wiest explained we now have a preliminary plan for the old Drawbridge area. If council members would like to see it, contact Mr. Moriconi. Christ Hospital will anchor a corner and the developer would like to include some high-end condominiums and apartments above the first floor retail. It is up to Council if they would like to add this to our zoning text. Mr. Moriconi shared sample language for the text amendment. After a discussion, the following motion was made.

Mr. Hicks made a motion to accept the proposed text amendment language, as submitted by Mr. Moriconi, as a conditional use. Text amendment is as follows, " 3. Residential provided such uses are located above non-residential uses otherwise permitted in this zone". Mr. Zahler offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Boerger:	Recused herself	Ms. Burns:	Yes
Mr. Heist:	Yes	Mr. Hicks:	Yes
Mr. Hummeldorf:	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel:	Yes
Mr. Rice:	Yes	Mr. Zahler:	Yes
Ayes: 7	Nays: 0	Recusal: 1	Motion Passed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Eldridge reported they would be training with faculty and staff at Beechwood School next week.

Chief McVey reported that they responded to 65 fire calls and 94 EMS calls in January. Some members of the Fire Truck Committee went to Wisconsin to meet with the company that is building the truck. They reported all was well.

Mr. Noll, Director of Public Works, said the crew was very busy with the snow this winter. He commended the Public Works crew, Steve Greer, LaMarr Burton, and Zachery Johnson for not only the great job they do, but for their passion for doing good work. He also thanked Chief Eldridge and the police department for working with them. Mr. Noll gave a special thanks to Assistant Fire Chief Hehman and Police Officer Scott Nealy for helping push snow.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Moriconi reported that he is working on a grant from Land Water Conservation Fund. It would be for a pocket park with a possible water feature on the corner of Silver and Dixie Highway. The grant is due in April.

MAYOR'S REPORT

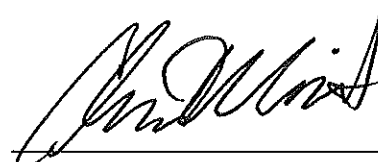
Mayor Wiest announced Saturday night is the Fort Mitchell Appreciation Dinner.

The former park caretaker has vacated the house in the park. It is in bad shape and may have to be demolished. Mr. Hummeldorf suggested demolishing the house and to use the area for much needed parking. Mayor Wiest acknowledged the parking situation at the park, and also asked Council Members to contact him or Mr. Moriconi if they have any other suggestions for the park.

Mrs. Boerger asked if we were holding a planning session this year. Mayor Wiest said we could look at doing it this month. He would have Ms. Carter circulate dates to Council Members for the session.


Mr. Zahler made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:14 pm. Mr. Hummeldorf 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 March 3, 2014



Christopher Wiest, Mayor

Minutes Prepared and
Signature Witnessed By:



Linda Carter, City Clerk