

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
May 18, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Boerger, Joseph Hayes, Michael Stoeckle, Kim Nachazel, Beth Rose, Dan Rice and Dennis Zahler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Committee Members: Julie Mahorney, Kyle Taylor and Renee Oka, City Attorney Paul Wischer, Police Sergeant Matt Robinson, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Jansing, Public Works Director David Noll and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

Mayor Hehman explain the special meeting was called to discuss the amended Budget for 2014/2015 and the Budget for 2015/2016.

BUDGET REVIEW

Administration and Revenues

- I. **Gross Receipts** Discussion: There has been a 3% increase this current year.
- II. **Tax Rate** Discussion: Leave rate the same as current year.
- III. **Contractual Services** Discussion: This is lower than prior year due to us losing part of the Crestview Hills Emergency Services Contract. They decided to go with Edgewood.
- IV. **Health Insurance** Discussion: We received a quote from Humana for a 8% premium increase for next year. After other quote comparisons, this is a very good premium.
- V. **Employee/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** Discussion: The dinner has been canceled for this year. Mercedes offer their facilities for the next dinner.
- VI. **Computer/Technology** Discussion: This line item is extremely high this year due to moving to the VLT Cloud, upgrade to the account system, and adding computers.

Police Department

- VII. **Salaries** – Discussion: Compared five local cities’ department to Fort Mitchell’s. Found we were falling behind especially with new officers. Salaries were adjusted
Discussion: The City will be working in a partnership this year to supply a SRO in Beechwood High School.

Fire Department

- VIII. **Employees** - Discussion: Added a full-time Chief position.
- IX. **Grant** – Discussion: There is a possibility of Fort Mitchell receiving a grant for a ladder truck.
- X. **Emergency Billing** – Discussion: That was bid out this year and a contract will be awarded soon.
- XI. **Volunteers** Discussion: They need a total of 5 employees or volunteers on duty at all times. It is extremely hard to attract volunteers.

Public Works

- XII. **Building Discussion:** Mayor noted that we may need to address the Public Works facility in the next few years.

Recreation:

XIII. Discussion: Beechwood is offering summer sports camps for the first time this year. The city needs to re-evaluate what is offered so programs are not duplicated. We will reduce the Recreation budget for 2015/2016 by 25% and look for ways to increase partnerships with schools and other entities so our residents are still getting the programs they enjoy. Policies for greater accountability will also be established.

Park

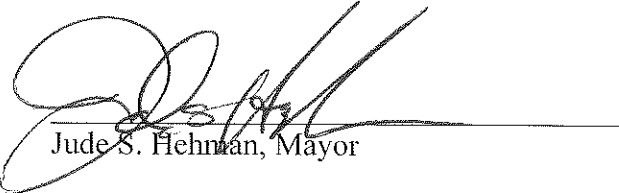
XIV. Park Tax

Discussion: There will be no raise in the Park Tax as of now. The Park Board prepares their own Budget and the amounts are the same as last year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rice made the motion to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting a second was offered by Mrs. Boerger. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed June 1, 2015



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Signature Witnessed By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk