

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
July 21, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Wiest called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT Mary Burns and Ray Heist.

OTHERS PRESENT City Attorney Rob Ziegler, City Administrator Chris Moriconi, Police Chief Jeff Eldridge, Public Works Director Dave Noll, Fire Chief Scott McVey and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Krueger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2014. Mr. Hicks offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Wiest called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2014-13 Text Amendment for building signs. Mr. Zahler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-13. Mr. Hummeldorf offered a second to the motion. Mayor Wiest called for any questions or discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Boerger:	Yes	Mr. Hummeldorf:	Yes
Ms. Burns:	Absent	Mrs. Nachazel:	Yes
Mr. Heist:	Absent	Mr. Rice:	Yes
Mr. Hicks:	Yes	Mr. Zahler:	Yes

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Ziegler performed a reading of Municipal Order 2014-07, appointing Kevin Dicke to the Tree Board. Mr. Rice made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2014-07. Mrs. Nachazel offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. Voice vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE ON ROAD PROJECTS

Mr. Noll, Director of Public Works, reported that \$16,000 to \$17,000 of sidewalk and curb repair has been completed on the Dixie Highway. The Beechwood and Page Road water main work is complete and the milling and resurfacing work will begin the week of July 28, 2014. The total reconstruction of Grace Court will

begin in the next two (2) weeks with the work being performed by Michels Construction and should take about sixty (60) days. The work on Summit, Park and Fortside is continuing with the storm sewers almost complete and the water main work starting next week. The total reconstruction should begin in the spring once the inspection of the private laterals has been performed. Most of the laterals are under the street and it is hard to see what condition they are in. The inspections will need to be done from the inside of each residence. SD1 no longer takes care of the private laterals because they are a private asset. Mr. Zahler questioned why the City would be responsible for the laterals. Mayor Wiest advised that this was retaliation by SD1 due to SD1 not getting the rate increases they wanted. Mr. Zahler asked if the City pays for the curb repairs. Mr. Noll stated that the City does the work and pays for it, then the State reimburses the City, but they do not reimburse the City for sidewalk work. The Public Works Crew is finishing up crack sealing on curbs and sidewalks this week and then they will be doing a storm water management project on Wexford.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON BURGLARIES

Police Chief Eldridge advised that there have been a couple of home burglaries and car break-ins in the City lately. They have not all been break-ins because people are leaving their car doors and homes unlocked with valuables in plain view and they are being taken. Fort Wright and Lakeside Park have also had similar issues. Chief Eldridge asked that residents lock their homes and cars and keep valuables out of sight. He also asked that if residents see anything suspicious to please call the regular dispatch number (859-356-3191) or 911.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE OF BUILDING PROJECT AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RELOCATION

City Administrator Moriconi advised that this would be the last Council Meeting to be held in this Council Chamber. The administration staff will be moved to 211 Grandview Drive, Suite 225 beginning August 18, 2014. There will be signs posted at the City Building, information posted on the website, Face Book, the marquee and a mailing will be sent to residents directing the public to the Dress Building on Grandview Drive. The police and fire departments will stay at this location along with Dave Noll, the Mayor and the City Administrator. The Council meetings will be held at 2332 Royal Drive and committee and board meetings will be held at the Drees Building. The Verdin Company will be removing the flag pole and the clock and storing it off site during the construction. The siren will be relocated to the back of the parking lot and back in service on August 11, 2014. The Council mailboxes will be relocated to the Drees Building. Mrs. Boerger advised that it is only July but a plan needs to be made for the Tree Lighting in December. Mayor Wiest advised that possible locations could be Iris Park or General Mitchel Park, but this is something that will require further discussion.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON DRAWBRIDGE AREA REDEVELOPMENT

Mayor Wiest advised that there have been multiple meetings with the developers regarding the Drawbridge property and there is a hold up on the project waiting for the Development Plan to be submitted by the developer. The plan is required for the zoning and the financing. The majority of the funding is not coming from the City or the County, as they are looking at public financing from the State. The Mayor would like to see the TIFF District to be larger than the Drawbridge development to be able to fund good infrastructure developments within the City in the next two decades. The City would benefit if they can get some of that money for infrastructure or economic development. With the incremental revenue, improvements at the park could be funded. The developer, and their attorneys at Dressman Benzinger & LaVelle have been pressuring the City on the incentive issue to do the maximum possible by law, but the Mayor has been adamant about looking at doing just enough to make the project happen and limiting it to infrastructure improvements so that we are not underwriting and subsidizing private business. As soon as the Development Plan is available it will be shared with Council. Mrs. Nachazel asked if the hotel next to the Sibcy Cline building was offering weekly rates. Police Chief Eldridge advised that he would check into the matter and noted that the Macy's Jazz

Festival is coming to town this weekend and all the hotels in the area will be at capacity. Mayor Wiest advised that he believes that the developer is looking at acquiring the Hop Shop, the hair styling facility, the hotel and the Sibcy Cline buildings as part of the development, but this is all dependent on the amount of space that Christ Hospital commits to and the financing involved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS61.810(1)(f), Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret. Mr. Rice offered a second to the motion. Voice vote passed unanimously. Council entered Executive Session at 7:29 pm.

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to exit Executive Session. Mr. Zahler offered a second to the motion. Voice vote passed unanimously. Council exited Executive Session at 7:39 pm.

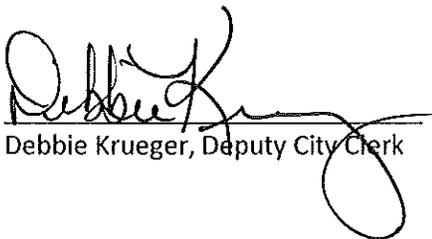
Mr. Hummeldorf made the motion to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 7:40 pm. Mr. Zahler offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed Aug. 11, 2014



Christopher Wiest, Mayor

Minutes Prepared and
Signature Witnessed By:



Debbie Krueger, Deputy City Clerk