

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 4, 2013**

**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.

**PRESENT:** Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Ray Heist, Frank Hicks, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Dan Rice and Dennis Zahler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Chris Wiest, City Attorney Rob Ziegler, City Administrator Chris Moriconi, Police Chief Jeff Eldridge, Public Works Director Dave Noll and City Clerk Linda Carter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Zahler made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013.** Mr. Hicks offered a second to the motion. After asking for changes, discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. **The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2013.** Mr. Heist offered a second to the motion. After asking for changes, discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. **The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**CITIZEN INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Steve Smith, 222 Ft. Mitchell Ave., appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size.

David Hobbs, 13 Virginia Ave., appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size.

R.B. Davis, 18 Pleasant Ridge, appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size, Ordinance 2013-27 – Mayor Stipend and Ordinance 2013- 30 Council stipends.

John Sherron, 112 Beechwood, appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size.

Jay Birindelli, 27 Virginia, appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size Ordinance 2013-27 – Mayor Stipend and Ordinance 2013- 30 Council stipends.

Charlie Trezevant, 2429 Hampton, appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size.

Brittan Grubb, 29 Burdsall, appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size.

Martha Kuchle, 1937 Fortside Cir., appeared before the Council to speak against Ordinance 2013-25 – setting the Council size, and in favor of Ordinance 2013-27 – Mayor Stipend and Ordinance 2013- 30 Council stipends.

Michael Lehkamp, 22 Burdsall, appeared before the Council to speak in favor of Ordinance 2013-25– setting the Council size, Ordinance 2013-27 – Mayor Stipend and Ordinance 2013- 30 Council stipends.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Hummeldorf advised that the Public Safety Committee would be reviewing the three bids received for the new fire truck. They plan to have a recommendation prior to the December Council meeting.

Mr. Hummeldorf reported the Public Safety Committee received many good ideas on the possible expansion of Highland Avenue study including the possibility of including Beechwood Road and red light in the study. They will hold another meeting to discuss all options. No date set at this time.

Mr. Hummeldorf announced the ad-hoc Zoning Committee will meet on November 14 at 5:00 pm Sharmili Reddy, Planning Manager for Northern Kentucky Area Planning will review the changes in Fort Mitchell’s land use map.

**CITY COUNCIL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Ziegler performed a reading of **Resolution 2013-16** authorizing Mayor Wiest to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Kenton County and the City of Crescent Springs for the Bromley-Crescent Springs Road Project. Kenton County received \$6,000,000 grant for the project. The grant requires a 20% match; Crescent Springs and Fort Mitchell will each contribute \$120,000 over three years. **Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-16**, Mr. Hicks offered second. After asking for further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor Wiest called for a voice vote. Mayor called for a roll call vote

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

Mr. Ziegler performed a reading of **Resolution 2013-17** – authorized and directed Mayor Wiest to execute a General Agreement between the City of Fort Mitchell and the Fort Mitchell Park Board . **Mrs.**

Nachazel **made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-17**, Mr. Heist offered a second. After asking for further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor Wiest called for a roll call vote

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

Mr. Ziegler performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2013-33** repealing 93.01 and amending 93.99, signs.

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2013-27** setting compensation for the Mayor for the term starting January 1, 2015. **Mr. Hummeldorf** made a motion to send **Ordinance 2013-27** and **Ordinance 2013-25** – setting Council stipends, to a citizen committee for recommendations. A discussion followed by Council Members. There were suggestions of forming a committee to look into the ordinances and to put some science behind the numbers, having Beechwood High School conduct a survey, change to a ward system with one council member per neighborhood, and/or hold a community open forum. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Mr. Zahler** made a motion to table **Ordinance 2013-25** setting Council size, **Ordinance 2013-27** – setting the compensation for the Mayor and **Ordinance 2013-30** – setting Council stipend and explore cost to do citizens canvas or poll on the issues. Ms. Burns offered a second. Additional discussion ensued. Upon the conclusion of discussion, the Mayor asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor Wiest called for a roll call vote.

<b>Mrs. Boerger:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Burns:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Heist:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mr. Hicks:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Hummeldorf:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mrs. Nachazel:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Rice:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Zahler:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Nays: 4</b>	<b>Absent: 0</b>	<b>Motion Failed</b>

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2013-27** compensation for the Mayor for the term starting January 1, 2015. **Mr. Hummeldorf** made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2013-27**. Mr. Hicks offered a second to the motion. Additional discussion ensued. Upon the conclusion of discussion, the Mayor asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor Wiest called for a roll call vote.

<b>Mrs. Boerger:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ms. Burns:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Heist:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Hicks:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Hummeldorf:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. Nachazel:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Rice:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mr. Zahler:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Ayes: 5</b>	<b>Nays: 3</b>	<b>Absent: 0</b>	<b>Motion Passed</b>

Mayor Wiest noted that he was going to hold Ordinance 2013-27 to prepare a veto message.

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2013-30** setting Council stipend. **Mr. Hummeldorf** made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2013-30**. Ms. Burns offered a second. Additional discussion

ensued. Upon the conclusion of discussion, the Mayor asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor Wiest called for a roll call vote.

<b>Mrs. Boerger:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ms. Burns:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Heist:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Hicks:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Hummeldorf:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. Nachazel:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Rice:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mr. Zahler:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mayor Wiest:</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
<b>Ayes: 5</b>	<b>Nays: 4</b>	<b>Absent: 0</b>	<b>Motion Passed</b>

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2013-31** Fire Stipends. **Mr. Zahler** made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2013-31**, Mrs. Boerger offered a second to the motion. Additional discussion ensued. Upon the conclusion of discussion, the Mayor asked for any further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

Mr. Hummeldorf noted the need for additional Fire Volunteers. Mayor Wiest suggested the Safety Committee look into the issue.

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2013-29** setting the Council meeting schedule. **Mrs. Boerger** made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2013-29**. Ms. Burns offered a second. Additional discussion ensued. Upon the conclusion of discussion, the Mayor asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor Wiest called for a roll call vote.

<b>Mrs. Boerger:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Burns:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Heist:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mr. Hicks:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Hummeldorf:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mrs. Nachazel:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Rice:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mr. Zahler:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ayes: 3</b>	<b>Nays: 5</b>	<b>Absent: 0</b>	<b>Motion Failed</b>

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2013-25** setting the size of Council. **Mr. Hummeldorf** made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2013-25**, Mr. Heist offered a second to the motion. Additional discussion ensued. Upon the conclusion of discussion, the Mayor asked for any further discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

<b>Mrs. Boerger:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ms. Burns:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Heist:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Hicks:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Hummeldorf:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. Nachazel:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Rice:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mr. Zahler:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mayor Wiest:</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
<b>Ayes: 5</b>	<b>Nays: 4</b>	<b>Absent: 0</b>	<b>Motion Passed</b>

Mayor Wiest read a statement as to why he voted yes for Ordinance 2013-25 (see attached)

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Chief Eldridge reported the officers are currently signing up for training through the States new on-line program. The Department has completed their Community Outreach program and now planning for spring programs. Mayor Wiest complemented the Police Department on the heroin program at Beechwood High School that they put on.

Ms. Carter reported they have collected 94% of the annual taxes to date. They will mail the delinquent notices soon.

Mr. Noll reported the expected completion of the Pleasant Ridge road project is prior to Thanksgiving. CDS working on road inventory and submitted the five-year road plan. This will go to committee soon.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Moriconi is currently researching the City taking credit card payments. This is highly requested by our citizens.

Mr. Moriconi thanked Adam Fuller for obtaining a \$30,000 grant for deliberators for the City.

The preliminary building plans for the new addition to the City building should be completed soon. This will be a three-phase project. The preliminary costs are not ready at this time.

Mr. Moriconi is currently working with staff to prepare a bid for the Crestview Hill/Lakeside Park Fire and Emergency Services

Mr. Moriconi reported he spoke with Tom Litzler, Chair of the Kenton County Government Study Committee. Mr. Litzler asked for the City's support of the Committee's recommendation to the Kenton County Mayors Group to take the study to the next level. The City's share of the cost would be \$825.

Mr. Moriconi played the Mercedes grand opening video for the Council and attendees.

Mr. Moriconi reported Highland Cemetery would host the Salute to Veterans on November 10 at 2:00 pm.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wiest congratulated Beechwood High School Band for winning State. They have won the last four years.

Mayor Wiest announced the City lost an icon and tremendous individual recently, Justice Will Schroeder. He would like to adjourn tonight in honor and memory of Justice Schroeder.

The tree lighting will be December 8 at 5:45 pm followed by carriage rides followed by a visit with Santa. You may also ride a carriage to view Light Up Fort Mitchell.

**Mr. Hummeldorf** made the motion to **adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting** in honor and memory of Justice Will Schroeder. Mr. Hicks 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Christopher Wiest, Mayor

Minutes Prepared and  
Signature Witnessed By:

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Linda Carter, City Clerk