

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Rob Ziegler, Police Chief Jeff Eldridge, Fire Chief Scott McVey, Public Works Director and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Rose 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

Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015, Regular Meeting. Mr. Rice 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.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Hehman recognized Chief Jeff Eldridge at the meeting. He is still recovering from an accident in early February.

Sgt. Bill Zerhusen introduced the new officer hired on March 2, 2015, Michael Gross. Officer Gross is from Union, Kentucky and has been in law enforcement since 2000. He has been a Boone County Officer and most recently an officer for Campbell County. Mayor Hehman swore in Officer Gross.

CITIZENS ADDRESS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman announced that Sister Jean Marie Hoffman will be the Grand Marshall of the Fourth of July Parade and the theme will be "Together We Build the Future". Mayor Hehman read a proclamation honoring Sister Jean Marie Hoffman for her contributions to the City of Fort Mitchell.

Mr. Ryan Olexia, veterinarian, advised that he and his wife are both vets and would like to lease space in the old Columbia Bank Building at Orphanage and Dixie Highway. The location would be ideal, but veterinarian is not listed as a use. Mr. Olexia is asking council to add veterinarian clinics as a permitted use. Mr. Ziegler advised that it would require a text amendment adding veterinarian clinic as a permitted use in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zone and would need to go to PDS for review, a public hearing and recommendation.

Mayor Hehman broke the tie, voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2015-03 Repealing Section 32.19 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Committees. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-03. A second was offered by Mrs. Boerger. After asking for discussion or questions, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Stoeckle: Yes	Mr. Rice:	Yes
Mrs. Boerger: Yes	Mr. Zahler:	Absent
Mrs. Nachazel: Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Rose: Yes		

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Sharmili Reddy of PDS advised Council that the Text Amendment presented to them is to make various changes to the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance. This is an ordinance that is in front of every city in Kenton County. These are housekeeping items. The changes are in reference the Physically Restricted Development Areas (PRDA), Urban and Nonurban Service Area, the name change of NKAPC to PDS and another change is making it clear that the Flood Plain Administrator is the Zoning Administrator.

Mr. Ziegler performed a first reading of Ordinance 2015-04 amending the Official Zoning Code to update all sections that refer to Physically Restricted Development Areas (PRDA), Urban and Nonurban Service Area, The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) and Floodplain Regulations.

Mr. Deitmaring asked what the residents could do on the subject of the rezoning, should the residents go to PDS and file a request or will the City Attorney be looking into this? Mayor Hehman advised that there doesn't seem to be an interest in pursuing this issue at this time. Mr. Ziegler advised that only the property owner, the planning Commission or the legislative body can ask for a Map Amendment.

DEPARTMENT / COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor recognized Mrs. Kim Stoll who gave a report to the Council relative to the City's recreation activities. Mrs. Nachazel stated that there seems to be a good variety of activities and the programs are well received. Mayor Hehman advised that he is working with Mrs. Stoll and Mrs. Bartels to review the low attendance on some events and are looking at doing more large events. Mrs. Stoll highlighted upcoming events such as Engineering for Kids, Junior Marine Class and the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th. Mrs. Stoll advised that it was good to have the theme and the Grand Marshall already chosen of for the Fourth of July Parade and asked if Council would like continue the tradition of passing out the flags at the beginning of the parade. Mrs. Nachazel stated that she liked having the Boy Scouts pass out flags and have Council stay closer together as a group. Mayor Hehman would also like to have the City Building open and would like to see more floats. Mrs. Stoll advised that pre-registration for the parade will be required again this year.

Mayor Hehman asked Mr. Noll to give the Public Works report. Mr. Noll advised that a short section of Sunnymede and Marquette will be reconstructed beginning in early May or June. A resident meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks. The construction at Fortside, Park and Summit project will be started soon. The lower level of the city building is close to being ready for ceiling tile and flooring.

The Police Department will be moving temporarily to the space in the lower level. In the next two (2) weeks drywall and technology will be going in the new addition.

Mayor Hehman advised that calls and emails have been received complaining and complimenting the Public Works crew for snow removal. Mrs. Boerger advised that we get complaints that Public Works plow their driveway and/or car in. Later the resident clean their car out just enough to get car out and then later park further out in the street which blocks the street. Residents need to be asked to be proactive so our Police, Fire and Public Works can do their jobs safely. During snow events officers are busy with accidents and should not be issuing parking tickets. Mr. Noll advised that he posted on his personal Facebook page a technic on how to keep your driveway from getting plowed in. Mr. Noll explained how they run routes during a snow event and unless a problem comes up, they stay on those routes. Orphanage Road sometimes gets really bad and they get pulled off their routes to take care of it.

Sgt. Zerhusen advised that during the last snow event they were required to shut down Orphanage Road. There were fourteen (14) accidents plus motorist assists that day. Mayor Hehman stated that Police Department can run tags within seconds and they do try to get the cars moved instead of citing them. All news stations were running the Snow Emergency notification and emails were sent to residents that have asked for email notifications.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any comments from Council and there were none.

Mrs. Rose made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(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. She stated that the discussion involved personal information that should not be discussed in the public forum a second was offered by Mrs. Nachazel. The Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rice made the motion to adjourn the Regular 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. Meeting adjourned at approximately at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Signed April ²⁰15, 2015



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Signature Witnessed By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk