

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 15, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Attorney Rob Ziegler, Police Sergeant Bill Zerhusen, Public Works Director Dave Noll, City Treasurer Amy Guenther and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Krueger.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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**

Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Stoeckle 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.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman called on Police Sergeant Zerhusen to introduce new Police Officer Brian Cornett. Sergeant Zerhusen advised Council that Mr. Cornett comes from the Fort Wright Police Department prior to that he served for the Paris, Kentucky Police Department. Mr. Cornett thanked the City for the opportunity to work in Fort Mitchell and looks forward to a good working relationship.

Mayor Hehman introduced Mr. Nick Hendrix, Public Works Director, of Kenton County and asked that he give a presentation on the Bromley-Crescent Springs Road Reconstruction project. Mr. Hendrix advised that in 2013 the county applied for an 80-20 match grant for the Bromley-Crescent Springs Road Reconstruction project. This grant would provide 80% of the funds from the Federal Government and the balance of 20% to come from the City of Fort Mitchell, the City of Crescent Springs and Kenton County. Mr. Hendrix asked Mr. Greg Krueztjans of GRW Engineers to go through a power point presentation that has been used at several public meetings regarding this project. Mr. Krueztjans advised that they are still seeking public input and comments. Suggestions can be submitted on-line at [roadproject@kentoncounty.org](mailto:roadproject@kentoncounty.org) until June 23, 2015. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, existing roadway geometry and provide pedestrian and bicycle access through this section of the corridor. Mayor Hehman asked when a formal statement would be required from the City regarding the preferred option. Mr. Hendrix advised that they would need one by the second week of July.

Mayor Hehman introduced Mr. Tim Broering of the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky (TBNK) to give a presentation regarding Resolution 2015-03 Cable Television Franchise. Mr. Broering advised that the Comcast purchase of Time Warner has been cancelled and that no action was required

by Council because the Resolution passed in 2013 had a clause to take care of this situation. Mr. Broering asked that Council consider the approval of the Resolution in connection with the renewal of the Cable Television Franchise presently held by Insight Kentucky Partners, II, L.P.

Ms. Marge Barrett of Fort Mitchell Place advised Council that she experienced a very close call recently when turning left out of Fort Mitchell Place and was almost hit by a large truck coming from the railroad tracks that crossed the center line. Ms. Barrett asked that Council consider the placement of signage to prevent large trucks from using this road. Mayor Hehman advised that this would be very hard to observe, but he would have the Police Department look into the matter and make a recommendation.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2015-07 Amended Budget 2014-2015. Mr. Rice made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-07. A second was offered by Mrs. Rose. After asking for discussion or questions, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Rice:	Yes	Mrs. Rose:	Yes
Mrs. Nachazel:	Yes	Mr. Zahler:	Absent
Mr. Hayes:	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle:	No
Mrs. Boerger:	Absent		

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Absent: 2      Motion carried.

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2015-08 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Mr. Rice made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-08. A second was not offered. Ordinance 2015-08 failed for lack of a second. Mr. Ziegler advised that any discussion of Ordinance 2015-08 would need to wait until Comments from Council Members later in the meeting.

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2015-09 Amending Ordinance 2013-10 to create, modify and remove employee positions and adjust the annual classification plan. Mr. Rice made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-09. A second was not offered. Ordinance 2015-09 failed for lack of a second. Mr. Ziegler advised that any discussion of Ordinance 2015-09 would need to wait until Comments from Council Members later in the meeting.

Mr. Ziegler performed a first reading of Ordinance 2015-10 Amending Section 32.16 of the Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances relating to the location of the Regular Meetings of City Council, declaring an emergency to exist. Mr. Rice made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-10. A second was offered by Mrs. Rose. After asking for discussion or questions, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

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

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Absent: 2      Motion carried.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman advised Mr. Bill Brown of 82 Thompson Avenue was recognized by the Garden Railway and has been featured on KET "Tracks Ahead". Mr. Brown offered the City the opportunity of hosting an Open House at his home in an effort to showcase the train display and gardens. Mayor Hehman asked that Mrs. Rose talk with Mr. Reis, Chairman of the Aesthetics and Beautification Committee and reach out to Mr. Brown about this.

Mayor Hehman advised that the Administrative Offices will be moving back to the City Building on June 25, 2015 and that the Dusing house would be torn down later this week.

## DEPARTMENT / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hehman asked Mr. Noll to give the Public Works report. Mr. Noll advised that the new offices will not be perfect on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but everything will be up and running. There was an IT meeting today regarding security cameras and phones. The Fortside Road Project is in full swing with curbs and gutters being installed on Fortside and Fortside Circle, roadway is being removed between Park and Lawrence. The Marquette / Sunnymede project is about 85% complete at this time with the final surface planned for July 1. Mrs. Reddy advised Council that anytime the City enters into a contract with someone defined as an elected official, that contract must come before Council for approval. This means anyone that is on a board or a committee and is involved with a contract with the City, it must be discussed in an open meeting and voted on by Council and recorded in the minutes. Mr. Noll advised that in an effort to focus on the areas around the City Building, Dixie Highway and the park areas it was decided to break up the bid between lawn care and landscaping. There were three bidders for the landscaping and the best bid with the most qualifications was Central Lawn Care. Mr. Craig Grabow is one of the owners/employees and is also the Chairman of the Tree Board.

Mayor Hehman stated that for the bid to be accepted it would need the approval of Council and asked if there was a motion. Mr. Rice made a motion to accept the bid from Central Lawn Care, a second was offered by Mrs. Rose. Mayor Hehman asked for a roll call vote.

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

Ayes: 5                  Nays: 0                  Absent: 2                  Motion carried.

Mrs. Reddy advised that the Recreation Director resigned on Friday, June 12, 2015 but the staff worked over the weekend to reconstruct the programs with the payroll information that was available from previous years. However, on Monday morning staff noticed that signs not authorized by the City were posted at Beechwood School that stated all programs had been cancelled for the summer. The signs were immediately removed but due to the confusion created programs had to be cancelled for Monday, but many programs will be moving forward. Staff is contacting all those who registered to give them updates. The programs have been fairly well reconstructed and only one or two will be cancelled. Mrs. Reddy thanked all parents for their understanding and advised that all programs scheduled for this week will be up and running on Tuesday morning.

Mayor Hehman advised that there has been a lot of misinformation out there. The budget was cut after discussion by members of the Finance Committee and members of Council at the Budget meeting. Mrs. Nachazel asked what the rationale was for hourly rates when historically flat rates have been paid. If instructors are not being paid appropriate rates it will cripple the program because an hourly rate is not worth their time. Mrs. Nachazel stated that when the cut was presented to Council it was to cut duplicate programs that were being offered by the school, not to cut the rates of the instructors. Mrs. Nachazel feels this is very confusing and that they are not all on the same page. Mayor Hehman stated that all positions and annual pay must be done by Ordinance and everyone is paid an hourly rate with the exception of full time department heads. Mrs. Reddy advised that the flat rates used last year will be honored for this year but will need to be evaluated moving forward. Mr. Hayes stated that he is not against the recreation program, he just needs more information. Mr. Hayes asked if the budget could handle the salary increases and the recreation budget and Mayor Hehman advised that it could. Mrs. Nachazel stated that Basketball camp is very well attended and should be included for coming year and she would rather have 20 programs with instructors making a good rate than have 40 programs with low rates being paid to instructors. Mayor Hehman stated that we need to be responsible with our expenses, start with a good budget and work within our means. Council needs to set the amount or the City is at a stop. Mr. Rice stated that he was very confident that the City can provide a good recreation program with the funds allotted in the proposed budget. Mrs. Rose asked Mr. Ziegler if it was possible to do another second reading of the proposed budget and Mr. Ziegler advised that if a member of Council asked he could.

Mrs. Rose asked Mr. Ziegler to perform another second reading of Ordinance 2015-08 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Mr. Ziegler performed a second reading of Ordinance 2015-08 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Mr. Rice made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-08. A second was offered by Mrs. Rose. After asking for discussion or questions, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Rice:	Yes	Mrs. Rose:	Yes
Mrs. Nachazel:	No	Mr. Zahler:	Absent
Mr. Hayes:	No	Mr. Stoeckle:	Yes
Mrs. Boerger:	Absent		

Ayes: 3                      Nays: 2                      Absent: 2                      Motion carried.

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

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 2                      Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Stoeckle made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:29 pm. Mrs. Rose 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 7-6-, 2015

  
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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Signature Witnessed By:

  
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Debbie Krueger, Deputy City Clerk