

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
June 5, 2017**

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

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Beth Rose, and Michael Stoeckle.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, City Treasurer Amy Gunther, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Zach Rechtin and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the agenda,** 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 council 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 passed by all ayes.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

**Kentucky State Senator Chris McDaniel reviewed the recent short, legislative session in Frankfort.** He stated three bills became law without the Governor's signature and they overrode three of the Governor's vetoes. He said they passed multiple bills in this session that helped cities and counties. Bills helping with economic development and the prevailing wage, extended the hate bill to apply to first responders, pension transparency-have to now work under the model procurement code. Senator McDaniel stated that Northern Kentucky University is the lowest funded college but the most efficient in the Commonwealth. Mayor Hehman thanked Senator McDaniel for taking the time to update Fort Mitchell.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to open the Municipal Road Aid Fund Hearing.** 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 passed by all ayes.

**Public Works Director Matt Stegman** stated the money will be used for a varied of projects this year such as the Bromley/Crescent Springs Road, asphalt patching, Orphanage Road Sidewalk project, and normal road maintenance.

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any comments from the audience. Hearing none, he called for a motion to close the hearing.

**Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to close the Municipal Road Aid Fund Hearing.** 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 passed by all ayes.

## **PARKING DISCUSSION**

**Shanna Novosel, owner of Biggby Coffee and Interim Director of the Downtown Business Association, addressed council.** The Association recommended two changes to help with the current parking issue; 1. Change the two hour time limit to a 30 minute limit from the bakery to Orphanage Road. 2. Lease parking spaces in the rear of the building and build a staircase. Cost of staircase would be approx. \$5,000

Mrs. Burns suggested they consider valet parking. It was very helpful in Hyde Park. Mr. Redfield, owner of Camporosso said it is a great idea if they could find a place to park the cars.

Megan Ireland, daughter of Linda Ireland, owner of 2479-91 Dixie Highway, stated all tenants are complaining there is no parking, they are in favor of 30 minute parking. Mrs. Rose stated she is in favor of the 30 minute parking limit.

Mrs. Nachazel stated the Council recently approved the change to the two hour parking at the request of the businesses and installed new signage at the cost of \$750. She suggested we may consider waiting to see how things work out. Mrs. Reddy said she wanted to make sure everyone understood enforcing the 30 minute parking would be almost impossible.

Mr. Redfield stated even though he was unable to obtain an easement to use 8 parking spots, the said easement had been shared for 40 years, he has 42 spots during the day and 56 at night. That is working well for him. He thought the two hour parking works for all the businesses from Orphanage to Requardt, but if the 30 minutes helps all the businesses then he is for it. He thought instead of addressing this issue on TV we should be celebrating the current growth.

Mr. Kelly said it would take another ordinance to amend the last parking ordinance. He will prepare one for the next meeting.

## **MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE**

Mayor Hehman presented excerpts from his Budget Message. He stated the first priority in the budget is to protect the life and health of our residents. To accomplish this priority it is essential to have a top-quality staff and adequate shift coverage. Well-planned economic development, beautification and infrastructure improvements are also important. We have prepared a fiscally responsible budget, projects and expenditures are prioritized and all within our means. There is an approximate 4% increase over last year's amended budget.

The City has a healthy fund balance, there is a full six month reserve as recommended by our auditors as well as some additional reserve funding. The full budget message is attached.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2017-11** setting the waste and recycling collection charges for the fiscal year 2017-2021 upon the owners of improved real estate in the City of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

Mrs. Reddy said the survey on Facebook showed 112 were in favor of one time per week, 43 were in favor of two times per week and seven were neutral.

**Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-11 setting waste and recycling collection rates for one time per week pickup. Mr. Stoeckle** made a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mr. Hummeldorf	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Mrs. Rose	Yes		

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Motion Carried.

**Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2017-08** amending the 2016-2017 Budget.

**Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2017-09 adopting the 2017-2018 Budget.** Mayor Hehman asked Mr. Hummeldorf, chair of the Finance Committee, if he would like to give a report. Mr. Hummeldorf said this is a challenging budget. The committee did not have a complete set of details at the meeting especially on the cost of health care or the current policy. He would like to take the final numbers back to the committee for their feedback. He said we can just roll on into the 2017-2018 year without an approved budget so that we can get the numbers right. Mrs. Reddy said she sent the final numbers out last week. She asked if he would let her know exactly what he needed. Mr. Hummeldorf said he would get with her. Mayor Hehman said this is the first reading and asked council if they had any questions. There were no questions.

**Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2017-10** amending Ordinance 2017-06 to modify and remove certain employee positions and adjust the annual and hourly salary ranges for the personnel and pay classification plan for the city.

**Mrs. Rose made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-10** amending Ordinance 2017-06 to modify and remove certain employee positions and adjust the annual and hourly salary ranges for the personnel and pay classification plan for the city. **Mrs. Boerger** made a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mr. Hummeldorf	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Mrs. Rose	Yes		

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Motion Carried.

**Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2017-12** adopting procedures to designate an on-Street Handicap Parking Space. Chief Schierberg explained the procedures to request a handicapped space and the process of review.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman announced that Mr. Stegman has received a preliminary design estimate for a sidewalk along Beechwood Road between Grandview Tavern, over the railroad tracks and Ft. Mitchell Place. They will look for opportunities to apply for a grant for the sidewalk.

Beechwood Band and Beechwood Football Team are Kentucky State champions this year. They will serve as the Grand Marshalls for the Fourth of July Parade.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- The business breakfast went well this year. Approximately 30 businesses attended. We presented an update on development in the City. There will be another meeting in the fall
- The elected officials agreed to ride together in one float again this year. Mrs. Reddy will coordinate the decorating of the float. Mr. Hummeldorf will walk the parade.
- Christ Hospital will step up their maintenance on the old Drawbridge site. Mrs. Burns stated there are still issue with weeds growing on the site.

## **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mrs. Nachazel stated the Facebook survey showed people really wanted something to do with their yard waste. She ask that we organize something to offer the residents such as a composting class.

Mr. Stoeckle announced there were sink holes on Dixie Highway. Mrs. Boerger said that a curb was missing in front of the old She's All That Store. Mr. Stegman said he will contact the State again about the sink holes and the curb. He stated when we fix things on the Highway that belong to the State, we normally only get reimbursed for half of the cost.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **Public Works Director Matt Stegman reported:**

- No word yet on the Street Light grant
- Looked at the basins on Watch Hill with SD1. SD1 will replace all.
- New Public Works laborer Paul Wigger started on May 8<sup>th</sup> and is doing very well.

### **Recreation Coordinator Zach Rehtin reported:**

- The application for participants in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade can be found on our website.
- The partnership with Fort Mitchell Living is moving forward good.

### **Police Chief Schierberg reported:**

- The promotion process is moving forward. He will start interviewing candidates tomorrow.
- They are currently dealing with a trespassing issue on the railroad property. They are working with the railroad to get No Trespassing signs posted.
- He is waiting for an answer from the railroad about the recent, long backups on the track.

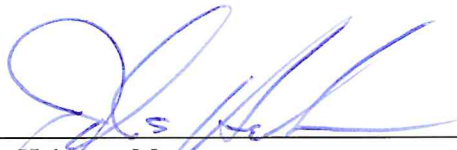
### **City Clerk Linda Bartels reported:**

- We just wrapped up the bids for health insurance and waste recycling collection. In that process we also changed brokers for our employee benefit policies. Our new broker is Dan Cahill with Horan. We thank Sherrill Morgan for their years of service. It was a hard decision.
- Currently finalizing the bids for the ancillary policies and our commercial insurance policies.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Stoeckle made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:34 p.m. Mr. Hummeldorf 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

  
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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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Linda Bartels, City Clerk