

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
August 7, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Pohlgeers 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. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 council meeting. Mr. Pohlgeers 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 - None

INTRODUCTION

Police Chief Schierberg introduced Jill Stulz-Aylor as our new Police Detective. He said she has 10-12 years in law enforcement, several of those years were as lead detective in Erlanger. She is the current Vice President of the Women's Law Enforcement Network and in charge of the Women in Blue Calendar this year. Officer Stulz-Aylor thanked Chief Schierberg for the introduction and stated if anyone needed her, just call.

JULY 4TH PARADE

Mr. Rechtin presented the following awards for the 4th of July Parade; SRM Concrete – Patriotic Award , Mellow Mushroom – Most Creative Float (unable to attend tonight), the Point Arc of Northern Kentucky – Best Overall Float.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman asked Senator McDaniel to come to the podium. He thanked Senator M. McDaniel for all his work in trying to save the Kentucky Employee Retirement System and especially the County Employees Retirement System which the City employees are covered. Senator McDaniel stated the CERS pension is 62% funded and will be easy to get that percentage up when it is separated from the KERS fund. KERS is only funded about 13%. **Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-08 recognizing Senator Chris McDaniel's work with the Kentucky Retirement System. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-08.**

Mrs. Rose made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The vote was answered by all ayes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-09 supporting the separation of CERS from KERS. Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-09. Mr. Pohlgeers made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The vote was answered by all ayes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-10 authorizing the Mayor to make application for a Homeland Security Grant for Police vests and weapons. Mr. Nachazel made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-10. Mrs. Boerger made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The vote was answered by all ayes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kelly performed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-14 setting the property tax rate at \$0.138 on each one hundred dollars of valuation.

Mr. Kelly performed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-15 setting the park tax rate at \$0.02 on each one hundred dollars of valuation.

Mr. Kelly performed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-16 allowing a three (3) day grace period where lower fines are assessed after taxes are declared delinquent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman said he receives a lot of questions from our citizens wanting to know what the City is going to do about the deer population. He asked Chief Schierberg to try to find a solution for this problem. Chief Schierberg said in 2015 we had 12 accidents involving deer, 10 in 2016 and 5 so far this year. No one was injured in the accidents. He met with KY Fish and Wildlife to see how other urban cities are handling the growing deer population. The options were to make no changes, amend our archery ordinance by removing the requirement for a stationary target or to develop an urban wildlife program to allow hunting in a controlled fashion such as setting age limits, number of deer, set acreage etc. Mayor Hehman asked if the council would like to go further with this issue and place it in a committee. There was a discussion on accidents on certain roads and the deer are getting friendlier because people are feeding them. There was no interest from Council in moving this issue forward.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy stated they are applying for two grants to help with the Beechwood Road sidewalk project. The sidewalk will cost approximately \$100,000 to \$140,000 to construct. The grants will require a 20% match that will be paid by Fort Mitchell and Crescent Springs. They have made everyone aware of the project.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Stoeckle stated there was not a permit listed on the recent permit report for 2409 Dixie Highway. There is a large commercial project. Mrs. Reddy said that we need to do some extensive work with businesses. They are doing a lot of work and not getting the proper permits. She will do some additional outreach.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Schierberg announced that last Sunday a girl ran away on Orphanage Road. They found her within a couple of hours with the help of other Police Departments & Emergency Management. He thanked them all for their assistance. He said it is great to know you have the backing of others.

Fire Department - Fire Chief Auffart announced they are in the process of hiring five new firefighters/Paramedics. There is a real short of paramedics now and a lot of departments are having a hard time finding applicants. It speaks well of our department that we were able to hire five

Administration/Human Resources – Mrs. Bartels stated they are starting a new project, reviewing all job descriptions. Also, will conduct orientation for all the new fire employees next week. We are preparing for the upcoming tax season.

Public Works Department – Mr. Stegman

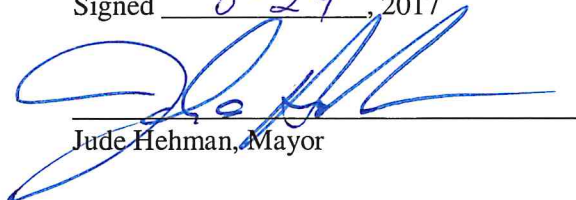
- Burdsall, Allentown and Thompson project is going well and on schedule. Should be completed in October
- The Orphanage Road Sidewalk Project is in the design stage with CT Engineering. They are including curb and gutters with the project.
- The Sanitation district is in the City working on Watch Hill Road-storm drains and Greenbriar – storm sewer project.
- We did not receive the grant for the LED Street Lighting. The plan will be adjusted
- Mr. Stoeckle asked for the no parking sign at 5 Greenbriar be checked. Tree branches are covering it.
- Mr. Stoeckle said Mr. Burns on Highland was concerned about city property. Mr. Stegman said he spoke with him and made sure he had good contact information.
- Mayor Hehman complimented Mr. Stegman for the very good job of communicating with the residents about the road project.

Finance Department – Mrs. Guenther said she has been busy with the new rates for pay, insurance, incentives. She also has been fighting multiple spiking issues.

ADJOURNMENT

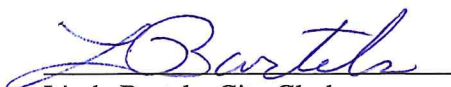
Mr. Stoeckle made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:41 p.m. Mr. Pohlgeers offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor. Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed 8-24, 2017



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk