

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
August 21, 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, Mary Burns, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Beth Rose and Michael Stoeckle.

**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. Pohlgeers 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 council meeting.** Mrs. Boerger 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**

**Fire Chief Gary Auffart introduced the new Firefighter/Paramedics.**

**Cody Hembree** will start on September 4<sup>th</sup>. He was unable to attend tonight. He is 23 years old with five years' experience as a firefighter. He will test this week for his paramedic license. He is grateful for the opportunity to work in Fort Mitchell.

**Chris Ray** is transitioning from a part-time Fort Mitchell employee to a full-time employee. He is married and has three sons. Mr. Ray served 14 years in the Air Force. He was also unable to attend tonight.

**Michael Brooks** comes to Fort Mitchell from Ohio where he worked 3 ½ years as a firefighter and 2 ½ as Firefighter Paramedic. He is a graduate of Florida State University.

**Greg Wuestefeld** has twenty plus years as a firefighter-paramedic. He retired from Newport in 2010 and has worked part-time with Fort Wright. He decided he would like to go back to full-time with Fort Mitchell. He is married with two children.

**Sean Callero** is from California where he graduated from UCLA Geffen School of Medicine: Paramedic education. He was a cattle rancher and horseman most of his adult life with aspirations of being a firefighter/paramedic. He is currently living in Paris, Kentucky.

**Eric Ratliff** worked for Point Pleasant for 15 years. He earned his associate's degree in Paramedic Science from the University of Cincinnati in 2016. He resides in Erlanger with his wife and two dogs.

Family members pinned the Fort Mitchell Fire Department badge on the new employees.

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

**Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mrs. Rose seconded the motion.** Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. Vote was answered by all ayes.

Mayor Hehman explained the Public Hearing's was to answer any questions from the public regarding the proposed tax rate. He said the proposed rate is .138 per hundred. The budget is based on this rate. He called for questions. Mr. Kaiser, 35 Virginia Avenue, asked if the budget was balanced. Mayor Hehman said yes, they adopted a balanced budget. There were no further comments or questions.

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pohlgeers. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he called for a voice vote. Vote was answered by all ayes.

**Mr. Kelly performed the second reading of Ordinance 2017-14 setting the property tax rate at \$0.138 on each one hundred dollars of valuation. Mrs. Rose made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-14.** Mrs., Burns made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he 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 the second reading of Ordinance 2017-15 setting the park tax rate at \$0.02 on each one hundred dollars of valuation. Mrs. Rose made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-15.** Mr. Pohlgeers made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he 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 the second reading of Ordinance 2017-16 allowing a three (3) day grace period where lower fines are assessed after taxes are declared delinquent. Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-16.** Mrs. Burns made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, he called for a roll call vote

Mr. Pohlgeers            Yes  
Ms. Burns                Yes  
Mr. Hummeldorf        Yes  
Mrs. Rose                Yes

Mrs. Nachazel           Yes  
Mrs. Boerger            Yes  
Mr. Stoeckle            Yes

Ayes: 7            Nays: 0            Absent: 0            Motion Carried

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-11 supporting a grant application for sidewalk extension on Beechwood Road from Grandview Tavern to Dominion Drive. Mrs. Burns made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-11.** Mrs. Nachazel 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 2017-12: removal of reformulated gas (RFG) from the state implementation plan (SIP) For Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties. Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-12. 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.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Hehman said he and Mrs. Reddy met with Christ Hospital representatives recently.** They received the Certificate of Need, but do not plan to start anything until after the appeals are completed. This may take a year and a half. Bad news is nothing will be happening soon.

**Park Board Chair Bobby Williams** is resigning from the Board. Mr. Williams served 15 to 17 years on the Board. The City will post the opening on Facebook, but if you know anyone that would like to serve, send the name to the Mayor or Mrs. Reddy.

**Mayor Hehman is in the process of reviewing the snow removal contracts** for private streets. They are considering a linear foot charge instead of a flat rate of \$50 per street. They met with the Fort Mitchell Place Home Owners Association tonight and explained the proposed change to them. The Board did not have a problem with the increase. He asked if council had any objection to the proposal coming to council next month for consideration. Council did not have an objection.

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

- Mrs. Reddy submitted an example of a Communication survey for Council to review. She asked for feedback by the end of the week as they plan on placing the survey in with the tax bills. Council was pleased with the steps that have been taken to improve communication with the citizens.
- There have been several instances of people leaving a large number of items or a large item at the curb for waste pickup. They encourage people to call Best Way in advance to arrange to have these items picked up. This way the pickups can be taken care of in a timely manner.
- When she receives notice of a complaint or property violations, she or Rob Himes try to contact the person by phone. They have had a good response with this process. If they have to issue an official citation, the process can take a very long time.
- The Tree Board is working on a RFP to replace the trees on the Highway. There is money in the budget to develop a plan, not to replace the trees at this time. The RFP should go out in a couple of days.
- Mercedes had a major land slippage in their parking lot. Due to the nature of the immediate problem they had to do a temporary fix. It may be a while before it is fixed permanently. They will replant at that time.
- Super 8 Hotel received a violation notice regarding the glare from their lights.

- If you are interested in attending the KLC Conference, let us know and we will make the reservations for you.
- The City will switch their IT services from LK Technology to Nexigen next month. She will keep council informed about the transition as this may change their email.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Hehman asked if Council members would like to have their reports listed on the Agenda under Comments from Council Members or somewhere else. They will let Mrs. Reddy know their thoughts.

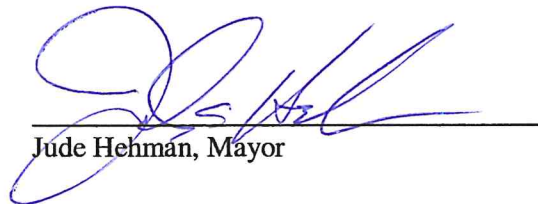
Mr. Pohlgeers stated he has met with Mrs. Reddy and Mrs. Boerger several times regarding flag lots. After extensive research, any good idea they came up with had some fatal flaws. They will draft a report for October's planning session.

Mrs. Rose said they are still working on a sign ordinance. They will bring a draft to council to review.

Mrs. Nachazel suggested every council committee bring a report to the planning session.

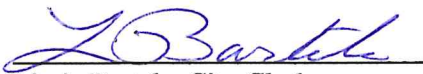
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mrs. Nachazel made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:44 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.**



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk