

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
October 2, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Jude Hehman** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Northern Kentucky Young Marines presenting the Colors for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Kim Nachazel, Jim Hummeldorf, 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, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, City Treasurer Amy Guenther and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Pohlgeers 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. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 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**

**Mr. John Powell**, 73 Greenbriar, said SD1 is working behind his property. The equipment used to excavate is creating a gully and causing problems that are only going to get worse. Mr. Stegman said it is a SD1 project to improve the storm sewers. Mayor Hehman and Mr. Stegman will meet with him tomorrow at his house.

**FIRE SERVICE RECOGNITION**

**Chief Auffart asked Retired Fire Chief Scott McVey** to come to the podium. Chief Auffart displayed a framed photo of Ret. Chief McVey. He said it is a long tradition to hang a photo of all Fire Chiefs in the hall of the Fire Department. He said Ret. Chief McVey is a life-long resident of Fort Mitchell and served the department for 27 years. He served eight years as acting chief. Ret. Chief McVey thanked all those he had worked with through the years for their support. Ret. Chief McVey advised that they were not only co-workers, but friends. He appreciated everything the City did for him.

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION**

**Mayor Hehman presented Bobby Williams a plaque for his twelve years of service as a member of the Park Board, eight of those years he served as Chairman.**

**Mayor Hehman presented The Northern Kentucky Young Marines with a proclamation.** He asked Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nachazel to accept the proclamation for the group and take the podium. Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nachazel said the Young Marines program stresses teamwork, leadership and discipline. It is for youth age 8 through high school.

**Recreation Coordinator Zach Rechtin** presented the annual recreation report for the past year. Mr. Rechtin attendance was up and the costs were lower this year. He placed an emphasis on working with others such as the church and farmers market. We also concentrate on events for larger groups. Mayor Hehman announced Mr. Rechtin resigned this last week to take a full time position with DCCH and thanked him for his service. Mr. Rechtin said it was a real treat being here. He learned from his parents to give back to his community. Mayor Hehman announced Grace Neltner is going to help the City with the recreation until a replacement can be found.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Mr. Kelly performed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-17, regarding open burning.** Mrs. Reddy stated this is to simplify our ordinance and modify the penalties.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Hehman said we turned in a TAP application for sidewalks today.** He thanked Ms. Burns for her work and support as well as Mrs. Reddy and Mr. Stegman for their work on the application.

**Mayor Hehman** said he attended a meeting with Mrs. Reddy and Chief Schierberg on providing police services to the City of Crescent Springs. He said Chief Schierberg and Mrs. Guenther are working on the bid.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Mrs. Reddy said our request for a text amendment goes to Kenton County Planning Commission this Thursday for a recommendation.
- Property taxes are out and due October 31<sup>st</sup>
- She thanked City Clerk Linda Bartels and the administration team for doing a great job with getting property tax bills out and with the collection.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Police Department – Chief Andrew Schierberg

- The Police will be in Biggby's on November 1<sup>st</sup> for Coffee with Cops.
- The bid to supply police service to Crescent Springs is due Friday. He thanked Mrs. Guenther for her help.

City Treasurer – Amy Guenther

- August financial statements were included in the packets. We are on budget.
- Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, October 10th

Fire Department – Chief Gary Auffart

- October is National Fire Prevention Month. Every Second Counts, Find Two Ways Out. They will be doing prevention classes in schools and in the Fire Station.

## COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

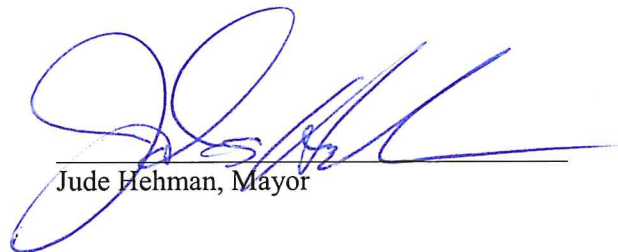
Mrs. Burns asked if Public Works would trim the area on Beechwood Road just pass the railroad tracks. Mr. Stegman responded they will check the area soon.

Mr. Hummeldorf said he talked with Frank Pohlgeers, Chair of the Code Enforcement Board, regarding an issue on Avon Court. There are a lot of homes on that street with code violations, but only one home received a citation. He said Police officers could also write tickets as well as PDS or they could write down the addresses with problems and give to PDS. Mrs. Reddy said currently all violations are complaint driven. Mr. Pohlgeers suggested we send letters to owners to let them know they are in violation. Mayor Hehman said it would be worth just paying PDS to do proactive code enforcement.

Mr. Stoeckle announced the Park Board meets Tuesday at 8:00 pm. Mayor Hehman wished Mr. Stoeckle Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Stoeckle made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Hummeldorf 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