

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 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, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Beth Rose, and Michael Stoeckle.
Absent: Mary Burns.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, City Treasurer Amy Guenther, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Rose 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

Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 council meeting. 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 passed by all ayes.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

There was no one present that wished to address Council at this time.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AWARD-GREYHOUND TAVERN

Mayor Hehman presented Butch and Mary Ann Wainscott, owners of the Greyhound Tavern, with a Community Investment Award for their years of owning an excellent restaurant in the City and adding a beautiful addition to it this year. Mr. and Mrs. Wainscott thanked their family for their help with the restaurant and the City for the award.

DISCUSSION

Highland Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Mayor Hehman stated at last month's meeting we discussed the Highland Avenue water main and the effect the possible development on Floral by Ashley Construction could have on it. The Council asked that the developer hold off on the development until the City could do some research on the impact to Highland Avenue and the cost. Mr. Stegman reviewed his report with Council. He said the flow problem with the hydrants on Floral is caused by the corroded water main on Highland. If the water main between Oak and Floral were replaced, that would be enough to

improve the flow on Floral. Cost would be between \$75,000 and \$95,000 for that section which is 600 feet long. The section between Dixie and Longmeadow would be \$337,000 to \$405,000 for 2,700 feet. This section would include the section between Oak and Floral. The section between Longmeadow and the end of Highland would be 1,200 feet. The Water District is planning to replace this section at no cost to the City in early 2018.

Mr. Stegman said the City is planning to resurface Highland next spring. If we would consider reconstruction, the Water District may split the cost with us and install new water main. Our cost would not be much more than we were planning to spend on just resurfacing.

Mayor Hehman introduced Bill Kreutzjans, Jr. and Jason Yeager from Ashley Development. He said they have to go to Kenton County Planning Commission with the development plan for a waiver to the water flow requirement. It is possible they may be denied the waiver. He said he was not necessarily asking council to endorse the development, but rather focus on coming up with a plan to address the issue. Ashley has pledged \$40,000 towards fixing the problem with the water main.

Mr. Kreutzjans stated they will ask Kenton County Planning Commission for a waiver regarding the water flow. He thinks they will approve as long as there is a plan to take care of the problem.

Mayor Hehman stated we have adequate concerns regarding the water flow for the current homes as well as the proposed homes but there is no additional risk. The risk stays the same. He said we have a plan to fix the problem. Ashley Development will pay half for the replacement of the water main on Highland between Oak and Floral. He hopes that the Water District will pay for the other half of construction. The City will pay for the reconstruction of the road.

Mr. Kelly said Council can authorize the staff to send a letter on behalf of the City Council to the Kenton County Planning Commission stating that they have no objection to the proposed waiver conditioned on Ashley paying 50% of the Highland section between Oak and Floral. If the agreement is reached prior to the Kenton County Planning Commission meeting, we can submit a letter stating we are not against the waiver requirement.

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to authorize the staff to send a letter on behalf of the Council to the Kenton County Planning Commission stating that they have no objection to the proposed waiver conditioned on Ashley paying 50% of the Highland section between Oak and Floral. If the agreement is reached prior to the Kenton County Planning Commission meeting, we can submit a letter stating we are not against the waiver requirement. **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. Vote was answered by all Ayes and no Nays. Motion carried.

Dixie Highway Trolley Line Tree Removal and Replacement Master Plan – Craig Grabow, Chairperson of the Tree Board, announced they are working on a master plan for the city and recently received RFPs for the first phase. The Board receive three proposals MKSK, Human Nature and Madison Tree. After the review by the Board, they selected Kevin Dickey, with MKSK. Mr. Dickey holds a volunteer board seat and our Ethics Ordinance requires them to come to council for approval to hire MKSK.

Mr. Pohlgeers made the motion to proceed with the Tree Board's recommendation and hire MKSK. 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.

Sign Regulations – Mrs. Reddy said that Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Boerger and she have been meeting with PDS regarding the proposed sign ordinance. She introduced Andy Videkovich, Planning Manager for PDS. He

will review the changes to our ordinance tonight and action will be taken next month if there are no objections.

Mr. Videkovich stated the changes to our current sign ordinance were necessary due to a court case, Reed vs Gilbert that rendered most regulations unusable. PDS hired an outside company to review and develop a model sign regulations. The second reason is that our sign ordinance is almost 30 years old and two updates behind. It is important at this time to make sure are regulations are legal.

Some of the changes: up to date definitions, beefed up the purpose statement to address heightened scrutiny, prohibit billboards, allow temporary signs in residential zones, LED signs can be restricted so that they are not so intrusive, temporary signs are allowed in a commercial zone. Mr. Videkovich stated that enforcing the sign regulations is difficult at times. There will always be some issues.

Mrs. Reddy said if there are no major concerns, she would place the ordinance on the December agenda for action.

Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2017-18 amending Section 10.17 and 10.12 of the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance adding conditional uses to the C-PUD (Commercial Planned Unit Development) Zone and adding outdoor dining as a conditional use in the LHS (Limited Highway) Zone. **Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-18.** Mrs. Boerger 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	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Ms. Burns	Absent	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mr. Hummeldorf	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel	Yes
Mrs. Rose	Yes		

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried.

Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2017-19 the adoption of 2018 and 2019 meeting dates for council.

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2017-14 authorizing a text amendment application related to expansions to nonconforming setbacks, allowing ornamental metal fences around pools and changing the permitted height of class 2 fences. Mrs. Boerger made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-14. Mr. Pohlgeers 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.

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Municipal Order 2017-13 appointing Mr. Jeff Epplen to the Park Board. Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to pass Municipal Order 2017-13. 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman state the City will hold an event on May 18, 2018 called Party in the Fort. It will be kind of like a taste of Fort Mitchell. Mrs. Reddy is working with Live Well on the event. Chief Auffart is looking for sponsors. They hope to make this event self-sustaining in the future.

The State pension crisis could hurt our budget in the coming years. Our cost could increase up to \$400,000 per year. This is a very concerning issue for the City.

There are three new homes going in the Kruempleman Development.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy announced the tree lighting will be held on December 2. There will be carriage rides and the local businesses will have activities and Christmas displays. Santa will be at the City Building with hot chocolate and cookies.

Mrs. Reddy announced three employees have moved on, Lamarr Burton, Thomas Bradford and Jody Anderson. She said all were good employees that will be missed and thanked them for their service.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mrs. Boerger asked if the council would consider limiting the number of ducks, geese and chickens that residents may have in their yard. She stated that the feathers and feces are becoming a problem. Mayor Hehman said they will research the issue and bring something back to the next meeting.

Mrs. Boerger said a resident questioned what was being done about the problems with the apartments at 25 Virginia. He is concerned about the safety of the neighborhood. Chief Schierberg informed council for this property to qualify as a chronic nuisance there has to be 12 police calls within 12 months or less. The property is close to that number. He will recheck and report back. Mr. Joe Muck, 22 Virginia, said he is very concerned about the safety of his children as a resident of the building parked in his front yard one night, they appeared drunk. Mrs. Reddy stated that is issue is on the Police Chief's radar and the Code Enforcement Officer's radar. We will stay on top of it.

Mr. Stoeckle reported the Park Board meeting was rescheduled to November 15th. Mr. Stoeckle, Mr. Pohlgeers and Mrs. Reddy met to discuss the merger of the Recreation Coordinator and the Park Director positions. It was recommended not to merge the positions at this time due to the cost, especially the possible increase in retirement. Mayor Hehman asked them to keep an eye on the recreation position and if we continue to lose people, to reconsider the merger.

Mr. Pohlgeers announced he attended a PDS meeting that included an update on the Downtown Fort Mitchell Development plan should be ready after the first of the year. They are still working on the update of the zoning ordinance. They encouraged all cities to use the on-line program, Accela, to help coordinate all road, water, sewer, electric and gas projects. This could save all entities a lot of money.

Mr. Hummeldorf asked if there was any new information regarding the turn lane on Dixie at Beechwood. Mrs. Reddy said there has been no further conversation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

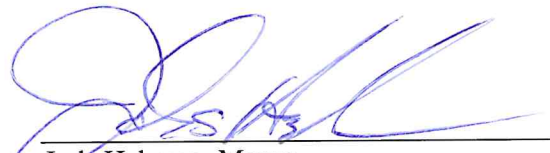
Administration – Mrs. Bartels stated they have collected 7.2 million dollars in taxes to date. Delinquent notices will go out after Thanksgiving.

Finance – Mrs. Guenther announced the finance committee will meeting on November 8, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hummeldorf made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:32 p.m. Mr. Stoeckle 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



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk

