

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL
COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence for Tom Schneider. Mr. Schneider was a volunteer firefighter for Fort Mitchell for 31 years. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present - Vickie 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, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rechtin and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Nachazel 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. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 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

Stacey Rich, said the Live Well Fort Mitchell group asked her to create a community garden in the City. She has gathered together people to plant and tend the garden. She has also developed a detailed plan for planting the area along the fence line by the parking lot. Ms. Rich said she would appreciate the Council's support to use the area. Mayor and council expressed concerns on the looks of the garden, getting enough volunteers and a burden on city employees. It was also stated that this could be a wonderful example for the community.

After a discussion, Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve the garden for one year, then review progress. Mrs. Nachazel 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.

Patty Kaiser, 35 Virginia Avenue, said the City's website did not include all the minutes nor listed the members on boards and committees. Mayor Hehman said she does not have to wait for a meeting

to ask for information, she can contact the City any time to request information. We will review the website.

Bob Kaiser, 35 Virginia Avenue, ask what is a board of adjustments. Mrs. Reddy explained the Board of Adjustments is comprised of a group of appointed residents. Any time a variation of our zoning ordinance is requested, the property owner has to go before the Board to request permission. The Board's decision is final. Mr. Kaiser stated he is concerned about Don Stegman holding a seat on the Board because of his involvement with the property behind his house. Mayor Hehman stated that the Board was not involved with flag Lots and hence there was no conflict. Council Members expressed support for Don Stegman.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION – Orphanage Road Sidewalk Project

Mayor Hehman stated there has been a plan to install a sidewalk along Orphanage Road between Ivy Hill to Jerry Lane for a long time. Before we move forward with the project this year, we would like to know what the residents in the area think.

Matt Stegman, Public Works Director, said he had met with all affected property owners except one and explained the engineering portion of the project. There will be a 5' strip of grass and then a 5' sidewalk with it leveling out with the yard. There is a 2' wide shoulder between the lane and the grass currently. We will need an easement from all property owners. The project cost estimate in 2013 was \$150,000 but the final cost will be determined after completion of engineering and may be a little bit higher.

Betty Douglas, 138 Louise Drive, asked if a barrier could be installed between the road and sidewalk. Mr. Stegman said yes, but it will bring more expense.

Clyde Griffin, 135 Louise Drive, submitted a petition asking for the sidewalk. He said everyone is very much in favor of it. It is very important to the residents.

Lori Coleman, 78 Orphanage Road, said she is here for her brother. She asked if there would be a problem with the gas and electric lines. Answer – no. Will it cost homeowners money? Answer – no. The sidewalk was designed to be in the right of way.

Debbie Borchers, 128 Louise Drive, thanked council for considering sidewalks.

Nick Corsaro, 139 Louise Drive, asked that the council please continue with the sidewalk. Fort Mitchell has a wonderful recreation program, but residents on Louise cannot attend without driving.

Mayor Hehman said if there were no objections from the Council Members, he would like to move forward with the project. All Council Members were in agreement with the project. Mayor Hehman thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman stated the Planning Commission recommended disapproval of the proposed text amendment to add barber and beauty shops as a permitted use in the Professional Office Zone but indicated that they would support the addition instead as a conditional use. **Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2017-07 for a text amendment application to add barber and beauty shops as a conditional use within the Professional Office (PO) zone.** Mr. Hermes with Hermes

Construction indicated that his client would prefer that the use be added as a permitted use since it is already allowed as an accessory use in the PO Zone. Ms. Reddy indicated that adding this use as a permitted use would allow it in any of the three PO Zones with the City. Mr. Pohlgeers said that in his opinion it should be added as a conditional use.

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Municipal Order 2017-11 appointing George Deitmaring and Don Stegman to the Board of Adjustment. Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Municipal 2017-11, Mr. Stoeckle offered a seconded. Mayor called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Municipal Order 2017-12 appointing Douglas Boschert to the Code Enforcement Board. Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to adopt Municipal 2017-12, Mrs. Nachazel offered a second. Mayor called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman welcomed Eric Redfield to the City of Fort Mitchell and wished him well with his new restaurant, Camporosso. Bunches of Bows and Eloquent Nails also opened this week.

He said the next council meeting will be held on May 1 at 5:30 to discuss budget. The Finance Committee meets next week to review the budget. The costs of the One Stop shop is increasing for the first time in eight years

Mayor Hehman announced he will be meeting with various Mayors to discuss the current problem of not being able to hire enough Firefighter/Paramedics. Mike Stoeckle and Kim Nachazel volunteered to serve on a committee to work on this growing issue.

Mayor Hehman said we need volunteers to plant the flowers in the boxes along Dixie Highway. Beth Rose said she will work on getting some volunteers.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy reported on the following

- a business breakfast will be held on May 24 in the Council Chambers
- Mayor Hehman and Mrs. Reddy will go to Frankfort on April 24. They will be making a presentation to the State proposing a change in their methodology in allocating the TIF money.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administration Department – Linda Bartels reported:

- Mrs. Reddy and Mrs. Bartels met with the City of Lakeside Park to discuss a joint trash bid. A bid package was agreed upon and advertised last week. Bids are due back May 1st.
- Mr. Kelly drafted a delinquent tax letter on his letterhead for us to use. It will be mailed the first of May. Then the unpaid bills will be reviewed with the most delinquent turned over to Mr. Kelly to try to collect.

Police Department – Chief Schierberg reported:

- He is currently on leave spending time with his family and new baby Catherine.

- Officer Best will return Friday with our new K-9.

Public Works Department – Mr. Stegman reported:

- The public meeting for the Allentown Drive, Burdsall Avenue, and Thompson Avenue project had a low turnout.
- The streetscape project received one bid. It was from TMS Construction for \$93,960. The estimate for the project was \$85,000. The project will be awarded to TMS Construction.
- The department is currently down one employee, but they should be hiring someone soon.

Recreation - Mr. Rehtin reported:

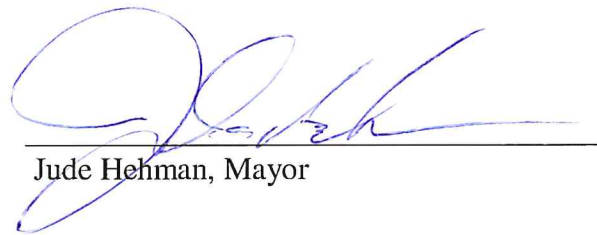
- The recent egg hunt was a success. There were about 300 children attending.
- Saturday is large item pickup day and litter cleanup.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mrs. Nachazel said three coyotes were spotted in Fort Mitchell recently.

Mrs. Rose announced Mrs. Boerger and her will be working with PDS on updating our sign ordinance. They should have a draft for council to review within a month.

Mr. Hummeldorf made a made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:26 p.m. 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.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Linda Bartels, City Clerk