

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 5, 2018**

**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 lead by Mr. Gary Griesser, Assistant to the Director of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. Mr. Griesser performed a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Interim Fire Chief Jim Hils, Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Jansing, City Treasurer Amy Guenther, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, Police Sergeant Erica Schrand, 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 February 5, 2018, council meeting as amended.** 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**

**Mayor Hehman read a proclamation for the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.** The Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation was formed to serve veterans, military personnel, their families, and survivors. The City of Fort Mitchell proclaims to support and offer the upmost gratitude for all men and women in the Armed Forces. Mayor Hehman presented it to Mr. Griesser. Mr. Griesser in turn presented Mayor Hehman with a proclamation.

Mr. Griesser thanked Mayor Hehman for partnering with them and becoming a Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame City. Mr. Griesser explained that H. B. Deatherage started this organization seven years ago by "honoring veterans who continue to serve above and beyond". He presented the Mayor with a street sign recognizing Fort Mitchell as a Hall of Fame City.

Judy Horgan, resident of Deauville Court, said it was extremely dark on their street and should would like the Council to look into getting some type of lighting installed. Mr. Stegman recommended that council add the cost to add some lighting in the upcoming budget. There are currently three lights, one of them being a gas light. They could use a couple more. Mrs. Nachazel suggested Ms. Horgan have the HOA discuss it with the residents and then make a recommendation to the Council. She said she would do that.

**Mr. Stegman introduced representatives of Duke Energy** Susan Klump and David Klein. He said they were here to explain their three year program for accelerated service line replacement. Ms Klump

explained they will be working with Kentucky Services (KS Energy) to replace approximately 180 service lines that are cast iron, steel cooper and unprotected steel with plastic pipes. Also, they have a reconnaissance program to determine the type of pipe in the ground of 560 properties. If needed, the pipes will be replaced for free and move meters as needed. She explained Duke has contracted with KS Energy to work on the projects. She introduced Leon Morrison and Jessie Spadi from KS. Mr. Morrison said they will send letters to all properties involved. Approximately 60% of the lines will need to be replaced. Information will be posted on our website and social media.

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

**Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Resolution 2018-07 withdrawing from the State telecom fund and reestablishing local franchise fees. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-07.** Mr. Stoeckle made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2018-08 Police and Fire Mutual Aid Contract.**

**Mrs. Boerger made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-08.** Mrs. Burns made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hehman said we submitted a bid to continue to provide Fire/EMS services to a section of Crestview Hills. It is a four year contract with a possible two year extension.

Mayor Hehman invited the Council members to attend the Mayors' Group monthly meetings. He said the next one will be in Fort Mitchell on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The group is continuing to support a phased in rate increase for the Kentucky Retirement System.

There should be a recommendation for the next Fire Chief soon.

Mayor Hehman said a copy of an executive order was distributed tonight listing the current property we would like to declare surplus. He asked if there were any questions, hearing none Mayor Hehman called for a motion. **Mrs. Burns made a motion to approve the list for surplus.** Mr. Pohlgeers made a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Sharmili Reddy**

- The Easter event is scheduled for March 24 at Fort Mitchell Park.
- Stephanie Bogenschutz and Alyson Roeding still need volunteers for the day of the event, Party in the Fort. Mrs. Nachazel suggested they contact the honor society of the local schools.
- The Tree Board is ready with a master plan for Fort Mitchell. They are planning a public meeting in April.
- Judge Knochelmann will attend the next meeting to give an update on the Bromley Crescent Springs Road project.
- Large Item Pickup will be April 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:00 am.

## **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mrs. Boerger stated the Wall of Honor committee meet and updated the submittal form. She requested if you are sending in a nomination, make very sure your contact information is there as well as the contact information for the nominee.

Mrs. Boerger said she would like the City to take a friendly, proactive approach when deciding the issue of allowing chickens or other poultry in the city. We have only received one complaint. She asked council members to contact her with any feedback. She will work with Mr. Kelley to bring an ordinance to the next council meeting.

Mr. Stoeckle met with Amanda Morehart to discuss the upcoming park program. He stated she is going to be a great asset to the city. Mr. Stoeckle announced the Park Board will meet Wednesday night at 7:00 pm and the Party in the Fort will meet March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Pohlgeers is now the Secretary of the PDS Council.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **Fire Department – Jim Hils, Fire Chief**

- The department had 21 Fire runs, 63 EMS runs, 6 inspections, 3 car seat installations, 1 fire tour.
- He reminded everyone we do not allow burning/clearing land unless you have more than 10 acres.

### **Finance Department – Amy Guenther, City Treasurer**

- Financial Statements are in the council packet. Everything is under budget at this time
- An RFP went out for our financial services. This had not been done in four years. She will have the results by the next meeting.
- We are in the beginning stages of the 2018-2019 budget.

### **Public Works Department – Matt Stegman, Public Works Director**

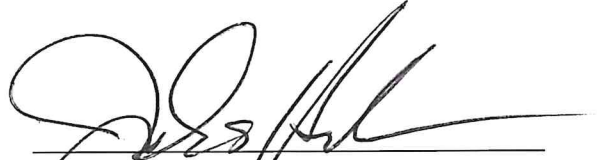
- Received bids for resurfacing last week. The low bid was \$249,000 from Len Riegler. It came in \$100,000 under the engineers estimate.
- There was a public meeting with residents of Highland Avenue to discuss the water and road project.
- They are evaluating the possibility of installing a turnaround at the end of Greenbrier Avenue. The preliminary costs are running \$50,000 for widening or \$120,000 for a turnaround. Mr. Stegman met with the residents that live at the end of the street.

### **Police Department – Andrew Schierberg, Police Chief**

- Mark Spanyer was hired back as a police officer. This is through the Kentucky retire/rehire program. This will save us some money. The department is still down one officer.
- We recently purchased Tahoes for the department. This purchase was made after reviewing the history of costs for the current Chargers and comparing this with the researched cost of vehicle and repairs to the Ford Tahoes. Tahoes seem to be a better option with less repairs and last years longer.
- The Fort Mitchell Police Department is an active partner with all the schools in our city. We provide training, School Resource Officer to Beechwood, Police patrol halls in Blessed Sacrament during the day and they do drills with all schools.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Pohlgeers made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:17 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.

  
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Jude Hehman, Mayor

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Linda Bartels, City Clerk