

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 2, 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.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Interim Fire Chief Jim Hils, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Jansing, City Treasurer Amy Guenther, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Hummeldorf 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 March 19, 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**

**Cheryl Johnson, 1991 Edenderry, stated she is an officer of the Waterford Association** and she is very interested in the Dixie Highway tree plan. She would like to volunteer to help in hopes that the Waterford area could also benefit from the plan. Mayor Hehman asked that Craig Grabow get in touch with her.

**PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

**Nick Hendrix, Kenton County Public Works Director, gave an update on Bromley Crescent Springs Road Project.** He stated the geo/tech work is going on now and should be completed in two to three weeks. There will be retaining walls along most of the road along with an 8' multi-use path. The State has approved the preliminary work on the right of ways. The letting date for the project will be approximately December of 2019. Construction should begin in the spring of 2020 and completed by summer of 2021. When complete, it will be a State maintained road.

**Kenton County Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann** announced the Erlanger Dispatch Center will join the Kenton County Dispatch Center this summer. The Center will upgrade their CAD system soon. Mayor Hehman thank him for attending the meeting tonight.

**Craig Grabow, Tree Board Chairperson, explained that we commissioned MKSK to draft a master tree plan for a section of Dixie Highway.** Kevin Dicke of MKSK, stated they partnered Jenny Gulick, Certified Arborist with Davey Resource Group for the project. Mr. Dicke and Ms. Gulick reviewed the Tree Removal and Replacement Master Plan dated April 2018. The analysis

runs along the old trolley line on Dixie Highway north of Beechwood Road to Sunnymede. Ms. Gulick said there are 69 public trees located along the right of way, 67% of them are in fair or worse condition. Considering the condition of most of the trees, they will likely only have 10 more years of service before they decline, die or need to be removed. Overall the tree population is currently not sustainable.

After further review, they said there were three options: do nothing, maintain the trees and replace them only when dead or damaged, or implement a planned, phased replacement project. Mayor Hehman asked for some costs estimates. Council members thanked them for the presentation. Mrs. Reddy recommended the council take action by the next meeting.

**Z21 Presentation by Alex Koppelman, Planner for Planning and Development Services of Kenton County.** Mr. Koppelman reviewed the goals and process for the Z21 project, Zoning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. They plan to craft a new, user friendly zoning ordinance for each jurisdiction they represent. The current base Code for the district was adopted in the 80's and approximately 500 text amendments have been filed to date. Mrs. Nachazel and Mrs. Reddy are working with him to develop a Code to bring to council for approval.

Mr. Koppel stated they worked to simplify the language, use graphics and tables more often. They also updated the zoning district and removed the one size fits all wording. They are help cities develop its own code. This phase is now complete.

The next phase it to create a Blueprint Code by standardizing code sections, by creating a comprehensive list of updated zoning districts for each jurisdiction to select the ones that meet their needs and options for development standards. Mrs. Reddy will send out a full report for the Fort Mitchell code and the YouTube videos regarding same.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Executive Order 2018-09 appointing Debbie Krueger to City Clerk Position.** Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to pass Executive Order 2018-09. 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.

**Mayor Hehman said there is no one more qualified than Mrs. Krueger.** She is a go to person and will do a great job. Council members and others offered their congratulations to Mrs. Krueger. She thanked everyone for their support.

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2018-11 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) Grant for purchase of AED Replacements.** Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to pass Municipal Order 2018-05. Mr. Hummeldorf 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 2018-12: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant to Add Four Full-time Firefighters/Paramedics** Mrs. Boerger made a motion to pass Municipal Order 2018-05. Mayor Hehman stated he wants a minimum of five firefighters on duty around the clock. Mrs. Rose 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 gave an update on the pension bill** in Frankfort this week. He stated he would like to see them pass a phased in plan for the increase costs to the cities.

**Mayor Hehman stated the selection committee for the new Fire Chief** recommended two current employees move forward in the process. There will be a second interview with them tomorrow.

**Mayor Hehman stated the Easter Egg Hunt** was a big success. He thanked Mary Burns, Matt Stegman, Mayor Jansing, Grace Neltner and Amanda Morehart for their hard work pulling all of this together.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Mrs. Reddy said we need action on our landscape bid. We receive three bids for landscaping** one from Kenning Lawn Care, Central Lawn Care and Maddox. Staff is recommending Central Lawn Care. They are \$600 per year higher than Kenning who was the lowest bid. Central has a certified arborist and has done a great job for the city for the last seven years. We are required to bring this to council as Central is owned by Craig Grabow, Chair of the Tree Board. Mrs. Reddy announced Kenning was selected for the lawn care contract.

**Mrs. Boerger made the motion to contract with Central Lawn Care owned by Craig Grabow.** 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.

Mrs. Reddy reminded everyone that Party in the Fort is May 18 and they still need volunteers.

### **Comments from Council Members**

**Mr. Stoeckle** announced there will be a tree give away for Arbor Day at Biggby Coffee on April 28.

**Mrs. Boerger** reminded everyone that the nominations for the wall of honor are due by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

**Chief Schierberg recognized Officer Joel Tignor** for getting Chrysler to cover the majority of the cost for the repair of one of the vehicles that was out of warranty.

**Chief Hils** submitted a written monthly report to council tonight.

## **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

**Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to go in Executive Session – Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f), Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. Time** Mr. Hummeldorf 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. Time 8:11 pm

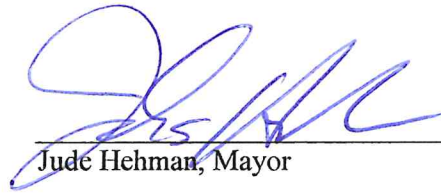
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**Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to return to the regular council meeting at 8:25 pm. Mrs. Boerger seconded the motion.** Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Stoeckle made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:26 p.m.** Mrs. Burns 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

Prepared By:

  
for Linda Bartels, City Clerk