

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Fire Chief Adam Fuller, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, Programs and Communications Coordinator Janie Patterson and City Clerk Debbie Krueger.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion for approval of the Agenda.

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda, 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 carried by all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018, council meeting as presented. 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

Ms. Betty Douglas, resident of 138 Louise Drive, asked Council for an update on the Orphanage Road Sidewalk project. Mayor Hehman advised that the engineering work is complete and we are still negotiating with one resident. The resident has received drawings to review and will need two (2) weeks to review and make their decision. Mayor Hehman advised that it is a process and other than building the sidewalk short, there is nothing that can be done until they get the easement. Ms. Douglas asked if the resident doesn't provide the easement, is the project dead. Mayor Hehman advised that there is a possibility to bring the sidewalk into Council One easement rights. This would be a lot narrower and not as safe. Mayor Hehman stated that there is always eminent domain but that is not something he is in favor of doing. Ms. Douglas asked what a possible time-line could be on the project and Mayor Hehman advised if they receive the easement, it could possibly be a Spring project.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2018-09 amending the Zoning for the described area from R-1G (Residential One-G) Zone to a LSC (Limited Service Commercial) Zone. Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-09 amending the Zoning for the described

area from R-1G (Residential One-G) Zone to a LSC (Limited Service Commercial) Zone. Mrs. Nachazel offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions, hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Hummeldorf	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mrs. Rose	Yes		

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Passed

Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2018-10 amending Section 10.15 of the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance adding banks and other financial institutions with drive-thru windows as a Permitted Use in the LSC (Limited Service Commercial) Zone. Mr. Hummeldorf offered a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-10 amending Section 10.15 of the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance adding banks and other financial institutions with drive-thru windows as a Permitted Use in the LSC (Limited Service Commercial) Zone. Ms. Burns offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions, hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Hummeldorf	Yes	Ms. Burns	Yes
Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Mrs. Nachazel	Yes	Mrs. Boerger	Yes
Mrs. Rose	Absent		

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Passed

Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2018-11 amending the Salary Scale for 2018-2020. Mrs. Reddy advised that Schedule A is a list of all available positions and this would make a change for the Administrative Assistant position from two (2) full-time employees to one (1) full-time and two (2) part-time positions. This will be more cost effective and will allow the administrative position to be combined with recreation for Janie to be the Programs and Communications Coordinator. There is also a change in the position of Public Works Laborer Seasonal with an increase in the rate. The rate needs to increase to get personnel to plow snow. These changes would be applicable for this fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year. Mr. Hummeldorf questioned why the Deputy Clerk position is still listed and Mrs. Reddy advised that the position is still there, we are just choosing not to fill the position. Mr. Hummeldorf questioned why there is a change in the minimum salary for the Fire Chief from \$61,860 to \$70,000. Mrs. Reddy advised that this would be corrected, the salary range should be \$61,860 to \$88,500.

Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2018-18 approving Certified City of Ethics Proposal.

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-18 approving Certified City of Ethics Proposal. Mr. Hummeldorf offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions, hearing none, he called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman reported that he has been monitoring a FaceBook post regarding Highland Avenue traffic issues. Mayor Hehman asked Council if they would want to meet with the residents of Lucerne to listen to their concerns about traffic going through their street to exit through Highland Cemetery during the construction. Council agreed to meet with the residents. A meeting will be set and Council will be advised of the date and time.

Mayor Hehman advised that people are concerned with the development of new homes off Floral and the additional traffic. Mayor Hehman advised that we are paying for a traffic study and when we get the results,

we need to have a meeting with residents to talk about the study. There are pros and cons and no easy solution. Mr. Pohlgeers advised that unfortunately social media has a lot of bad information out there and getting everyone together to talk about the study is the way to go. Mrs. Nachazel questioned why there wasn't another egress when Longmeadow was built. Mayor Hehman advised that there was a transfer from Fort Wright to Fort Mitchell for \$6,000, but nothing was ever done. Mrs. Nachazel would like to hear how the conversation has gone through the years on how we got to this point. Mrs. Krueger will research the files.

Mayor Hehman advised that there were many compliments on how well the parade went this year.

City Administrator Report

Mrs. Reddy advised there is a task force working on a strategic plan for our commercial area around Buttermilk, Orphanage and Dixie. Mrs. Reddy is currently meeting with every property owner in that area to share the recommendations of the task force and to get their feedback. These meetings have been very positive. The task force will meet again in late July and after that meeting will bring their recommendations to Council and will have a public meeting at the end of August.

Mrs. Reddy advised that the TIF application was finally approved by the State. There are still more hurdles at the State level that the City has no control over.

Mrs. Reddy advised that the reason for the August meeting dates being pushed back a little is due to setting the tax rate. We typically don't receive the information from the Property Valuation Administration until after the first week of August.

Comments from Council

Ms. Burns advised that Graeter's did a great job with re-routing traffic during National Ice Cream day on Sunday.

Mr. Pohlgeers commended Chief Schierberg on his excellent care in handling the situation with the young man injured at the July 4th Parade.

Mrs. Rose advised that the City of Edgewood did away with walkers in their July 4th Parade due to accidents like the one experienced at our parade this year. Mayor Hehman advised that this would be part of the discussion when the committee meets to review the parade. Mrs. Nachazel suggested an age restriction on those allowed to walk in the parade.

Department Head Reports

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Janie Patterson

- The parade went well and has received positive feedback.
- Summer recreation activities are wrapping up. There will be free Putt Putt for Fort Mitchell residents at the Erlanger Putt Putt on Friday, July 20th.
- Events now for September, October and November will be in the hard copy newsletter that will be mailed out to residents in August.
- Due to high licensing fees to have public showings of movies, we are considering partnering with the City of Lakeside Park to share the expenses for Movie in the Park. Licensing fees range from \$300 to \$435.
- Top Flight Gymnastics will be held the week of July 23, 2018.

- The Tuesday Summer Camp continues through July and there has been an average of 5-9 children participating each week.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- Highland Avenue project should be complete by mid-August.
- Still working with one owner on the Greenbriar turn-around.
- Brice Avenue plans are complete.
- Storm sewer easements for Orphanage are ready for City Attorney to review.

Fire Chief Adam Fuller

- Major accident involving two tractor trailers and a passenger vehicle on South Bound I-75 causing the interstate to be closed for about six (6) hours.
- Volunteers covered 299.75 hours of station time in June.
- Two (2) volunteers starting Paramedic Classes.
- The Junior Firefighter Program application has been approved by the State Fire Commission.

Mrs. Nachazel asked if there was a way to know where the drug overdoses occurred when reviewing the monthly Fire Department Report. Mr. Pohlgeers agreed that he would also like to see more information on overdoses. Chief Fuller advised that he can include that in the reporting.

Mr. Hummeldorf questioned the average response times. Chief Fuller advised that the response times are auto filled from the Dispatch Center and if dispatchers are busy that doesn't always happen in a timely manner.

Mr. Hummeldorf asked if Fort Wright was 40% of our Mutual Aid and Chief Fuller advised that was correct.

Mr. Hummeldorf asked about the apartment fire and whether it was true that the Crescent Springs Fire Department had more personnel on the scene than Fort Mitchell and that Fort Mitchell had removed them from our run cards. Chief Fuller advised that this information was not correct and Crescent Springs is still on Mutual Aid with us.

City Clerk, Debbie Krueger

- Best Way second quarter report indicates that trash collection was up to 760 tons and recycling was up to 122 tons.

Hummeldorf requested a report from Best Way showing how Fort Mitchell compares with other cities in the area. Mrs. Krueger will request the report.

Police Chief Andrew Schierberg

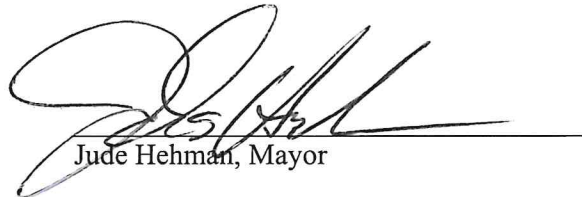
- Child injured at the parade suffered a facial fracture that did not require surgery and had no other long-term effects. Chief Schierberg advised that he wanted to make it clear that it was his decision to transport the child to the hospital and was in no way a negative reflection on our Fire Department. It was strictly a judgement call because he saw a clear route down Orphanage to the hospital.

- Avon Drive cook-out went well and was attended by a 90-year-old resident who has lived there for sixty (60) years. Next cook-out is planned for September 13, 2018 in Fort Mitchell Commons.
- Chief Schierberg complimented the Fire Department for the outstanding care provided by Michael Brooks, Sean Callero and Evan Seeley during a call that he went on with them today.
- Officer Best and Sgt. Schrand were recognized for job well done at the tractor trailer accident.
- Wrong way driver on the interstate this weekend. The 911 calls began in Cincinnati on I-75. Sgt. Gross was able to get out to the interstate and caught up with it at Turfway. The driver was getting up to speeds over 118 miles per hour. Sgt. Gross kept up with the vehicle and got Boone County Police involved. Stop sticks were put out twice before the driver was finally stopped as he re-entered Kenton County just south of Walton. Sgt. Gross was recognized for a good job handling this call.
- Incident at the Fort Mitchell Country Club involving intoxicated minors. One (1) girl tried to jump the fence and was partially impaled and was transported to Children's Hospital. The Country Club is not pressing charges. Investigation is ongoing to find out where the minors obtained the alcohol and will pursue charges if adults were involved.
- Active Shooter Drill to be held on October 4, 2018.
- In the past statistics were provided from the police department in the Council packets. They are in the process of re-evaluating the reports to be more effective.

Mr. Hummeldorf asked Chief Schierberg for a report on the return we are getting on the K-9.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hummeldorf made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:46 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.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Debbie Krueger, City Clerk