

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 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, City Treasurer Amy Guenther 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, 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 carried by all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018, council meeting as presented. 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 passed by all ayes.

Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2018, council meeting as presented. Ms. Burns 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 were no citizens or guests at this time.

INTRODUCTIONS

Sgt. Schrand introduced Matthew Caudill as the newest member of the City of Fort Mitchell Police Department. Mr. Caudill comes to the City after serving with the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement. Mr. Caudill advised Council that he is a graduate of Morehead University where he met his wife of 10 years, Tabitha. He and his wife live in Elsmere with their son. Mr. Caudill has 17 years of service with the Armed Forces and was an EMT in the early 2000's. Mr. Caudill thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Fort Mitchell.

Fire Chief Fuller introduced Steven Nuckols as the newest member of the City of Fort Mitchell Fire Department. Mr. Nuckols started last week and will begin a 24 hour shift tomorrow. Mr. Nuckols lives in Independence. He is a certified car seat technician, has a public relations background and was a

Firefighter/Paramedic since 2002. Mr. Nuckols thanked Council for the opportunity and looks forward to serving the City.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Hehman introduced Mr. Alex Koppelman of PDS who provided a presentation on the Downtown Economic Development Plan.

Mr. Koppelman advised that the Task Force consisting of Councilmember Pohlgeers and Councilmember Boerger, Fort Mitchell residents and business owners had been working January through July 2018 on the Downtown Economic Development Study. They have a proposed timeline of:

Draft to Task Force	August 16, 2018
Public Open House	August 28, 2018
Final Task Force Meeting	August 30, 2018
Present Final Plan to Council	September 17, 2018

The Task Force had five (5) focus areas:

1. Pedestrian safety enhancements – crosswalk enhancements
2. Street trees, flowers and greenery – planting of trees and flowers
3. Gateway features -banners
4. Parking management – sufficient amount of spaces, need to be managed more efficiently
5. Improvement of traffic conditions – improve safety, reduce curb cuts, organize public transit

Mr. Koppelman advised that the public open house will be an interactive event from 5:30-7:30 pm on August 28, 2018. It will begin at Biggby Coffee and there will be swag bags for those participating in the event. Mrs. Reddy advised that a press release will be going out this week for the event.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Ms. Schulte a resident of Requardt Lane asked Council for help with an issue with storm water from Pleasant Ridge flooding property that she owns at 12 Superior. This issue was corrected for other homes in the area back in the 1980's, but for some reason, her property was not included. Ms. Schulte advised that SD1 sent a letter to the City on May 29, 2018 indicating that SD1 would pay 1/3 of the cost of the repair, the resident should pay 1/3 and that the City should pay 1/3. Ms. Schulte advised that Mr. Stegman had stated that the City didn't want to set a precedent by making the repair. Ms. Schulte stated that the City set a precedent in the 1980's. Mayor Hehman apologized, but he had not seen the letter, but would look into the matter.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2018-11 amending the Salary Scale for 2018-2020. Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-11 amending the Salary Scale for 2018-2020, Mr. Stoeckle offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for further discussion or questions, hearing none, he called for a voice vote.

Mr. Hummeldorf	Aye	Mr. Stoeckle	Aye
Mr. Pohlgeers	Aye	Ms. Burns	Aye
Mrs. Nachazel	Aye	Mrs. Boerger	Aye

Mrs. Rose

Aye

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Passed

Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2018-12 setting the property tax rate at \$0.137 on each one hundred dollars of valuation. A rate of \$0.137 is lower than the rate set last year of \$0.138 and will meet the budget. If Council wants to go with the Compensating Rate of \$0.134 the budget would have to be amended. Mr. Hummeldorf asked if the impact between \$0.134 and \$0.137 would be about \$22,000.00 and Mayor Hehman confirmed that was correct.

Mr. Kelly performed a first reading of Ordinance 2018-13 setting the park tax rate at \$0.02 on each one hundred dollars of valuation. Mrs. Reddy advised that this is the same rate that is set every year. Mayor Hehman asked Mr. Stoeckle if he had any input from the Park Board Meeting to share. Mr. Stoeckle advised that four (4) Park Board Members are moving forward and are meeting with Bayer Becker on the Board's improvement plan for the Park. There will be a Public Hearing in late October and if all goes as planned, the project could start in December or January. Mayor Hehman noted that there is no need to raise the park tax for this project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman reminded everyone of the Active Shooter Drill on October 4, 2018. This will be a full-scale drill. Mayor Hehman advised that he approached the County to do this drill at Beechwood because he feels strongly about being prepared in the event something like this were to happen in our schools. There will not be a lot of public information that will come out after this drill, because they don't want to train a potential shooter. Mrs. Boerger asked for confirmation that there is no school that day and Mrs. Reddy confirmed that was correct. Mrs. Reddy advised that traffic will be impacted that day. Volunteers are needed and Mrs. Reddy will put out the information on how to sign up.

Mayor Hehman advised that the City has been approached by a developer for property on Grandview Drive for Mixed Use of retail and apartments. Mayor Hehman asked the developer to meet with the school before coming to Council and Mrs. Nachazel attended that meeting. Mayor Hehman is concerned about the effect a development like this could have on our schools. The developer will give a presentation at the August 27, 2018 Council Meeting. Mr. Pohlgeers advised that he has received a few phone calls on this and some are factual and some are rumors. Mr. Pohlgeers said it is very important that the school is included. Mayor Hehman advised that we need to be good partners with the school. Ms. Burns questioned if the location on Grandview is the empty house and Mayor advised that it is actually further out on Grandview around the bend. Mr. Hummeldorf advised that they had reached out to him as well.

Mayor Hehman reminded Council that the KLC Convention is September 17-20 and if interested to let us know so that reservations can be made.

City Administrator Report

Mrs. Reddy advised that there will be more Police Department Cookouts in September. Mr. Stegman could not be here this evening, but reported that the Greenbriar Avenue resurfacing project is moving forward with bids being accepted August 24, 2018. The Orphanage Road sidewalk project has four (4) easements signed, the one resident with reservations about the project is very close to signing and it is hoped to have all signed within the next two (2) weeks. The Highland Avenue Traffic Study is complete and will be reviewed as soon as possible.

Mayor Hehman noted that they will be meeting with engineers on the sidewalks for Beechwood Road. Mrs. Nachazel confirmed that this would be the area down by Grandview Tavern and Mayor Hehman confirmed that was correct.

Comments from Council

Mr. Stoeckle asked how the Highland Avenue project was progressing. Mrs. Reddy advised that the tie end would take place tomorrow and paving should begin next week. Due to school starting this work will be done between the hours of 8:30 am and 2 pm. Information about this will be posted on social media.

Mrs. Nachazel asked Mr. Hummeldorf if the Finance Committee would be meeting prior to the second reading of the property tax ordinance. Mr. Hummeldorf said not to his knowledge. Mayor Hehman advised that he had not requested them to meet.

Ms. Burns asked if the City could contact the railroad about installing some type of blinking signal to indicate that a train is approaching. Currently traffic can back up past Home Depot and some cars are causing a hazard when trying to turn around. Mayor Hehman advised that the City would reach out to the railroad.

Mr. Stoeckle advised that he has reported to Duke that the street light at the top of Burdsall Avenue is out.

Mrs. Rose asked if “No Left Turn” could be painted on Dixie Highway at the Orphanage/Dixie intersection going into the Biggby parking lot. Vehicles are disregarding the “No Left Turn” sign that is currently there. Sgt. Schrand advised that she will have that area watched.

Mr. Hummeldorf asked if there was an update on the sanitary drain at the Drawbridge. Mayor Hehman advised that SD1 is currently trying to come up with a way to route it alongside the Sibcy Cline building instead of under it.

Mr. Hummeldorf announced that he has decided to run for Mayor.

Mrs. Rose noted that there was a great article about our Mayor in the Kentucky Cities Magazine and she will leave a copy in the lobby if anyone is interested in reading the article.

Department Head Reports

City Clerk, Debbie Krueger

- Codification is almost complete.
- Ethics Ordinance review has been completed by the KLC and no deficiencies were found. They will provide insight of items coming in future legislation that could affect our Ordinance when they do our training prior to the end of 2018.
- Staff is currently reviewing all old minutes and compiling excerpts from those minutes regarding Highland/Longmeadow/Stonewell Trails for anything related to traffic.
- We have received payment for a few more delinquent tax bills and currently there is a total of \$68,663 outstanding. All real property taxes have had liens placed on the property.

Sgt. Erica Schrand

- The status report provided to Council by Chief Schierberg shows a 29% decrease in overall reported crimes and a large increase in accidents
- Please let Chief Schierberg know if you would like to see more information included in this report
- Police Department cookout will be held in the Dominion/Tantallon area on September 13

- A cookout for the Highland/Longmeadow area will be held in the City Building parking lot, but a date has not been set.
- Job well done for Officer Jake McBee who caught a juvenile in the act of stealing cars.
- Ms. Burns offered to pass out the handouts for the cookout on September 13, Sgt. Schrand advised that the Police Officers like to go door-to-door and hand these out to get feedback and to get to know the residents, but thanked Ms. Burns for the offer.

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Janie Patterson

- There was a good turn-out for Movie night which was held August 10 – the movie was Christopher Robin.
- Events for September through November are on Facebook and the City Website
- Next community event will be Fall Fest & Truck-or-Treat on October 27, 2018 1:00-5:00 pm with Ft. Mitchell Baptist.
- Tree Lighting & Holiday Event will be partnering with downtown businesses
- Discounted (\$5) tickets for Festival of Lights will be offered again this year

Ms. Burns asked if the Festival of Lights was a new event and Ms. Patterson advised that was a very popular event last year.

Mr. Hummeldorf noted that the Live Well garden is not as impressive as last year. Mrs. Reddy advised that there are new volunteers this year

City Treasurer, Amy Guenther

Ms. Guenther did not have anything to report.

Fire Chief Adam Fuller advised that for the month of July:

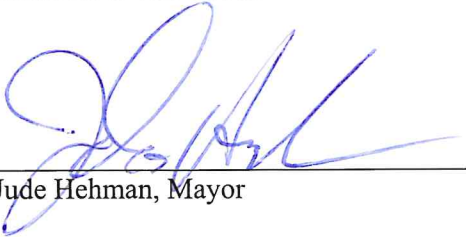
- There were 147 total calls for service in July; 26 training sessions; volunteers covered 116 hours of additional station time; 4 car seat inspections were conducted for residents; 12 annual fire and life safety inspections were completed
- Currently painting hydrants – 57 completed today
- Will flow test Highland hydrants after the Highland Avenue project is complete
- in the event of a fire in while the water is shut off on August 14th for the Highland Avenue project, water will come from Dixie and Idaho

Mayor Hehman asked if the current staffing was at five (5) and Chief Fuller advised that was correct with the exception of August 14 with the water being shut off, he has added an additional person.

Mrs. Boerger asked if it was possible to advise how many of the 147 total calls for service, were full time staff and how many volunteers were on each run. Chief Fuller advised that he can provide Council with that information. Mrs. Boerger asked if he could provide the numbers of stand-by versus on the truck and Chief Fuller advised that he would try to get that information.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hummeldorf made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mrs. Nachazel 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