

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 1, 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, Greg Pohlgeers, Michael Stoeckle, Beth Rose, Jim Hummeldorf and Kim Nachazel. Absent: Mary Burns.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Claire Parsons, Fire Chief Adam Fuller, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, City Treasurer Amy Guenther and City Clerk Debbie Krueger.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman advised that there is one change to the Agenda, Ordinance 2018-12 should read Ordinance 2018-14 and asked for a motion for approval of the amended Agenda.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 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.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

There were no citizens or guests present that wished to address Council at this time.

**INTRODUCTION**

Fire Chief Adam Fuller introduced Cody Hembree as the newest Lieutenant of the Fort Mitchell Fire Department and asked that retired Assistant Chief from the City of Covington and Captain at Point Pleasant, Jeff Groneck to perform the pinning ceremony. Lieutenant Hembree thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the City of Fort Mitchell and looks forward to serving the residents of Fort Mitchell for a long time. Lieutenant Hembree thank all of his family and friends for their support.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of Ordinance 2018-14 Modifying the Parking Permit Requirements for Large Vehicles.**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Hehman** advised that the Grand Opening of Bru Burgers happened earlier today, but the City was not notified. They did apologize for not letting the City know. There will be Grand Openings for Charles Schwab, Zoe Grace and a security firm.

**Mayor Hehman** advised that the Remke Developer will be coming to either the next meeting or the November meeting to present their development plan to separate the building into different retail spaces.

**Mayor Hehman** advised that the Christ Hospital is not ready on their development plan to move forward and since they don't know how their development is going to be finalized they are not prepared to address the storm water issue. Their area has not collapsed, but in the area of Sibcy Cline, that area has collapsed. This area has now become an emergency and they will allow Sibcy Cline to work out a detail that will provide some type of easement that will bring the line from under the building toward the Christ Hospital parking area. Once that plan is worked out, we will get the engineers involved and get this problem taken care of.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Mrs. Reddy** reported that the Tree Board has released the RFP for the Dixie Highway Removal and Replacement of Street Trees. The RFP will close at 3:00 p.m. on November 16, 2018. No work will be done until early 2019.

**Mrs. Reddy** advised that the sewer line warranty program currently has 128 residents signed up for the program and has had 10 claims so far.

**Mrs. Reddy** advised that they are still working through some of the initial findings of the Highland Avenue Traffic Study. A meeting with the engineers is scheduled for October 23, 2018 and anticipate a public meeting in mid-November or early December.

**Mrs. Reddy** advised that Council should have received an email from the Chamber regarding the three (3) businesses that the Mayor mentioned for their Grand Openings.

**Mrs. Reddy** advised that the FCC has come down with a ruling on how we can and cannot regulate small cell towers and any other telecommunication facility in the public right-of-way. They have given specific guidelines on how much cities can charge and how long they have to respond to requests. We are currently reviewing the guidelines with other cities and trying to figure out how to address it.

## **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

**Mrs. Nachazel** advised that there was a Face Book post regarding trash cans that garnered a lot of attention and asked if we could revisit this Ordinance. Mr. Pohlgeers advised that we should really make the Ordinance very simple. Mrs. Rose stated that she doesn't want to see trash cans sitting out for days. Mayor Hehman advised that the Ordinance would be reviewed.

**Mr. Pohlgeers** advised that the Economic Development Committee has wrapped up a study with PDS and he is very excited about some of the ideas PDS has identified. PDS will be at the next Council Meeting to present their ideas.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **Fire Chief Adam Fuller**

- Volunteer Alec Kaelin has completed the Cincinnati Recruit Class and will be working full time with the City of Cincinnati.
- We have received two (2) new volunteer applications.
- The two (2) new Fire Department vehicles are now here.

Mr. Pohlgeers wanted to let the Fire Department know that a couple of his friends attended the CPR Class this past Saturday and they were very complimentary about the staff and the class.

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

- New full time employee Chris Feighery started on Monday and this is the first time in several months that the Public Works Department has been fully staffed.
- The work on Greenbriar started last week and should be complete in less than a month.
- The City is partnering with Kenton County for road striping. The striping will begin tomorrow for Beechwood Road, Royal Drive, Grandview Drive and Pleasant Ridge Avenue.
- Bids for crosswalks should be in before the end of the month.

Mrs. Nachazel asked if there was any progress on the signed easements for Orphanage Road sidewalks. Mr. Stegman advised that they are still waiting on language revisions by SD1 but the residents are still working with the City. Mr. Hummeldorf advised that residents there have a lot of frustration because the City committed to this six (6) years ago. Mr. Hummeldorf stated that the project needs to move forward and Mr. Pohlgeers agreed.

### **City Treasurer, Amy Guenther**

- The Audit has been scheduled for the week of October 22, 2018.
- We are working on scheduling a Finance Committee meeting for the week of October 15, 2018.
- Our fiscal year-to-date revenues are up compared to last year in August by about \$34,000 basically due to the city contractual services and investment income.
- Our fiscal year-to-date expenses compared to last year in August are down by about \$52,000 (5%) due to less staff overall and less overtime in the Fire Department.
- The actual compared to budget is good with Fiscal Year 2017-2018 coming in under budget.
- The only big purchase in the Capital Replacement Fund is a police vehicle.

Mr. Pohlgeers asked if the same firm would be doing the Audit. Mrs. Guenther advised that this would be the third year for Rankin and Rankin.

### **Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg**

- The calls for service on the department stats report is not complete due to the CAD system being down.
- There have been thefts from vehicles and garages in the Fortside area. Some incident calls were delayed in being made. The Police ask that if you see something suspicious that you call as soon as possible. They would prefer to respond and it turn out to be nothing, rather than be advised after something happens.
- They are still working out the details and preparations for the Active Shooter Drill. A lockdown drill was performed at Beechwood School today and it went very well.

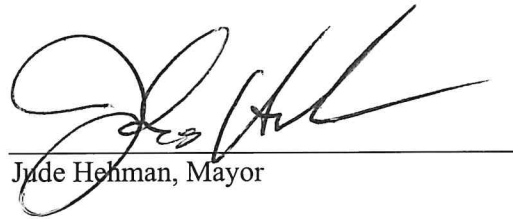
- We are currently in the process of getting two (2) radar speed signs like the ones in Park Hills. The cost is between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

**City Clerk, Debbie Krueger**

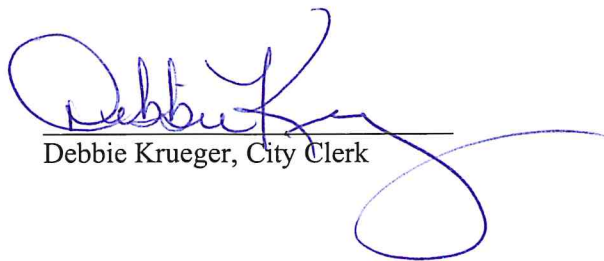
- Tax bills were mailed out September 21, 2018 and we received over \$395,000 in payments last week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:24 p.m.** 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.

  
Jude Helman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
Debbie Krueger, City Clerk