

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 5, 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, Mary Burns and Kim Nachazel.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Claire Parsons, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, Fire Chief Adam Fuller, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, 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. 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

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion for approval of the October 15, 2018 minutes.

Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018, council meeting as presented. Mr. Pohlgeers 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 recognized and welcomed Nick Pauly of Troop 239 who was in the audience this evening working on his Citizenship Badge.

Mayor Dave Jansing of Lakeside Park addressed Council. Mayor Jansing advised that his comments to Council and Mayor Hehman were as Mayor and not as a 47 year volunteer member of the Fort Mitchell Fire Department. Mayor Jansing advised that he was very disturbed by a post on social media that indicated that the Fort Mitchell Fire Department was deteriorating. Mayor Jansing stated that if he felt that there was one ounce of truth in that post, he as Mayor of Lakeside Park would be shopping for new Fire and EMS services for his City, but he knows for a fact that there is no truth to the post. The City of Lakeside Park has contracted services with the Fort Mitchell Fire Department for 88 years and it is a shame that politics have come to this.

Mayor Hehman thanked Mayor Jansing for his support and his service to the Fort Mitchell Fire Department.

PRESENTATION

Mr. David Birdsall, owner and president of 360 Property Partners advised that eight (8) months ago 360 Property Partners formed a partnership with Mr. Bill Remke and they have a phenomenal opportunity to use what is there and add to the progress that has already taken place in the downtown area. The project will be done in two (2) phases beginning with the Remke building and the second phase will include the Fort Mitchell Drug Shop and Art's Floral building. The Remke building will be subdivided into seven (7) or eight (8) small spaces fronting Dixie Highway. The portion of the building that was US Bank will be removed. There will be a new parking lot, new lighting and new landscaping. Financing will be finalized in November with construction beginning in December. Mrs. Nachazel asked if tenants have already been chosen and Mr. Birdsall advised that he is negotiations with three (3) and all will complement the downtown area.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney did not have a report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman advised that the Fall Fest event was a great success in spite of the weather. Approximately 400 people attended the event that was co-sponsored by LiveWell Fort Mitchell and Fort Mitchell Baptist Church.

Mayor Hehman advised that two (2) ribbon cuttings were held last week, one for Charles Schwab and the other for Zoe Grace Salon. There will be a ribbon cutting this week for Vector Security which will occupy the last space by Biggby.

Mayor Hehman advised that the Fall/Winter Recreation schedule of events will be on the website and sent to residents in Fort Mitchell Living.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Reddy advised that the Fort Mitchell Tree Board was honored with an award for Outstanding Forestry Project for the Dixie Highway Trolley Line Tree Removal and Replacement Master Plan. The award was given by the Northern Kentucky Urban Forestry Council. Mrs. Reddy thanked the Tree Board for all of their hard work.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- The new radar speed signs are up and running. They were purchased with drug seizure funds. The data provided in the Police Department Report is only for a few days. The sign located on Beechwood Road near the swim club indicates that 85% of vehicles moving toward the sign are at or below the speed limit. 41% of traffic heading away from the sign were at or below the speed limit. The signs will be moved around the city. The only data collected from the signs are speeds and times. License plate numbers are not recorded.
- Crime is down compared to October 2017.
- It is believed that the interstate construction is responsible for the increase in collisions with the changing traffic patterns and backups.
- The last cookout of the year was held in the mobile home community and there was a large turn-out.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- The Greenbriar project is complete except for a few touch ups.
- The Floral Avenue developer project has been delayed due to rain.
- The Orphanage Road easements are making progress with language changes for the last two (2) residents.

Ms. Burns asked if striping could be done on Beechwood Road after the railroad tracks and Mr. Stegman advised they would take care of it.

Park Director, Kyle Bennett

- The water will be turned off at the Park on Thursday, November 8, 2018 and restrooms will be closed.
- The current plan is to re-open the Park in March 2019 based on weather conditions.
- It was a good year at the Park with 83% of the dates reserved for the pavilion.
- The 2019 Pavilion lottery will be held on March 2, 2019.
- The Board has been working with Bayer Becker Engineering and Platte Architects on the long range planning for the Park.
- A Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7 pm. The Board will be sharing the Park improvement option they have settled on and welcome feedback from the public. The project will be bid and after looking at the numbers the Board will decide if the project will need to move forward in phases. The Park Board is very mindful of the costs. The main things requested in the surveys were walking trails, parking and a pavilion. All information about the Public Meeting will be on the website, Facebook and there will be yard signs out promoting the meeting beginning next week.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- The Fire Department report was included in the Council Packet and Chief Fuller asked if there were any questions. Mr. Stoeckle advised that it was a good detailed report. Mrs. Boerger advised that it was a good report and thanked Chief Fuller for the detail.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Burns advised that Fort Mitchell and Lakeside Park will sponsor Party in the Fort on Saturday, May 18, 2019 and volunteers for the event are needed.

Mr. Hummeldorf advised that he has received positive feedback on the crosswalks.

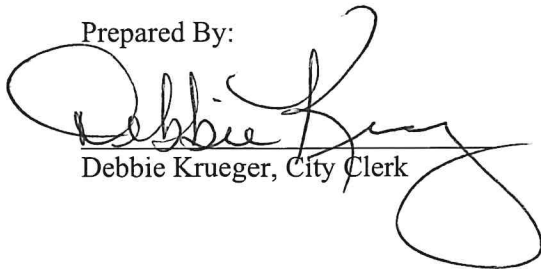
Mrs. Nachazel advised that she has received several complaints that the lighting in the City needs to be improved particularly on Beechwood Road.

Mrs. Boerger reminded everyone to get out and vote.

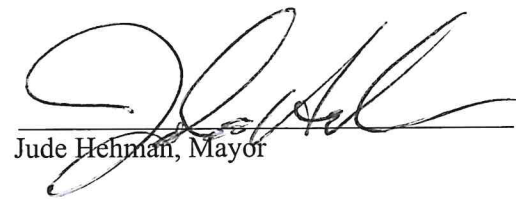
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hummeldorf made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:26 p.m. 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 unanimous voice vote.

Prepared By:



Debbie Krueger, City Clerk



Jude Hehman, Mayor