

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2019**

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, Mary Burns, Jerry Deatherage, Scott McVey and Kim Nachazel.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Sharmili Reddy; City Attorney, Claire Parsons; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther and Deputy City Clerk, Casie Schawe.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion for approval of the December 3, 2018 minutes.

Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019, council meeting as presented. Ms. Burns offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any guests that wanted to speak. There were none. He also introduced and welcomed the new Deputy City Clerk, Casie Schawe. She has an accounting major from Northern Kentucky University with over ten years of experience and came from Boone County's accounting department.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2018-15 establishing regular meeting dates of the Fort Mitchell City Council for 2019**. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve the ordinance and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, called for a vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Ms. Parsons performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2019-01 authorizing the purchase of a portion of 12 Highland Avenue**. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2019-01. Ms. Burns offered a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman said that the small portion of land is adjacent to the public works building and would be a buffer and allow the department some flexibility for future storage and access. Mr. Pohlgeers asked if the property has been appraised. Mayor Hehman said that we got an appraisal and the

owner got an appraisal for around \$18,000. After asking if there was any more questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Ms. Parsons performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2019-01 approving the three year term appointment of Carol Buckhout as a member of the Ethics Board**. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2019-01 as read and Mr. Stoeckle provided a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman stated that Ms. Buckhout is a returning member of the Ethics Board and has done a great job. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Ms. Parsons performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2019-02 approving the four year term appointment of Jeff Bethell as a member of the Kenton County Planning Commission**. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2019-02 as read and Mr. Pohlgeers provided a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman stated that Mr. Bethell is a returning member and spends a lot of time and does a great job. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Ms. Parsons performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2019-03 approving the four year term appointment of Jude Hehman as a member of the Fort Mitchell Economic Development Authority**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2019-03 as read and Mr. Stoeckle provided a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman stated that this Board is required for the Tax Incremental Financing and the Mayor is normally on this board. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Ms. Parsons performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2019-04 approving the two year term appointment of Mike Stoeckle as a member of the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky**. Ms. Burns made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2019-04 as read and Ms. Boerger provided a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman stated that this will be Mr. Stoeckle's third term. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Ms. Parsons performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2019-05 approving the one year term appointment of Greg Pohlgeers as representative and Jude Hehman as alternate members of the Planning and Development Services Council**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2019-05 as read and Ms. Nachazel provided a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman stated that Mr. Pohlgeers does not miss any meetings. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

Ms. Parsons performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2019-06 approving the two year term appointment of Mary Burns as representative and Jude Hehman as alternate members of the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments**. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2019-06 and Mr. Deatherage provided a second to the motion. Mayor Hehman stated that he is on the executive committee of this board. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman stated that he met with representatives from Brandicorp and Christ Hospital. There is a updated site plan for the Drawbridge property and they will break ground this year. Brandicorp will be present at the next council meeting on January 28, 2019.

Mayor Hehman said that there is a property owner that may not sign the temporary construction easement for Orphanage Road sidewalk. Mayor Hehman stated the City has waited long enough. Mr. Stegman will proceed with engineering and the City will go ahead and bid the project and start building the sidewalk. The

City may have to work around this property owner and use the eminent domain process to obtain a temporary easement for construction on this one property even though the sidewalk is within the easement. Ms. Boerger said this project will benefit many residents and Ms. Burns said this has been going on for at least eight years.

Mayor Hehman advised that Mr. Paul Darpel and Mr. Dave Noll asked for a meeting. Mr. Pohlgeers will attend with the Mayor and Ms. Reddy.

The Highland Avenue traffic study public meeting will be held at 6:30 on January 15th. There will be stations with different options and ideas for the attendees to comment on. There will be two public meetings before anything is done. This meeting was publicized on Facebook, via post card and a sign.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Remember to sign up for the KLC City Officials Training in Lexington that will be held in January.
- The KLC City Day and Night will be held February 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The planning meeting will be January 28, 2019 to begin establishing the City's priorities which are then used to develop the budget.
- The renovation of Remke building is beginning. The City is not aware of any committed tenants yet.
- A demolition permit has been issued for the college building behind Grater's. Access continues to be an issue for that development.
- The construction of US bank on Buttermilk will begin in May.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Burns asked if the Vent Haven museum will be moving and Ms. Reddy said no, they will be rebuilding in the same spot.

Ms. Boerger stated that the City is taking nominations for the Wall of Honor on the website for the ceremony in May.

Mr. Pohlgeers attended the PDS Council meeting. There is an ongoing problem in the area of code enforcement complaints and citations that are not rectified. They are coming up with a plan in committee. Ms. Reddy state that the City can place a lien or possibly foreclose on a property.

Ms. Burns asked about the Dixie Highway turn lane to Beechwood. The Mayor stated there was an eminent domain issue which is being resolved but it will be constructed this year by the state.

Ms. Reddy stated that the Mayor is now on the Kentucky League of Cities Board and the Chairman of the Kenton County Mayors Group.

Mr. Pohlgeers reminded everyone that the pension bill was struck down. Mayor Hehman stated that the payroll tax increase took effect January 1, 2019 and that the Duke Energy Franchise fee is coming up the pike to pay for the increased pension costs. Ms. Reddy advised that the City needs to push for CERS separation from the other Kentucky Retirement Systems.

Mr. Stoeckle advised that he is a newbie to the Beechwood Football program, but wanted to let everyone know what a great community it is and how wonderful businesses are in letting parents put the children's posters in their store fronts during playoff time.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- West Orchard/Ridge is being engineered and surveyed
- Avon-Chelsey Square-Crescent Park storm sewer project will be starting.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Volunteers had over 1200 hours this year
- Stephen Stasko received his paramedic license
- Two volunteers are starting paramedic and EMT training
- The department is switching to Safety Pad software which brings down the per run processing time from one hour to fifteen minutes

Ms. Nachazel asked why Council does not receive the dispatch text alerts anymore. Mr. Fuller said that changed when CAD system was implemented. Mr. Stoeckle said good job as always.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- Officer Tignor and Sergeant Gross have been coordinating with other cities to have a traffic blitz on the interstate to make it safer.
- Officer Spanyer retired on December 31, 2018
- The Police department is now accepting applications.

Ms. Boerger thanked Chief Schierberg the police department for their due diligence.


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:36 p.m. 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 carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer