

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY  
August 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hehman called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jude Hehman, Vicki Boerger, Ms. Burns, Greg Pohlgeers, Michael Stoeckle, Scott McVey, Jerry Deatherage and Kim Nachazel.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Sergeant, Bill Zerhusen; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; City Attorney, Claire Parsons

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

The Mayor asked if there were any guests that would like to address council and there were none.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for those that lost their lives in the Dayton, Ohio and El Paso, Texas shootings. After all attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve of the agenda. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Boerger offered a second to the motion. After asking for any discussion 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 July 1, 2019 minutes. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 council meeting. 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion for approval of the July 15, 2019 minutes. Ms. Boerger stated that Ms. Burns needed to be excluded from the vote on 2019-07 in the minutes since she was absent. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 council meeting with this change. Mr. Stoeckle 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.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of Ordinance 2019-08 setting the property tax rate at \$0.136** on each one hundred dollars of valuation. A rate of \$0.136 is lower than the rate set last year of \$0.137. Mr. Deatherage, the Finance Committee Chairman stated that he was in favor of the proposed tax rate.

**Mr. Parsons performed a first reading of Ordinance 2019-09 setting the park tax rate at \$0.02** on each one hundred dollars of valuation. Mayor Hehman stated that this rate has been the same each year and is for the sole purpose of purchasing and maintaining parks within the City of Fort Mitchell. Mayor

Hehman asked Mr. Stoeckle if the park improvements have been bid out and Mr. Stoeckle stated that the work would be bid out soon.

**Mr. Parsons performed a first reading of Ordinance 2019-10 setting the Duke Energy gas and electric franchise rate at 3%** for use of public right-of-way to be paid quarterly to the City of Fort Mitchell effective when passed, recorded and published in summary form. Mr. Pohlgeers asked what the projected revenue was and the Mayor stated around \$185,000.

**Mr. Parsons performed a reading of Resolution 2019-09 authorizing the position and hiring of crossing guards that are included in the budget passed by Council.** The crossing guards would be along Dixie Highway at Pleasant Ridge, Beechwood and Highland Avenue. Mayor Hehman stated that so far there were no applicants. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, the Mayor asked for a motion. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-09 and Ms. Nachazel seconded

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor stated that school is back in session. Blessed Sacrament is moving most cars out at the light on Dixie Highway across from Pleasant Ridge. An extra officer will be on Highland Avenue in the morning and afternoon this week. There is currently no parking from Oak Drive to Idaho Avenue. The Mayor approved a change order for asphalt instead of concrete which needs to cure for six days at Highland Avenue to expedite the construction for the school traffic. Highland Avenue from Oak Drive to Dixie Highway will be complete by the end of the week. The next phase of construction on Highland Avenue is from Floral Avenue on back. Highland Cemetery is willing to open their gates for excess traffic during the next phase of the Highland Avenue construction. Lucerne Avenue residents will be notified when this will happen.

The Mayor asked the State to move up the repair of Beechwood sidewalk to tomorrow so that the sidewalk will be open Wednesday for school. A barricade will be in between the sidewalk and the construction for the Beechwood turn lane. It will be another six weeks until traffic improves.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Pohlgeers stated that Evans Landscaping did a fantastic job on planting the trees along Dixie Highway and they were significantly the lowest bidder.

Ms. Boerger congratulated the Mayor on receiving the Ruth A. Eger Leaders of Distinction award. Also, Ms. Boerger has requested a few additional "no parking on this side of the street" signs on side streets near downtown such as Requardt Lane and Virginia Avenue since more people are visiting our downtown area. Parking is only allowed on the opposite side of the street from the fire hydrants and not both sides of the street so that emergency vehicles may get through. The Mayor stated that the fire lanes will be marked.

Ms. Burns stated that you must park the way the traffic is going on the side of the street you park.

Mr. Stoeckle stated that over 500 people came to the park to hear Sweet Beats in July. Ms. Patterson and her crew did a great job. Bids will be going out soon for the park improvement work and the Park Board is considering a pocket park in the Sunnymede area.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

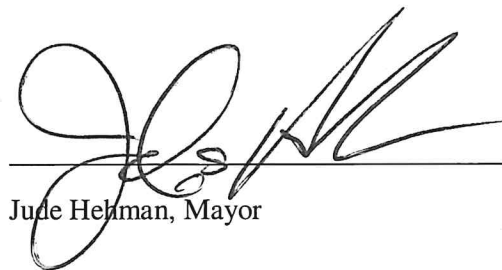
Chief Fuller reviewed the July Fire Department's report. The theme for National Fire Prevention Week during the first week of October is "Real Heroes Don't Wear Capes." On October 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 p.m.

until 9:00 p.m. the Fort Mitchell, Villa Hills, Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills police and fire departments will host a Heroes Night public education event at the Diocesan Children's Home grounds. There will be demonstrations, emergency vehicles and food trucks at the event. Jay Kelly retired with 20 years of experience. The fire department has hired two part-time firefighters and is sending three volunteers to the regional recruit class next week. The State Fire Commission will run the recruiting class going forward. Assistant Fire Chief Hils will be retiring October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Sergeant Zerhusen stated that Aleatha Brown started with the police department as a part-time cadet and will become full-time and attend the police academy in October 2019 through April 2019.

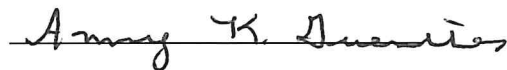
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Burns made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting around 7:00 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 unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



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