

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY
September 16, 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, Greg Pohlgeers, Michael Stoeckle, Scott McVey, Jerry Deatherage and Kim Nachazel. Absent: Vicki Boerger and Mary Burns

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Sharmili Reddy; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg,; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; City Attorney, Claire Parsons; and Police Sergeant, Matt Robinson.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Chief Schierberg introduced and welcomed two new employees. Aleatha Brown is working as a part-time police cadet. She worked as an intern with Covington police, security with Coney Island and she was a Police Explorer. She will be begin attending the twenty week police academy full-time at the end of October. Kayne Brown is a retired lieutenant from the Boone County Sheriff Department, worked for the Florence police department and interned at the airport. He was a SWAT hostage negotiator. Mayor Hehman stated that the City is lucky to have them and Council members welcomed them.

Mayor Hehman presented the July 4th 2019 parade winners with plaques. Bunches of Bows received "Best Float Theme" and the Fort Mitchell Drug Shoppe received "Most Patriotic."

Katie Dillenburg is a traffic engineer from Bayer Becker. Ms. Dillenburg presented a summary of the Highland Avenue traffic study. The public agreed that there were issues, but there was not a lot of buy in for the recommended solutions. Mayor Hehman asked if traffic is better since the Beechwood turn lane was completed. Mr. Deatherage and Mr. Pohlgeers stated that traffic seems to be flowing better. Ms. Nachazel is concerned about the shortage of parking if more "no parking signs" are installed on Highland Avenue. Mayor Hehman asked Council if it was their consensus to table making a decision on the next step to see if the turn lane and changes with Blessed Sacrament's traffic pattern alleviate most of the traffic backup. Council agreed to table the topic. Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Dillenburg to send them a bound copy of the study.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stoeckle 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 August 26, 2019 minutes. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 council meeting. Mr. Pohlgeers 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 second reading of **Ordinance 2019-11, confirming the sale and awarding a non-exclusive franchise to MCI Metro Access Transmission Services Corp. D/B/A Verizon Access Transmission Services for a term of ten years with option to renew for two additional five year terms for a telecommunications franchise agreement, and for the construction, placement, maintenance and operation of a telecommunication system and facilities for the transmission, delivery, provision and sale of telecommunication services along, in, on, over and under the public right-of-way within the City of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky; all upon the terms, conditions and covenants contained in the wired telecommunications franchise agreement.** The Mayor stated that on page 34 the following wording was added at Council request: "The City reserves the right to change the Franchise Fee at any time upon ninety (90) day written notice to the Franchisee". Mr. Pohlgeers asked if the same wording would be in the Cincinnati Bell franchise agreement and the Mayor stated yes. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11 and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. McVey	Yes	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes		

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2019-12: Amending the Annual Capital Replacement Budget of the City for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and Directing this Ordinance to be Adopted and Published by Summary – First reading** Mayor Hehman stated that the amendment is for Fire department radios that were budgeted in the last fiscal year that were not received until this fiscal year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A public meeting will be held on September 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on Park Road to discuss Park Road and the dam.
- Another public meeting will be held on September 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the green space at Sunnymede and Cornell Avenue to discuss pocket parks.
- Braxton Brewery will open within two weeks. An application has been submitted for the mural and signage to the Kenton County Planning and Development Services for approval.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Reddy stated that Kentucky League of Cities is awarding the Elected Official of the Year to Mayor Hehman. The award will be presented and recognized at the KLC Conference lunch on Wednesday, September 26, 2019 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and the October 7th council meeting. Please let the staff know if you would like to attend the lunch.
- On September 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. there is a ribbon cutting for State Farm Insurance and the BomDia Massage and Wellness in the PNC building.

- Ms. Reddy is looking into a resident text alert system like the schools have at the request of Mr. Deatherage.
- The City asked the Northern Kentucky Water District not to work on Highland Avenue water main project during the busy traffic time when school starts and ends.
- Curbs should be installed on the Orphanage Road sidewalk soon. Hopefully, the project will be completed by the end of October.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Deatherage stated that the water was shut off unexpectedly on Highland Avenue. Assistant Fire Chief Hils and Public Works Director, Matt Stegman were on site to assist.

Ms. Nachazel stated that the Beechwood Road Safety Committee met to discuss the Beechwood Road traffic study and ways to calm traffic. Possible suggestions were to reduce speed limits on neighborhood streets from twenty five (25) to twenty (20) miles per hour and speed humps.

Mr. Pohlgeers thought that it was great that the fire and police departments were handing out popsicles to the school children. Also, Mr. Pohlgeers is on the committee to update the zoning ordinances for all cities. This project should be complete by next year.

Mr. Stoeckle reiterated that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the green space at Sunnymede and Cornell Avenue to discuss pocket parks.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The Finance committee will meet Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 to go over the auditor proposals and make a recommendation for an auditor.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- The monthly fire department report was reviewed.
- The fire department is taking applications for the Assistant Fire Chief position until noon on Thursday.
- The radios are installed and waiting to be tested.

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Janie Patterson


- 2019-2020 recreation events are being planned and a preliminary calendar is included in the council packet.
- Area Police and Fire Departments will be putting on a Hero's Night on October 1st.
- Fall Fest will be October 26th
- The Tree Lighting will be December 7th.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- The police department did a poll regarding changing the speed limit on neighborhood streets to 20 miles per hour. 66% were against, 33% were for. This would lower the chance of car accident deaths.
- When vehicles are blocking a drive way, the police officers try to find the owner. A car will be towed if the police officers cannot find the owner and the car is fully blocking the drive way.
- The Police will be holding neighborhood cookouts in October for the Virginia/Requardt area and for the Leathers/Silver area.

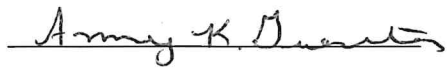
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:31 p.m. 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 unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer