

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY  
October 7, 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, Kim Nachazel, 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; Programs and Communications Coordinator, Janie Patterson; and Assistant Fire Chiefs, Jim Hils, David Jansing and David Slusser

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Mayor stated that he would like to add a special presentation to the agenda after the Fire Department announcements. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda with the one addition. 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 September 16, 2019 minutes. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 council meeting. Mr. McVey 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**

Mr. Luke Curry from 16 Miami Avenue is in Boy Scout Troop 820. He is working on becoming an Eagle Scout. He would like to hold a blood drive at the City building on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He will coordinate the blood drive and the boy scouts will donate snacks, watch children and take donations. Thirty seven percent of people are eligible to give blood and only ten percent do. City Council all agreed that this was a great idea and thanked Mr. Curry.

Mr. Dave Heinz stated that there is a problem with rolling stops at Royal Drive and Beechwood Rd. He would like to borrow the sign for three weeks that mentions rolling stop \$154 fine. The Mayor stated that he would have public works get him a sign.

Mr. Ed Jordan from 14 Orphanage Road is a fan of Braxton Brewery. On opening weekend there was guitars, bass and drums over 90 decibels. He would like to know what he can do about the excessive noise. He also said that the zoning plan stated that the outdoor seating was for dining and there currently

is no dining. The Mayor stated that the plan is to have outdoor dining. Ms. Reddy stated that she will speak with the owners about the music noise level ordinance.

Mr. Joe Oka from 42 Ross Avenue is concerned about the new 3% franchise fee on electric and gas. He would like it to be earmarked for retirement. Councilman Pohlgeers stated that there are serious pension increases that governments have to pay for and the City has been discussing this for a few years. Earmarking just causes expenses to be paid from another line item and does not accomplish anything. Mr. Oka stated that the budget did not include this franchise tax, so the City does not need it. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that Council is planning ahead for future years of required retirement contributions that are increasing.

Ms. Megan Ireland from 76 Superior is the owner of Saddle Club and the building it is in. She brought along three tenants (Karen, Oasis Spa; Mr. Mark, Chiropractor and Phyllis, Christian Bookstore) to express the concerns about parking, especially after the new Remke plaza businesses open. They suggested adding a handicap spot and striping the parking spots out front. The Mayor stated that if the City stripes the parking spots two less cars would be able to park, but they can try temporary striping if they would like. Chief Schierberg stated that the police department is looking for an affordable electronic ticket system. Meters could be considered. With a small police force, the police do not actively enforce parking except on a complaint basis. Ms. Reddy stated that parking will be discussed at the next business association. Ms. Ireland asked Council for their help.

Mr. Gabe Wainscott; manager of Greyhound Tavern, stated that the fence between the KSL building and their restaurant causes cars to turn into oncoming traffic or back up which is a safety hazard. Mr. Wainscott asked if the decision about the fence can be reversed. City Attorney Parsons stated that the appeal time has passed for the fence, but Council can discuss traffic ordinances.

## **AWARD CEREMONY**

Bill Dieruf, Kentucky League of Cities' President and Jefferson Town's Mayor stated Mayor Jude Hehman was the youngest councilman at age 21 years of age, volunteered in the fire department, has returned as a business owner and Mayor of the City to donate his time unselfishly to make this community the best it can be. He received nominations from many people including former mayors and residents and has been awarded the Kentucky League of Cities "2019 Elected Official of the Year." Councilman Pohlgeers read a Senate Citation on behalf of Senator McDaniel. Mayor Hehman thanked his family and City Council.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fire Chief Adam Fuller honored his mentor, Assistant Chief Jim Hils for 25 years of service. Assistant Chief Dave Jansing presented Assistant Chief Jim Hils with an Ax for his retirement. Mayor Hehman stated that Jim Hils is a quiet leader and presented him with a Chiefs badge.

Fire Chief Adam Fuller presented an Assistant Chief's badge to David Slusser.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Police Chief Schierberg framed a former police uniform. The badge will have former Police Chief, Steve Hensley's name on the badge to honor his service to the City and will be mounted on the wall of the police department.

## SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PRESENTATION

Josh & Jessica from Service Line Warranty stated that 127 residents have signed up for the sewer and water line warranty services. There have been 17 claims covering \$16,000.00. The outside waterline warranty is \$5.25 per month and the exterior sewer line is \$7.25 per month with \$8,500 claim max per call. The interior plumbing costs \$9.49 per month for a \$3,000 claim max. Mayor Hehman stated that it is a good warranty program but the letter looks phony and suggested that they improve it.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons performed a second 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**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the amendment 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	Ms. Boerger	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes		

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Motion Passed.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2019-12: Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association Mutual Aid Agreement**. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to pass Resolution 2019-12 as read and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The Mayor call for a voice vote and it passed with all ayes.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor read **Executive Order 2019-21** disposing of signs, poles, a plow, ladder, battery, brackets, and filing cabinet damaged beyond repair or reasonable use by selling the items as scrap for fair market value. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adopt Executive Order 2019-21 as read and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

## COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Stoeckle stated that there is a sewer drain sticking out at the top of Dixie Highway and Beechwood Road. The Mayor stated that the transportation cabinet has been notified.

Ms. Burns asked how traffic has been and the Mayor stated it has been great and the turn lane has also helped Highland Avenue traffic.

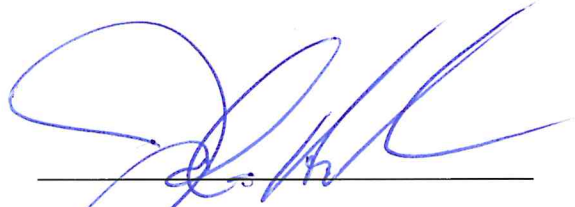
Ms. Boerger asked about the status of Orphanage sidewalk. The Mayor stated that it needed to be seeded and sodded next week.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

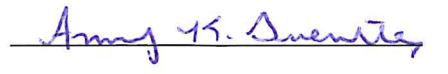
The Mayor asked if anyone else had anything to add. Ms. Guenther stated that property taxes are due. There were no additional reports.

## ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Boerger made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:44 p.m. Mr. McVey 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.

  
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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer