

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY
November 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Ms. Boerger called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Boerger asked the Northern Kentucky Young Marines to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Pohlgeers, Michael Stoeckle, Scott McVey, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Vicki Boerger and Mary Burns; Absent, Mayor Jude Hehman

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Sharmili Reddy; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; City Attorney, Claire Parsons; Assistant Fire Chief, David Slusser

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Boerger asked to add a third proclamation to the Beechwood Marching Tigers to the agenda. Ms. Boerger also asked that the Citizens and Guests be moved to after the proclamations. Ms. Boerger asked if there were any other changes. Hearing none, Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Pohlgeers offered a second to the motion. After asking for any discussion and hearing none, Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Boerger asked for a motion for approval of the October 7, 2019 minutes. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 council meeting. Mr. McVey offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

PROCLAMATIONS

Ms. Nachazel read a City of Fort Mitchell Proclamation recognizing and honoring Northern Kentucky Young Marines for fostering a healthy and drug free lifestyle. The City recognizes Red Ribbon Week November 4-10, 2019.

Mr. McVey read a City of Fort Mitchell Proclamation recognizing the success and accomplishments of the Beechwood Elementary Tigers Cross Country Team. The coaches, Joanna Skeen and Marsha Parke were also recognized. November 5, 2019 is declared Beechwood Elementary Cross Country Team Day in the City of Fort Mitchell.

Mr. Pohlgeers read a City of Fort Mitchell Proclamation recognizing the Beechwood Marching Tigers as Class II A Champions. The proclamation also recognized Band Director, Austin Brailey and Assistant

Director Jacob Sloan. November 6, 2019 is declared Beechwood Marching Band Day in the City of Fort Mitchell.

Ms. Boerger stated on behalf of the City these three proclamations are perfect examples of the dedication that the City of Fort Mitchell youth have and the City is proud of their accomplishments.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Jeb Holbrook, 23 Maple Ave; discussed his concerns of deception, endorsement, ethics and bidding related to the Sewer Line Warranty mailing with the City of Fort Mitchell's logo. Ms. Nachazel said the letter states that the coverage is optional. Mr. Deatherage stated that any business is welcome to approach the City. Ms. Boerger stated that she is glad that this is an option for residents, because some of the sewer laterals are one hundred years old. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that this service is endorsed by the National League of Cities. Ms. Parsons stated that the City is not paying for services provided and does not need to bid this out. Ms. Reddy stated that 127 residents have signed up for this program and there have been 17 claims that have saved residents \$16,000. Mr. Deatherage asked what Mr. Holbrook would like Council to do and Mr. Holbrook stated that the City should cease doing business with this company. Mr. Pohlgeers and Ms. Nachazel stated that there are no other complaints from residents about this letter.

Mr. Bob Kaiser; 35 Virginia Avenue, had several concerns. He stated that he is concerned about getting businesses to move to the City and losing businesses, like Von Lehman to other cities. Mr. Kaiser submitted to council a picture of a truck that was blocking the sidewalk to unload supplies for Braxton's. Mr. Pohlgeers suggested that Mr. Kaiser call the City Administrator to make a complaint. Also, the water building has come down on 36 orphanage road and it looks like it has been graded without a permit. Ms. Reddy stated that she would look into the complaints.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of Ordinance **2019-13: Approving a Text Amendment Allowing Projected Signs to be Permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zone.**

Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2019-14: Establishing Regular Meeting Dates of the Fort Mitchell City Council for the Year 2020.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ms. Boerger stated that a State of Emergency was issued on I75 based on several accidents and slick conditions. Ms. Boerger reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day. Voting will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The discounted Nutcracker tickets have been sold out.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kenton County is bidding out the sale of the Planning and Development Services building. The bid will close in December. Chief Schierberg and Ms. Reddy met with the operation manager of Braxton Barrel House about the complaint received and went over the noise ordinance related to the decibel levels. The manager apologized. The Downtown Business Association met to discuss parking and asked what options the City could provide. The City will begin a process to evaluate options in January 2020.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Burns reminded citizens that she has a friend who lost two great nephews due to fire. Ms. Burns wanted to remind citizens to have a smoke detector and fire extinguisher on each floor and set up an

escape plan. Also, it is pizza week. Camporosso and Grandview Tavern will be offering \$8.00 pizzas. The Eagle Scout's blood drive at the City Building is November 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Deatherage stated that Bramel & Ackley were hired as the new auditors.

Mr. Stoeckle stated that the Park Board meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

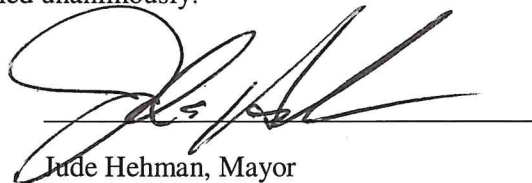
Fire Chief, Adam Fuller, reviewed the monthly fire report. \$1,600 was raised at the hero's night and there was a large crowd for this multi-agency effort. One full-time Fire/EMT employee is leaving for another department. Six employees have applied for the open lieutenant position and the department is currently hiring for the other open full-time position. The department will schedule a 5th part-time employee around the clock starting December 1st. The twenty year old ladder truck is currently bid out. The bid opening is December 2nd. St. Elizabeth will be giving flu shots next Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the City Building.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg, stated that Aleatha Brown is at the Police Academy. She is doing great and maxed out the entry exam. Chief Schierberg will be emailing Council about the pancake breakfast for the residents on the streets near the City Building. Chief Schierberg wanted to commend former Assistant Chief Hils for going above and beyond during the four large collisions. Also, as far as the truck blocking the sidewalk at Braxton's, trucks are often delivering items to different businesses and blocking street and sidewalks. If we enforce not blocking roads and sidewalks, we must do it for all businesses.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman, reviewed the status of different jobs. Orphanage sidewalk and the Highland Avenue water main project are complete except for a few small punch items. Highland Avenue will be resurfaced in the spring. The Water District is replacing the water main on Ridge Avenue and West Orchard. The City will combine road reconstruction with this project. The area outside the fire department garage is currently being bid out. A 2019 truck has been ordered on state contract, to replace a 17 year old truck. Sidewalk repairs will be done on areas that are uprooted from privately owned trees. Mr. Stegman will be looking for direction from Council on whether we should remove and replace trees.

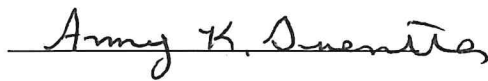
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Stoeckle offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer