

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY
December 2, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hehman asked for a moment of silence for Gene Claves, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called roll.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Sharmili Reddy; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Assistant Fire Chief, Dave Jansing; City Attorney, Claire Parsons; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; Programs Coordinator, Janie Patterson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. After asking for any discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion for approval of the November 4, 2019 minutes. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 council meeting. Mr. Stoeckle seconded 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, 16 Miami Drive, stated that he coordinated a blood drive at the City of Fort Mitchell building for his Eagle Scout project and it was very successful. There were 64 donors and \$600 in donations were received.

Mr. Bob Kaiser; 35 Virginia Avenue, stated that many cities have different flag lot requirements. Mr. Kaiser suggested mirroring Fort Wright's or Lakeside Park's flag lot zoning requirements. Mr. Pohlgeers suggested that Mr. Kaiser review the Flag Lot analysis that the zoning committee has done in the past.

Mr. Jeb Holbrook, 23 Maple Avenue, received the open records information he had requested today related to the Service Line Warranties of America. Mr. Holbrook spoke to Tracy Davis and Rob Black, insurance agents, and they told him that coverage for sewer lines is \$46-50 per year in addition to a home insurance policy. Mr. Holbrook state that the Service Line Warranty of America is about 2.75 time higher and is a bad deal. Mr. Holbrook discussed his concerns that the letter sent out to Fort Mitchell residents is misleading and that the National League of Cities is receiving revenue from this. Mayor Hehman stated

that the letter clearly states that the program is voluntary and is offered in other cities. Mayor Hehman also stated that not all insurance companies have this insurance to add to policies. Mr. Holbrook stated that he has questions of how much does the National and Kentucky League of Cities receive, are they far left and why was it not bid out? Mayor Hehman stated that the City is not making or spending funds, so this does not need to be bid out. Council has additional business to attend to. Mr. Holbrook stated that he feels stifled. Ms. Parson stated that Kentucky, Federal and Fort Mitchell's laws do not require acceptance of public comment at council meetings.

Mr. Robert Brink, 3 Sunnymede, discussed business overflow parking onto side streets. Mr. Brink asked if there is anything residents can do to hold businesses accountable for having enough parking spaces. Mayor Hehman stated that Planning and Development Services (PDS) calculates the number of parking spaces. Ms. Reddy stated that change of use permits are not strictly enforced yet. Ms. Nachazel stated that the zoning ordinances are currently being revised. Mr. Brink asked if the administration could look at a no parking sign on the curve in front of his house due to safety reasons. Mayor Hehman stated that the City will look into this.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Patterson, Programs Coordinator, stated that the holiday festivities will be downtown from 5:00-6:30 and at the City building from 6:30-8:00 on December 7th. The tree lighting will be at 7:45 p.m. The ice skating event was sold out. Registration is available for Dave & Busters, Behringer Crawford Train Display and the Festival of Lights. Ms. Patterson reviewed the annual recreation program report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and said moving forward she will be providing 6 month reports to Council. Ms. Burns stated she was impressed and Council agreed.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons performed a second reading of Ordinance **2019-13: Approving a Text Amendment Allowing Projected Signs to be Permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zone**. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adopt this text amendment and Ms. Burns seconded the Motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of Ordinance **2019-14: Establishing Regular Meeting Dates of the Fort Mitchell City Council for the Year 2020**. Mr. McVey made a motion to adopt this ordinance and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the Motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2019-09: Appointing Joe Hayes and re-appointing Lisa Meiman to the Board of Adjustment.** Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2019-09 and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2019-10: Re-appointing Jennifer Greis to the Code Enforcement Board.** Ms. Burns made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2019-10 and Mr. McVey seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2019-11: Re-appointing Robert Simmons to the Park Board.** Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2019-11 and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2019-12: Re-appointing Shane Armstrong and Stephen Smith to the Ethics Board.** Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2019-12 and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2019-13: Re-appointing Craig Grabow, Kevin Dicke and Nicole Clements to the Tree Board.** Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2019-13 and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2019-14: Re-appointing Greg Pohlgeers as representative and Jude Hehman as alternate to the PDS Council.** Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2019-14 and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

MAYORS REPORT

Executive Order 2019-24: Declaring Surplus Property. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adopt Executive Order 2019-09 and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Mayor Hehman stated that Christ Hospital announced that they will not be building at the Drawbridge property. Mayor Hehman stated that he believes in the property and will focus on new development. The planning session will be in January to break out and discuss ideas.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Burns asked if Brandicorp has the option to buy back the Drawbridge property and the Mayor stated that he will find out. Ms. Burns asked if residents could have grills on apartment and condo balconies and Assistant Fire Chief Jansing said that they can not.

Mr. Deatherage stated that he and Mr. Stegman would like Council's blessing to have a public open house to discuss if Highland Avenue should be widened when it is being resurfaced from Ross Avenue to Dixie

Highway to help with traffic congestion. The estimated cost would be approximately \$575,000 versus \$165,000 to resurface Highland Avenue. Mr. Stoeckle asked if the construction could be in the summer to avoid school traffic. Ms. Nachazel and Mr. Pohlgeers stated that Council would need to get citizens input. Mr. Deatherage indicated that would be the next step in the process.

Mr. Deatherage also asked if there was a certain time period that Braxton Barrel House is required to start serving food. Ms. Reddy stated yes and that she would check on this.

Mr. Stoeckle asked if there was any more news related to I75 wall repairs. Mayor Hehman stated that he has written the state department and will discuss with legislators in Frankfort. Mr. Stoeckle added that the Park Board meeting will be rescheduled.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman stated that eight contractors are interested in the City Driveway and Brice Steps bid. The bid opening will be December 10th. Ridge and West Orchard reconstruction will be spring jobs.

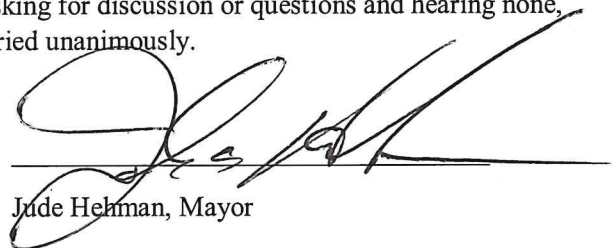
City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther stated that the audit starts Wednesday and should be presented in January. An offer has been made to a part-time administrative assistant. She will be starting in December. The collected Real Estate Taxes are \$47,000 higher than budget. Approximately \$35,000 of 2019 Real Estate Taxes and Garbage Collection Fees are outstanding. The Bank deposit tax is \$5,000 less than budget. The interest earnings rate has dropped to 1.8% over the last few months.

Assistant Fire Chief, Dave Jansing stated that November Fire Report would be emailed out. There were 76 runs and 226 volunteer hours in November. The department has a new full-time employee starting next week. The tent at Braxton has been approved for fire safety. The department is getting new volunteers monthly.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg went over the November police report. Chief Schierberg stated that there have been some thefts recently. The department has had some driver's training.

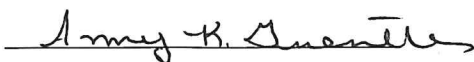
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:56 p.m. Mr. Deatherage 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