

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY
January 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Hehman called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hehman led the Pledge of Allegiance and called roll.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Sharmili Reddy; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; City Attorney, Bryce Rhoades

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman stated that two municipal orders were added to the agenda to re-appoint members to the Code Enforcement Board and the Tree Board. The Mayor asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stoeckle 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 if there were any changes to the December 2, 2019 minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman asked for a motion. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019 council meeting. Mr. Deatherage 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

Chief Fuller, introduced Heather Ladanyi, her husband Brad and her two daughters. Ms. Ladanyi is the newly hired full-time fire fighter paramedic. Ms. Ladanyi comes to the City with fourteen years of experience and a former captain at the City of Ludlow fire department. Ms. Ladanyi thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

Chief Fuller congratulated Michael Brooks for being promoted to a lieutenant in the fire department. Mr. Brooks has been with the department since 2017 and has previous experience in Ohio. Lieutenant Brooks was pinned by his fiancé, Jessica.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2020-01: Re-appointing Frank Pohlgeers, Derick Harper and Kevin Burns to the Code Enforcement Board.** Mr. Deatherage made a motion to adopt Municipal

Order 2020-01 and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2020-02: Re-appointing Anna Kirschner to the Tree Board.** Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2020-02 and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman stated that the Mayors' meeting will be at the City of Fort Mitchell's council room at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. He invited any interested council member to join.

Mayor Hehman stated that the planning session will be Monday, January 27th at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Mayor Hehman requested that Council send any suggestions for the planning meeting to Ms. Reddy.

Mayor Hehman asked Mr. Deatherage if the Finance Committee could evaluate whether the City should borrow or pay cash for the purchase of a fire truck since the borrowing rates are so low. Mr. Deatherage stated that it is prudent to look at both sides. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that he would like to see the interest rates.

Mayor Hehman met with the Vent Haven Museum curator. The Fort Mitchell museum has had a successful capital campaign and will be expanding. The site plan will go through the approval process with the Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Hehman stated that he, Ms. Reddy and Mr. Pohlgeers were selected by Judge Knochelmann to be on a committee to evaluate the governance of Planning and Development Services (PDS). PDS is made up of the Management Board, the PDS Council and the Planning Commission. The committee is discussing how to appoint members to the Management Board. The committee's next meeting is Wednesday, January 4th and everyone is welcome to attend. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that there are some good ideas on the table to make PDS more effective and efficient.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Reddy stated that on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 there will be a public meeting at the Beechwood School cafeteria to discuss the 2020 Highland Avenue road project and a possible three foot widening of the road in the right-of-way. City staff has sent out postcards to houses on and off Highland Avenue. A Facebook event has been sent out and a yard sign will be displayed. Ms. Reddy asked Council to encourage people to attend and stated that no decisions have been made. The Mayor stated that there will be stations at the meeting with photos and illustrations for Council and the public to learn and discuss.

Ms. Reddy stated that the downtown business owners would like the City to conduct a parking study. Ms. Reddy met with CT engineers and they will come up with the scope of the study for the planning meeting. CT will be doing a drone study in the spring and summer to determine how the parking is utilized when all of the outdoor dining is being used.

Ms. Reddy stated that KLC Day and Night is February 12th. Ms. Reddy will be setting up meetings with the legislators. The more presence the City has, the better.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Stoeckle stated that the Park Board met on December 17th. The park renovation bids came in higher than what was budgeted, so the Board is changing the project scope to meet budget.

Ms. Boerger stated that the City is taking nominations for the Wall of Honor on the website for people that serve the City and the community.

Ms. Burns thanked the police for the vacation checks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

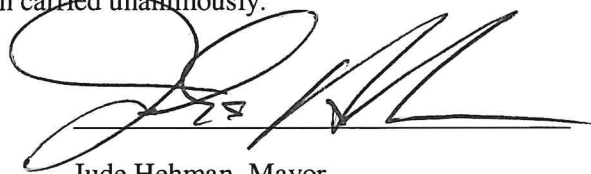
City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther stated that \$2,174,000 of property taxes have been collected. \$22,745 (1%) of 2019 taxes are delinquent.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg asked if there were any questions about the December police report that was in the council packet. Sergeant Zerhusen is working on the year end report. The Beechwood Safety Committee met prior to the council meeting and they are in the early stages of planning the scope and concepts of the safety project. The committee is working with Bayer Becker Engineers on the cost and drawings. The committee will have public meetings. The Mayor suggested that the committee meet with the school board to see if the school construction changes will affect the project scope.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller went over the monthly fire report. Chief Fuller stated that there were 135 runs and 73 of those were in Fort Mitchell. The new utility truck will arrive in a few weeks and the old utility truck will be repurposed to Public Works. The new fire truck that will be ordered will be a ladder and pumper which will increase operation efficiency.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:56 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

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