

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY
March 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Council Person, Vicki Boerger, called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the City Clerk to call roll.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Sharmili Reddy; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; Assistant Fire Chief, Dave Jansing; City Attorney, Claire Parsons

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Boerger asked if there were any changes to the February 3, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger asked for a motion. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 council meeting. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Ms. Boerger asked if there were any guests that would like to speak.

Mr. Jeb Holbrook, 23 Maple Avenue, expressed his concerns about Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) sending out a sales letter for the sewer and water warranties that had the City's logo and return address. Ms. Boerger stated that the City's marketing agreement with SLWA is expiring soon. A representative from Service Line Warranties of America will be at the April meeting to address questions and Council will decide whether to renew the contract. Ms. Boerger advised Mr. Holbrook to send his questions to the City. Mr. Holbrook would like to know how much the National League of Cities receives for each policy sold. Ms. Reddy stated that the language is clear that this policy is optional and that the letter was not from the City. Ms. Burns stated that she would like it to be made clear in correspondence that this company does not cover condos.

Stephanie Huhn from Bramel and Ackley CPA, presented the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Ms. Huhn stated that the City received a clean opinion and no material internal control weaknesses were identified.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2020-01: Supporting House Bill 484 to reorganize the Kentucky Retirement System and urging support of the bill by our Senate and House Representatives in the general assembly.** Mr. Deatherage made a motion to accept this resolution as read and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parson read **Resolution 2020-02: Authorizing the mayor to apply for funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of a direct capture exhaust system for the fire bays and further authorizing the expenditure of required local contribution if awarded.** Ms. Nachazel made a motion to accept this resolution as read and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilwoman Boerger stated that the application is on the City website for the Wall of Honor and applications will be accepted until Friday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Reddy stated that Resolution 2020-01 will be sent to the State legislators and that upcoming events are as follows:

- March 16th, 8:00-10:00 a.m.-Downtown Business Association meeting
- March 19th-Business Breakfast at the City's Council Chambers. Northern Kentucky Universities Small Business will be speaking.
- March 24th, 11:30-1:30 a.m.-Office Summit to discuss challenges of filling office space.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Stoeckle stated that the Park Board meeting will be tomorrow night (March 3rd) at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stoeckle also stated that the Parks Director, Kyle Bennet, will be taking reservations for the park sports fields and shelter.

Mr. Pohlgeers stated that he was on the committee to reorganize the Planning and Development Services (PDS) Management Board and Executive Committee. Those suggested changes have been approved and new members were elected to both groups. Ms. Nachazel asked if we know anyone on the Management Board and Mr. Pohlgeers stated that he was elected as chairman.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther went over the City's investments and rates.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman stated that the project on Fort Mitchell's drive way and Dixie Highway curb from Highland Avenue to Silver Avenue starts at the beginning of April. Ridge Road and West Orchard reconstruction bids are due Thursday, March 5th. Highland Avenue, Oak Street and Anthony Lane resurfacing will be bid out in a few weeks. Grace Avenue and Grace Court pavement

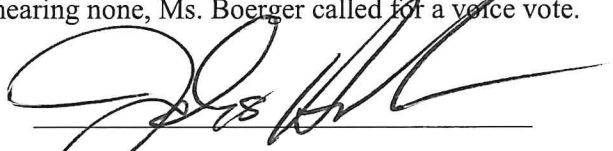
repair and drainage is under design. Other small concrete repairs will be completed on Deauville Court, Ana Jo Lane and Cook Book Lane. Mr. Stegman will be working with Kenton County to use a laser sensor to evaluate the pavement quality of roads for the purpose of revising the street repair plan. Mr. Stegman asked Ms. Reddy about the grants for Beechwood Drive Sidewalks from Grandview Drive to Fort Mitchell Place. Ms. Reddy stated that there are two grants that the City is going to apply for in the next few months. Mr. Pohlgeers asked if the City has been tracking expenses for Dixie Highway repairs and how they compared to last year. Ms. Reddy stated the City is tracking these expenses and will be sending invoices to the State of Kentucky Transportation Department.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg reviewed the February police report. Crime was down. Ms. Nachazel asked when the wall and lights on the expressway would be fixed. Chief Schierberg stated that he does not know and that the Kentucky Department of Transportation will be fixing this. Ms. Boerger asked if car accidents on the expressway were down and Chief Schierberg stated that it was had been, but there were two mild truck accidents last week.


Fire Chief, Adam Fuller stated that the new ladder truck is engineered and in construction and will be received around September. The utility truck will be delivered this month. A new ambulance specification committee has been established. There will be a change in apparatus numbers to eliminate duplication with other area fire departments. Chief Fuller reviewed the February fire and EMS report. Chief Fuller stated that Jim Hils has been rehired as a full-time fire fighter. Also, two experienced part-time employees have been hired, Jordan Ottaway and Kenny Harney. Also, two part-time employees have resigned: Frankie Peluso due to his upcoming retirement and Kyle Kilby. Mr. Stoeckle thanked Assistant Chief Jansing for training three residents in CPR.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Boerger asked if there was anything else and Mr. Stoeckle suggested that a long time teacher that is retiring, Kathy Wolf, be nominated as the July 4th parade grand marshal. Ms. Nachazel suggested the theme be the trolley green line since it changed our city. Ms. Reddy thanked Mr. Stoeckle and Ms. Nachazel for their suggestion and stated that the parade grand marshal was already set to be Hometown Hero Veterans. Ms. Boerger stated that the next meeting is March 16th and then April 13th. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:13 p.m. and Mr. McVey 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

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