

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
MEETING AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"
May 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the regular council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and announced roll call.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jude Hehman, Scott McVey, Mary Burns, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers and Michael Stoeckle. Vicki Boerger was absent at roll call, but joined at 6:45p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman 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, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the April 13, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman asked for a motion. Ms. Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 council meeting. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all ayes.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Mayor Jude Hehman asked City Administrator, Ms. Reddy if she received any emails or phone calls with questions or comments from the public. Ms. Reddy stated that none were submitted.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2020-01: Repealing Ordinance 2005-19 regulating temporary signs and any subsequent amendments thereto in their entirety**. Ms. Reddy stated that the temporary sign ordinance is now included in the zoning ordinances and was updated in 2017.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2020-05: Requesting the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to extend the truck lane restriction on interstate 71/75 south bound from the Kyles Lane overpass to Buttermilk Pike**. Mayor Hehman stated that the State will diamond grind both sides of the road for \$8,500,000 to add friction. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to accept this resolution as read and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2020-06: Authorizing the mayor to apply for funds from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency's COVID-19 Assistant to Firefighters Grant for fifty reusable isolation gowns and canister respirators and further authorizing the expenditure of required local contribution if awarded.** The grant is for \$24,800.00, federal share is \$23,619.05, and our cost is \$1,180.95. Ms. Burns made a motion to accept this resolution as read and Mr. McVey seconded the motion. Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons reads **Resolution 2020-07: Authorizing the mayor to apply for funds from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Recruitment and Retention Grant requiring no local contribution.** Chief Fuller stated that this grant could potentially pay 100% for a Full Time Volunteer Retention and Recruitment Coordinator 100% paid by the Federal Government. The internship program would be an exchange for service four year college degree scholarship program. 15-20 additional volunteers would need to be recruited and the required protective equipment would be 100% paid. Mr. McVey made a motion to accept this resolution as read and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman thanked Council for the huge success of the COVID-19 Small Business Grants. Thirty-four businesses applied and received a \$2,500 grant.
- Mayor Hehman read thank you letters from Biggby Coffee and Moving Minds for the small business grants. A few businesses reached out to say they did not see anything about the Small Business grant application.
- The open Programs and Communication Coordinator job will be posted this week.
- A decision will be made on whether to hold the Independence Day parade in the next few weeks.
- The City is waiting for direction from the Governor's office of when to reopen different courts and equipment within the parks. Please continue to social distance.
- The first virtual public meeting was held for the Ridge, Coleman, and West Orchard road project. Seven residents logged onto the meeting.
- Ms. Reddy accepted the Executive Director position for the Kenton County Planning and Development Services. Mayor Hehman thanked Ms. Reddy for her service and wished her the best. The acting interim City Administrator will be Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg. The Mayor will hire a new City Administrator within 90 to 120 days. Ms. Reddy gave a six week notice and will work two weeks and then will consult with the City's administration as needed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Reddy thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for the opportunity, support and an amazing experience.
- The dumpster was removed last week due to the construction project in the front of the City building. A large item pickup day will be scheduled in September or October. Best Way is asking residents to put all trash in the trash bins and offering extra trash bins.
- Tree board has accepted Davies to complete Phase II of the Dixie Highway tree removal and replacement project. This next phase of the project will be from Sunoco to Woodlawn, and Thompson to Grace Avenue.

- Lighting will be added to the intersection of Highland and Dixie to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists. The state has to approve a photometric study.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilman Deatherage announced that the Finance meeting will be held on May 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Stoeckle stated that there will be no Park Board meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Pohlgeers asked Mr. Stegman if the Highland Avenue project will be done by July. Mr. Stegman said it would be done before school starts in August.

Council members and the department heads thanked Ms. Reddy for her service to the City.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- Chief Schierberg reviewed the April police report.
- Call volume dropped 32% due to COVID-19.
- The vacant police position has been reposted.
- The first two hybrid cruisers have been received.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The employees are slowly starting to come back into the office and we hope to have the office opened to the public June 1st.
- The insurance quotes are being received and the budget is being prepared.
- The Finance committee meeting will be next week on Zoom.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman


- The City Building drive way, sidewalk and curb project is underway.
- Riegler Construction will be starting prep work on West Orchard this week.
- The City received four bids for Highland Avenue resurfacing.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

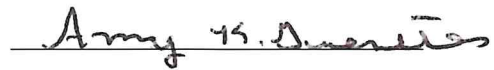
- Chief Fuller reviewed the April Fire and EMS report.
- The community support has been awesome.
- A grant was received from Backup Life Organization for 76 car seats.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nachazel made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn the City Council Meeting and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.


Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:


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