

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY COUNCIL ROOM
MEETING AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"
July 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., called roll and announced that there was a quorum.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Acting City Administrator and Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; City Attorney, Claire Parsons; Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield; and TBNK employee, Jason Dudas.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman 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 Jude 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 June 15, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman asked for a motion. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 council meeting. Ms. Burns 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

Mayor Jude Hehman welcomed Allison Roeding who is running for City Council to the meeting

T.J. and Mary Anne Burns, 18 Highland Avenue, stated that they sold 16 Highland Avenue to the City. Mr. Burns stated that currently there are lines painted where the City is planning to widen the driveway apron on 16 Highland Avenue that extends over the property line. Mr. Burns stated that they would like to keep the driveway the way it is. Mr. Stegman stated that he just got word of Mr. and Mrs. Burns' concerns today. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the parties need to communicate to each other, and Mr. Deatherage stated that the City needs to be good neighbors. The Mayor has approved fixing the fence, gate and drainage issues.

PUBLIC HEARING: MUNICIPAL ROAD AID

Mayor Hehman opened the Municipal Road Aid public hearing at 6:51 p.m. Mr. Stegman stated that the Municipal Road Aid budgeted expenses include Orphanage Road sidewalk carryover, salt, construction materials and equipment rental for road repairs. \$105,000 is budgeted for the Bromley-Crescent Springs Road project in conjunction with Kenton County and surrounding cities. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. Ms. Burns made a motion to close the Municipal Road Aid public hearing and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2020-09: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Lakeside Park, Kentucky to provide fire protection and emergency medical services for the City of Lakeside Park. The Mayor stated that he adjusted the contract so that Lakeside Park would cover their proportionate share of the Fire and EMS department costs.** Ms. Boerger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman stated that he discussed with Judge Knochelmann that Northern Kentucky cities need to be consistent with rules if hospitals reach capacity.
- The second meeting in August may be cancelled if the property tax calculation is not ready.
- Greyhound Tavern is open, and employees are wearing masks.
- The Tax Incremental Financing District has been extended six months to give the developers time to figure out the development of the Drawbridge property.
- Mike Brandy closed on the Drawbridge property and has hired a grass cutting company. He will attend the September meeting to discuss plans for the property.
- Chief Schierberg will continue as the City Administrator through December.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Duke Energy is clearing trees on Grandview to the fence line.
- A manhole cover on Dixie Highway keeps popping up and SD1 will be notified.
- The phone system and IT bids have been received and selected. Cincinnati Bell was the low bidder on a cloud-based system. Chief Schierberg stated that his wife does work at Cincinnati Bell.
- A change of the stealth speed limit to 20 miles per hour is being tested on Woodlawn. A petition of 93 signers was received to reduce the speed limit. Chief Schierberg will bring a list of proposed streets to Council to lower the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.
- Chief Schierberg is looking at different ideas such as radar signs. The law states that cities can not ticket from a camera.
- Remove food sources and close garbage cans to reduce coyote visits. Residents can not shoot coyotes. Chief Schierberg is looking into solutions.
- Mrs. Schneider thanked all the volunteers that worked on her yard. Ms. Burns stated that the City should contact properties with homestead exemptions to see if they need help from volunteers.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Stoeckle said the Park Board meeting will be rescheduled.

Mr. Deatherage appreciated the tough decision to cancel the parade due to Covid-19 to keep residents safe.

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- Property Tax Calculations may be received late and the due date may need to be extended.
- The City will be receiving CARES funding for \$592,000.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Part-time firefighter/EMTs are being hired from existing volunteers.
- The ambulance bids will be received in August.
- 76 car seats from the grant Buckle Up for Life will be given out to families that receive a traffic violation for not having a car seat.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- The department has received local bids for two vehicles that are \$1,000 less per car than the state bid.
- Call volume has decreased 17% due to Covid-19 and modifying traffic violation protocol.
- Ms. Burns asked if there have been any changes to the police department in light of the current environment. Chief Schierberg stated that they are adding the Duty to Intervene to the department's policies. Police officers are attending de-escalation training.

Mayor Hehman stated that the internet is down. The meeting will be able to be viewed on TBNK.

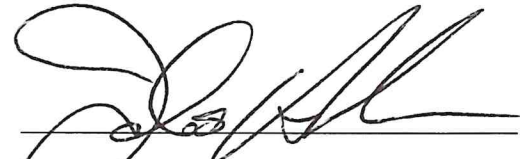
Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- The front of Highland, Ridge and West Orchard is being worked on.
- Bryce Avenue steps were not constructed correctly and will be redone.
- Mr. Stoeckle stated that the lighting on Highland and Dixie is so much better.


Assistant Fire Chief Jansing stated that John Lambert, a lifetime member of the fire department, passed away yesterday. The Mayor stated that the City sends condolences to his family.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn the City Council Meeting and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.


Jude Hehman, Mayor

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