

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY COUNCIL ROOM
MEETING AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"
September 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the 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, Greg Pohlgeers, Mike Stoeckle, Vicki Boerger; Absent, Kim Nachazel

OTHERS PRESENT

Acting City Administrator and Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; City Attorney, Claire Parsons; and Park Director, Kyle Bennett; TBNK, Jason Dudas; Brandicorp, Mike Brandy; Stett Transportation, Lynn Anstett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage 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 September 14, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.

BRANDICORP PRESENTATION OF DRAWBRIDGE AREA DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Brandy stated the following: Brandicorp executed an option to purchase most of the land formerly owned by Christ Hospital, but Christ Hospital still owns a 4.9-acre site where the now-empty Montgomery Inn sits. Brandicorp hopes to acquire or partner with Christ Hospital on the 4.9-acre. Brandicorp is working on developing the former Drawbridge area and is going after regional specialty grocers, restaurants, senior and multi-family housing and office buildings. Royal Drive may be re-routed and may be a town square. Brandicorp purchased or is in the process of purchasing the gas station and the salon on Royal Drive.

Mayor Hehman stated that St. Elizabeth also purchased property near the development earlier this year when it acquired from the Kenton County Fiscal Court the vacated Planning & Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) building on Royal Drive. Mayor Hehman stated that the TIF to this development may no longer apply. Mayor Jude Hehman asked Mr. Brandy about a timeline for this new plan. Mr.

Brandy stated that COVID has really delayed a lot of the restaurant commitments and Brandicorp is moving as fast as they can.

STETT TRANSPORTATION GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

Mayor Hehman stated that on December 13, 2016 Stett Transportation requested the City Council adopt language for Stett Transportation to be taxed on Net Profit instead of Gross Profit. Ms. Anstett stated Stett Transportation is a logistics company and has low profit margins. Logistic companies act as an agency and are the middlemen for trucking contracts. Mr. Scott Cress, from Barnes Dennig CPA firm stated that Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 67.753(4a) allows a separate accounting. Chief Schierberg stated that the Finance Committee met about this request in February 2017 and recommended not to allow a separate tax calculation, because it was not fair to other businesses that have high gross receipts and low profit margins that have been paying this tax. Ms. Anstett stated that she did not receive the result of the finance committee meeting. Ms. Guenther stated that an email of the results was sent to Ms. Anstett. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that Fort Mitchell had this tax when the company moved into the City and that Ms. Anstett should have followed up on their request. Ms. Parsons stated that the City is permitted to accept a separate accounting but is not required to do so. The Mayor stated that we can gather the information and the attorney's email for a vote at the next Council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Trick or Treat will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the City unless the governor comes up with a mandate. If someone does not want to participate, they can turn their lights off.
- All Fort Mitchell citizens will vote at Lakeside Christian Church on Buttermilk Pike.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons performed a second reading on Ordinance 2020-05: Amending Chapter 39 of the City of Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances and Ordinance 2017-16 to Allow a Grace Period, Change of Penalty and Interest Rates and Add a Hardship Payment Plan. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote.

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes
Mr. McVey	Yes	Ms. Boerger	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes

Ms. Parsons performed a second reading on Ordinance 2020-06: Levying a Tax of \$.02 on Each One Hundred Dollars for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Purpose of Purchasing and Maintaining Parks. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote.

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes
Mr. McVey	Yes	Ms. Boerger	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes

Ms. Parsons performed a second reading on Ordinance 2020-07: Providing for the Assessment of Property within the Corporate Limits of the City of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky and Levying an Ad Valorem Tax of \$0.136 on Each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of

Assessed Valuation of Real Property for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Specifying the Purpose for Which the Taxes are Levied. Mayor Hehman stated that this rate is the same as last year's tax rate. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote.

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes
Mr. McVey	Yes	Ms. Boerger	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes

Ms. Parsons performed a second reading of Ordinance 2020-08; Enacting and Adopting a Supplement of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote.

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes
Mr. McVey	Yes	Ms. Boerger	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

Acting City Administrator, Andrew Schierberg

- Mayor Hehman stated that we need to decide if Council will resume in person meetings. Some cities are meeting in person with partitions. Many residents have said that they are watching the virtual meetings.
- The Kentucky League of City Teleconference is next week if anyone wants to attend.
- The new phone system has been installed.
- New 30-minute parking signs have been installed in front of the Saddle Club building.
- The zoning ordinances revision project (Z21) is in process.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- The police department is working on hiring for the three vacant positions.
- The radio system went live and is working well. The police, fire and administrative department can communicate on the same channel.
- The department will be ordering two hybrid SUV's that save 40% in gas.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- Ridge and West Orchard construction is still in process.
- Bryce is awaiting the railing.
- Concrete spot repairs will be starting soon.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- There was a fire caused by a candle last night on Superior that was kept to one bedroom.
- 32 fire inspection have been completed in the last two months.
- 120 fire hydrants were painted.
- The ambulance has been purchased and will be received in 220 days.

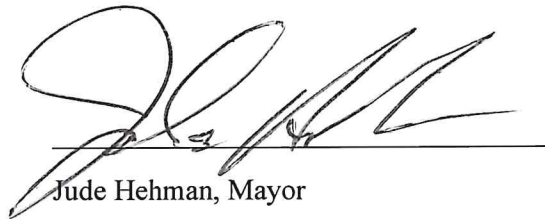
- The annual fire poster contest will be virtual this year.
- The City received a grant for a full-time recruitment coordinator and tuition reimbursement for interns.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The City has hired a temp while Jamie and Rhonda are out of the office. Her name is Char.
- Property taxes will be mailed out next week.
- The workers comp audit will be October 5th.
- Casie has been working on the FEMA grant for reimbursement of COVID-19 expenses with Adam.

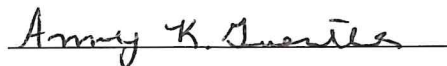
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn the City Council meeting and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer