

**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"  
October 5, 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. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Ron Becker, who passed. The Mayor stated that Ron Becker served the City for sixty-five years. The Mayor lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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 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 21, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. McVey made a motion to approve the September 11, 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.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

There were no citizens and guests that wanted to speak.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The Mayor read the 2020 Fire Week Prevention proclamation, which stated that residents should stay in the kitchen when cooking and have a working fire alarm. The theme is Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!
- 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. The Mayor stated that this is not a City sponsored event.
- The Mayor read **Executive Order 2020-21 to Surplus** the following property: 2200 feet of 5 inch hose, the 1998 Toshiba phone equipment, 2007 D.A.D. Voicemail system, 2012 Dodge Charger

and various outdated office equipment purchased prior to 2015 by auctioning them off on GovDeals.com The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. and hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and **the motion passed with all ayes.**

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Restaurants are asking to modify their permit with PDS to enclose the additional outside dining. Northern Kentucky Health Department is awaiting guidance from the state. Only one complaint was received, and it has been resolved. The Mayor stated that Council may want to consider allowing expanded outdoor dining in the future since the outdoor dining has gone well.
- The new IT and phone system transition is complete.
- The Kenton County Animal Shelter is asking that cities adopt a standard animal control ordinance. Chief Schierberg will be sending out comparisons of the City's current ordinance and Kenton County's ordinance.

#### **COUNCIL'S COMMENTS**

- Ms. Burns stated that trees on Duke Energy's property on Beechwood Road need to be trimmed so as not to obstruct drivers' vision.
- Mr. Stoeckle stated that the Park Board meeting is October 6 at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that a financial projection will be presented tomorrow, and the Park Board and the City need to save for future park projects.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS**

##### **Public Works Director, Matt Stegman**

- Mr. Stegman reviewed the status of the ongoing road projects. Chief Schierberg stated that Mr. Stegman is coordinating roadwork with the utility companies, so that in the long run the City will receive more value.
- Public Works employee, Chris Fieghery is on Military Leave.
- The bid opening for building improvements such as the dorm room and HVAC is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Fire Chief, Adam Fuller**

- The department is preparing for Ron Becker's funeral.
- Fire Prevention Week will be posted on social media.
- The virtual fire poster contest is open to all Northern Kentucky schools.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Wuestefeld received the National Registry of EMS recognizing his 20 years as a certified paramedic.
- The new ladder truck will be received next week.
- The full-time recruitment coordinator position has been posted.
- A grant for sidewalk repairs has been submitted to KLC
- The FEMA grant is being reviewed.
- The decision on the grant for a cot has been delayed until Friday.
- COVID-19 grants have been submitted.

**City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther**

- Property taxes were mailed out this week and are on the website.
- The Workers Comp audit was today, and the City will be receiving a refund.
- The financial audit will start on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The bank deposit taxes are \$60,000 higher than the amount budgeted.

**Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg**

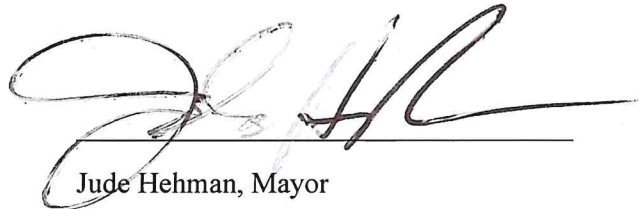
- The police department is down three officers. The department is conducting interviews and hopes to hire one new recruit and two experienced officers.
- Bill Zerhusen was promoted to Captain.
- The batteries for the speed sign on Highland Avenue will be replaced.
- A solar panel was purchased for the speed sign on Dixie Highway.

**Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield**

- The City is set up on and is posting on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.
- There will be a Christmas Decorating contest December 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

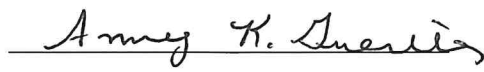
**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Burns made a motion at 7:07 p.m. to adjourn the City Council meeting and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer