

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY COUNCIL ROOM
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"
February 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the council meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., took roll and announced that there was a quorum.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jude Hehman, Alyson Roeding, Jerry Deatherage, Greg Pohlgeers, Mike Stoeckle, and Vicki Boerger; Absent: Mary Burns and 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; Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

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. Ms. Boerger 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 stated that the draft minutes listed Ms. Boerger as absent instead of Ms. Burns. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any other changes to the January 4, 2021 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes with the one correction. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the January 25, 2021 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes. Mr. Stoeckle 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

Stephanie Huhn, Partner of Bramel & Ackley, PSC presented the audit for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020. The independent auditors issued an unmodified and clean opinion that the financial statements are fairly stated. This is the highest opinion and auditor can give. Also, no material weaknesses, deficiencies or noncompliance were noted in the internal controls. Ms. Huhn reviewed the Management Discussion and Analysis, the financial statements, and related notes. A prior period adjustment was made to expenses construction costs. Mayor Hehman noted the net long term pension liability of over \$11,000,000 on the Statement of Net Position.

No other comments from Citizens and Guests were submitted via social media, email, or teleconference.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-09 Appointing Edwin King as the City Administrative Officer**. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-09 as read and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-10 Appointing John Powell as a Code Enforcement Board Member**. Mayor Hehman stated that Derrick Harper has moved from the City of Fort Mitchell and John Powell will fill his open spot. Mr. Powell has previously served on the Code Enforcement Board. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-10 as read and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing to Apply for Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant for the Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus**. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution Order 2021-01 as read and Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing Mayor to Apply for A FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant-Motion**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 as read and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-03 Urging the Kentucky General Assembly to Address Infrastructure Needs by Increasing Transportation Funding and Modernize Kentucky Road Funding Formula**. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-03 as read and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman read **Executive Order 2021-04 Surplus Property**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Executive Order 2021-04 as read and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- Thank you to Chief Schierberg for doing an amazing job as acting City Administrator.
- There will be a public hearing before the next Council Meeting on March 1, 2021 for a federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) -Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) residential utility grant. The Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) is coordinating the grant for the Northern Kentucky region. The Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (NKCAC) will be taking applications from residents that have been negatively affected financially by Covid-19 and administering the funds to pay utility bills. The City may initially apply for \$250,000.

- Mayor Hehman asked City Council their opinion on snow emergencies if the City should ticket. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the City should educate the public by putting flyers on the cars. Ms. Boerger stated that it is a safety issue for the snow removal drivers. A snow emergency will be called this evening.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Chief Schierberg thanked the department heads, City Officials and the police department for their hard work and patience while he was the acting City Administrator.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- Construction of Watch Hill Road will go out for bid in the next month. Duke Energy will be lowering the gas mains.
- The sidewalks for Grace Avenue will be a separate project from the road project since the storm sewer project is time sensitive with the Sanitation District. It will take time to meet with residents regarding possible sidewalks and acquiring right-of-way.
- The street evaluation plan has been reviewed. There will be concrete repair on Chelsea Square. Work on Watch Hill Road, Requardt Avenue, Cornell Avenue and Royal Drive will be budgeted next fiscal year.
- The department is working on replacing sidewalks that need repair and fill potholes.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Chief Fuller reviewed the January Fire department report.
- Six new interns have been hired for the tuition for service grant.
- Three new volunteers have been hired and two more are in process.
- Four students are in the recruit class.
- The department has been asked to participate in a national Community risk Assessment process.
- The new firetruck can turn around in tight streets.
- The new ambulance estimated receipt date has been pushed back to June.
- The department will be reviewed for insurance ratings.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- The City will be offering discounted Perfect North ticket for February 28th.
- Mayor Hehman stated that Mr. Christofield is doing a good job on City Council biographies.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

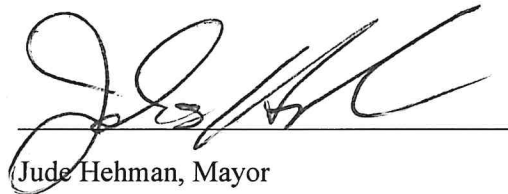
- The Vendor list for 2020 is in the council packet along with an cash investment statement.
- The City's intent is to start investing in the Kentucky League of Cities' investment pool.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- The Kentucky Department of Transportation has been asked to study a four way stop sign at Edenderry for a safe cross way as part of the Bromley Crescent Springs Road.
- The Park Board will have a special meeting to go over the final tweaks of the Park project so that it can be bid out next month.
- Two offers have been made for open positions in police department. The next available spot in the academy will probably be in September for a recruit. Other applicants are in process.
- The second round of vaccines are scheduled for this week.

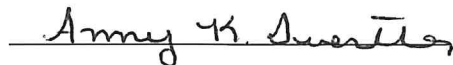
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. the City Council meeting and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer