

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, COUNCIL ROOM
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"
March 1, 2021, 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., lead the Pledge of Allegiance, asked Ms. Guenther to call roll, and announced that there was a quorum. The Mayor stated that meeting participants had dividers between them, and attendees were social distancing.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jude Hehman, Alyson Roeding, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Mike Stoeckle, and Vicki Boerger; Absent: Mary Burns

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Edwin King; 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 stated that a public hearing and swearing in of the new City Administrator had been added to the agenda. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE.

The public hearing was opened. Kristin Scott, a community development specialist and a certified CDBG administrator, from the Northern Kentucky Area Development District spoke. Ms. Scott stated that the City will be applying for CDGB Utility Assistance Program for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021. Governor Beshear announced on January 25, 2021 that CDBG Coronavirus Relief Funds would be available for Kentuckians within each City's jurisdiction for overdue utility bills up to \$200,000 per city. Households will be eligible if they have been financially impacted by Covid-19 and have received notice of disconnect between January 1, 2020 to present day. Fort Mitchell households will apply to the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission and if approved, the funds will go directly to the utility company. The City will apply for \$200,000. \$190,000 will be available for delinquent utility bills of Fort Mitchell citizens and \$10,000 will go to the administration of the grant. All CDBG and HUD guidelines will be followed and adhered to. No residents will be displaced. The Mayor stated Council will vote on passing a resolution as a second part of the application and that the \$10,000 will be paid to NKADD organization.

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to come out of the public hearing and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

SWEARING IN OF CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mayor Hehman read the Constitutional Oath of Office to Edwin King as the City Administrative Officer and Mr. King agreed to abide by this oath.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any other changes to the February 8, 2021 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the February 8, 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

There were no comments from citizens and guests.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-04 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign and File a Community Development Block Coronavirus Grant Application in the Amount of \$200,000 to provide Utility Relief Funding to Residents.** Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution Order 2021-04 as read and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-05: Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Bromley Crescent Springs Road.** The Mayor stated that this is for the widening of the road and adding a pedestrian path. The City only owns a small part of this road. Chief Schierberg sent a letter to the Transportation Cabinet to study a four-way stop sign at Edenderry Drive for a safe crossing as part of the Bromley Crescent Springs Road project. The City will need to make payment of \$101,000 the first year, and three annual payments of \$33,720. The Mayor stated that the amount was determined by linear foot. Ms. Roeding made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 as read and Mrs. Boerger seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A special planning session meeting will be set for end of March or beginning of April.
- The city building will open next week.
- The Brent Spence Bridge will be closed due to maintenance and there will be lane closures.
- The Executive Order for outdoor seating in tents during the Covid-19 pandemic is still in effect until the Governor lifts the State of Emergency for Covid-19. The City will need to get input from the restaurants. This is a zoning issue and if there is a change, there will need to be two readings and a vote. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that everyone likes outdoor dining, parking will need to be considered and a more aesthetically pleasing permanent structure may need to be considered instead of tents.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. King stated that he has met with the department heads on his first day and would be meeting with each council member to understand the issues that each member cares about.
- Mr. King thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to be the City Administrator.
- Chief Schierberg thanked Matt Stegman and his crew for building the dividers in the council room.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Deatherage stated that the public works department did a great job with the snow removal.
- Mr. Stoeckle stated that the Park Board will be meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Chief Fuller stated that there were 109 runs in February.
- Six new interns are now assigned to shifts. Three interns will be attending the recruit class.
- Two Beechwood high school interns are being interviewed for the next school year.
- The department will be reviewed virtually for insurance ratings next week.
- The City has received the following four grants totaling \$29,200 from the Kentucky Fire Commission: \$10,000 for fire gear, \$1,000 for public education, \$15,000 for Lucas automatic chest compression device, \$3,200 for a thermal imaging camera.
- The FEMA grant process is still in review.
- Mayor Hehman stated that Jim Hils was on a snowplow and jumped in front of the squad and plowed in front of the ambulance to save a patient.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- One new hire is in process, but it looks like he/she will not get into the police academy until August.
- Two new lateral officers to be hired are in the background check process.
- Shane Best has gotten authorization from the Kentucky Retirement Board to be reemployed by the City.
- One of our officers may get called up to the National Guard.
- Dozens of parking tickets were given out and people donated canned goods for Be Concerned in lieu of payment.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- Design work of Watch Hill Road and Grace Avenue continues.
- A public meeting will need be held for Watch Hill Road sidewalks.
- Mr. Stegman thanked firemen Dave Slusser, Steve Stasko, Jim Hils and John Hehman for plowing the snow along with the Public Works department.
- The City is evaluating needs and sites for public works building improvements.
- The department is working on repairing sidewalks on Longmeadow and removing a tree.
- The Mayor stated that if the State does not repair the potholes, the City may have to fill them. Mr. Stegman stated that the State did repair some of the potholes. Mr. Pohlgeers asked about contracting

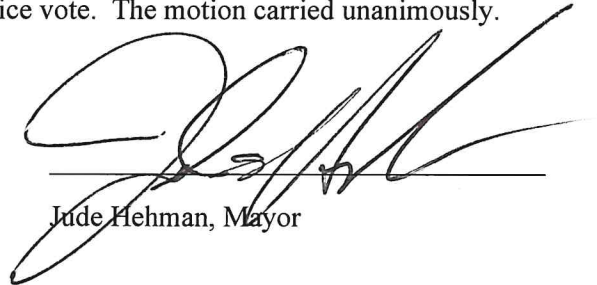
with District 6. Mr. Stegman is reviewing Covington's contract with the Kentucky Transportation Department to see if that might work for the City of Fort Mitchell.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- Perfect North cancelled the snow tubing event on February 28th and will validate the 106 tickets to be used the rest of this season or next season.
- There will be an egg coloring contest, but no egg hunt due to Covid-19.
- A concert is scheduled for June 11 with the Derek Allen band at the Children's Home on Orphanage Road.
- Volunteers are being recruited for the Independence parade on July 3rd.

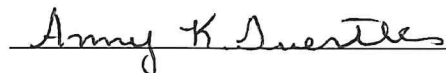
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. the City Council meeting and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer