

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM  
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"  
April 19, 2021 at 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.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator, Edwin King; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; and Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any other changes to the March 29, 2021 minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve the March 29, 2021 minutes. 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.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Parsons performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2021-01: Adopting a Gross Receipts Tax Incentive for Job Development**. Mayor Hehman introduced Kimberly Rossetti Vice President of Economic Development from Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (Tri-ED). Ms. Rossetti stated that Tri-Ed is funded by Boone, Kenton and Campbell County and grants. Ms. Rosetti stated that a freight logistics company is looking to relocate. The company is an office environment with 22 high paying (\$60,000-\$100,000) jobs with an estimated 10-15 jobs to be added each year and plans on approximately \$1,500,000 of capital investment. After looking at neighboring cities' and counties' economic incentives, the company is requesting a gross receipt tax incentive for two years.

Mr. King stated that Ordinance 2021-01 is for a two-year gross receipts rebate of 50% up to \$25,000 per year. Mr. King stated that the tax incentive will require a minimum of \$2,000,000 in new payroll and \$500,000 of capital investment. The Ordinance allows for only one City tax incentive, but the company would also like to receive the payroll tax incentive also. Mr. King stated that this is Council's decision whether to allow the company to receive both incentives. This will result in a net positive for the City of Fort Mitchell. Ms. Rossetti stated that the company would like to sign a contract on a building in the next month. Mayor Hehman stated that the company's financial information cannot be disclosed in a public meeting.

Ms. Parsons stated that this ordinance creates a program to apply for and the information will be reviewed to determine if the incentive is accepted. Mayor Hehman stated that other companies that are relocating to the City of Fort Mitchell will be able to apply for this incentive. Ms. Nachazel stated that Council must consider it to be competitive to fill open office space. Mr. King stated that if the TIF is still in existence, it can pay for other incentives. Mayor Hehman commented that he is not hearing any negatives and the second reading will be at the next meeting.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-11: Approving the Reappointment of Angela Lucarelli, Don Stegman and George Deitmaring to the Board of Adjustment.** Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-11 as read and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-12: Approving the Appointment of Mitchell Reeves to the Tree Commission.** Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-12 as read and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-07: Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for Funds from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Program for the Purchase of Swift Assisted Victim Extrication Equipment (SAVE) for the Fort Mitchell Fire Department.** Mr. Fuller stated that this grant would be for three pieces of active shooter equipment. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 as read and Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hehman read **Executive Order 2021-10 to Surplus a Fire Vehicle** that was totaled by the insurance company. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Executive Order 2021-10 as read and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- The replacement for the totaled fire department vehicle will be bid out along with a second fire department vehicle.
- A zoning application change for 88 residential apartment units has been submitted for the 12 acres on 260 Grandview Drive. The Mayor and Mr. King met with the applicants

briefly and told them they will need to go through the process and that will come back to City Council.

- The Mayor would like to sign the renewal option offered in the Best Way contract.
- The City is looking for a location for a public works building.
- Engineers are working on plans for Cornell and Requardt. The Mayor confirmed with the Water District that the water needs to be updated on Cornell up to Princeton.

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

- The City will receive guidance and stimulus money within 30-60 days.
- The City applied for an AARP grant to fund the resurfacing and reconstruction of the General Ormsby tennis courts.
- The initial health insurance quote came back at a 7% increase. This is a good starting point to begin negotiating.
- The priorities from the planning session are:
  - Competitive pay for fire and police employees
  - Finding a location for and engineering the public works building
  - Engineering Requardt and Cornell
  - Beautification of the Dixie Highway Islands
  - Fairness Ordinance.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the trophy buck that was illegally poached has been mounted at the cost of the poacher and is worth \$28,000. If anyone wants to replicate the deer, they will have to pay the City a license fee. This deer will be hung in the City building.

Mr. Pohlgeers also stated that PDS Executive Director, Sharmili Reddy, has worked hard to lower the PDS tax. Also, PDS will be increasing the Cities' costs for code enforcement services to cover their costs.

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

##### **City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther**

- Revenue is coming in higher than budget and expenses are coming in under budget in the General Fund. Insurance Premium Taxes are up \$100,000 (14%) from last year and Payroll Taxes are up \$70,000 (5.6%) from last year. Gross Receipts taxes may be down from last year due to the pandemic. The due date for most businesses to pay is in April, so it is a little too soon to tell.
- The City's delinquent property taxes total \$36,416. 15 properties totaling \$32,914 are permanent structures and 31 properties totaling \$3,502 are trailers. Beechwood's total delinquent taxes are \$96,100.

##### **Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg**

- The lateral hire, Matt Arlinghaus will start Monday and another officer may start in May.
- The two new vehicles that are awaiting upfitting will be back soon.
- Body cameras will be received soon.
- Mr. Stoeckle commended the police for catching speeders during the morning.

- Ms. Roeding stated that she is concerned for the safety of the school children in the Kroger parking lot with the rerouting of Beechwood traffic for the construction. Chief Schierberg stated that they are doing their best, but it is limited as to what they can do on private property.

#### **CAO, Edwin King-Public Works Report**

- Ridge and West Orchard will be done in May.
- Watch Hill Road bids will be opened Friday.
- Grace Avenue will be bid out.
- Mayor Hehman asked who was working on Highland Avenue. Mr. King said he would find out.

#### **Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield**

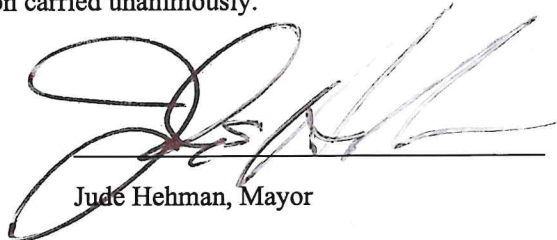
- 18 gift cards were awarded for the Easter coloring contest.
- The City's Large item pickup from Bestway and the LiveWell Fort Mitchell's produce popup was Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Kenton County Library's store book walk will be April 23-30, 2021 on Dixie Highway from Sunnymede Drive to Sunnymede Drive.
- The Fort Mitchell Tree Board is having an Arbor Day Tree Give Away this Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the City Building parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup> LiveWell Fort Mitchell will have a Food Truck at the City Building parking lot and will honor Walter Gieske that takes care of the garden.
- The Fort Mitchell community yard sale will be Saturday, May 15 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ms. Burns asked if there would be signs and Mr. Christofield said we could order some.
- The City is looking for volunteers for the Independence Day Parade on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

- Chief Fuller reviewed the Fire Department March report. Mutual Aid has decreased significantly since 2019 and there were no significant incidents.
- The Fire department is working on business inspections.
- Car seats are available from a grant and installation of car seats can be scheduled by appointment.

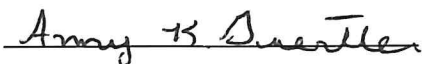
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer