

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY
COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"
May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the council meeting to order at 6:32 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, Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding and Mike Stoeckle

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator, Edwin King; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; 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. Deatherage 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 changes to the April 19, 2021 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the April 19, 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

Mayor Hehman stated that the **Ordinance 2021-01: Adopting a Gross Receipts Tax Incentive for Job Development** allows a business to be able to apply for and receive one tax incentive. If Council would like businesses to be able to receive multiple tax incentives, then Council should strike 110.51 (B). Mr. Deatherage stated that he supports the incentive to attract businesses into the City of Fort Mitchell. Kimberly Rossetti, the representative from Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (Tri-Ed), stated that revenues from the potential new business would be significant for the City of Fort Mitchell. Mr. King stated that the business would need to make a capital improvement of at least \$500,000 to receive the gross receipt tax incentive.

Ms. Parsons performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2021-01: Adopting a Gross Receipts Tax Incentive for Job Development**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01 with the amendment of removing section 110.51 section (B). Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

Ms. Boerger	No	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Ms. Roeding	Yes
Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Ms. Nachazel	Yes		

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Motion Passed.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-13: Approving the Preparer of the Uniform Financial Information Report**. Mr. King stated that this was a housekeeping Municipal Order to comply with a Kentucky Statute. The Municipal Order approves the City Clerk/Treasurer to prepare the Uniform Financial Information Report that is submitted to the Kentucky Department of Local Government. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-13 as read and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Watch Hill Road bids came in almost \$200,000 under budget. The bids included sidewalks and utilities, and the work will begin in June. The next step is to have a startup meeting with the residents.
- The Park bids came in at approximately \$1,500,000 with the alternates and the base bid came in at about \$1,300,000. The City had budgeted \$1,400,000. The bids will be reviewed and qualified by the engineer. The Park will be financially strapped and will not be able to make a loan payment next fiscal year. Mayor Hehman stated that the Park is in bad condition. Ms. Nachazel stated that there is not a mechanism for the Park to save. Mayor Hehman stated the City will need to start saving for future capital improvements. The Park Board will meet tomorrow night and the Mayor will attend to encourage the Board to approve the bids.
- There was a water main break on Grandview. The residents in the apartment complex at the top of Grandview and the trailer park along with the business going up the hill on Grandview Drive do not have water. The Water District is working to fix the problem.
- The Mayor and Mr. King met Bayer Becker and Mike Brandy about the Drawbridge sight and a proposed a new alignment of Royal Drive. Brandicorp bought the gas station and the salon. Brandicorp would like to start balancing the site and build this road beginning in 2021. Brandicorp will share the development drawings and tenants later in the summer. Ms. Burns asked if the road that is supposed to be put in first, will need to be redone because of the construction traffic. Mayor Hehman stated that construction crews will use the existing road. Mr. Stegman stated that some of the holes are being filled on Royal Drive. Ms. Nachazel said residents on Grace Avenue are concerned. Mayor Hehman stated that Royal Drive will not connect with Grace Avenue.

- There is a finance committee meeting on Wednesday to go over the budget.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The City will receive guidance regarding stimulus money on May 10th.
- BB&T on Buttermilk Pike will be closing.
- At the last meeting we mentioned that the Bestway renewal was a one-year renewal, but it is actually a two-year renewal.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Roeding reminded everyone that the garden will be named after Walter Gieske Wednesday night due to his hard work on the garden. The dedication begins at 5:00 p.m. and there will be a food truck.

Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the PDS Management Board met last week, and the budget is \$1,000,000 lower than last year. The current tax rate is .0268% and the new tax rate will be lowered to .0235%. There was a \$1,000,000 surplus last year and this will become a stabilization fund for the next three years. Also, PDS will be increasing the Cities' costs for code enforcement services to cover their costs and to make sure that cities using the code enforcement will be charged as much as they use it.

Ms. Burns thanked Mr. King for having the railroad clean up their trash.

Mr. Pohlgeers stated that Mr. King was doing a great job.

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Chief Fuller spoke with Homeland Security and they considered Swift Assisted Victim Extrication Equipment for the fire department as a medium priority. Homeland Security does not fund medium priorities, so he did not submit the grant that was included in the Municipal Order that Council passed at the last City Council meeting.
- The water main break is under a 54-inch sewer line. There is a boil advisory, but there is still no water. The Chief has contacted the businesses. The Chief stated that if there is a fire at the top of the hill, eight fire trucks will be used to send water up Grandview Drive.
- Personnel completed a total of 21 Fire and Life Safety Inspections.
- Three (3) car seat inspections were completed.
- Two new volunteer applications were received from the Gateway Fire Science Program. Both applicants have firefighter training and are close to completion of the EMT Class.
- Intern Ballard completed IFSAC Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Haz-Mat Awareness and Haz-Mat Ops.
- Intern Campbell completed his Candidate Physical Assessment Test.
- Lt. Brooks and FF/Medic Seeley become the first official FMFD members of the Regional Special Operations Team.
- The Fire department is working on business inspections.
- On April 28th FMFD personnel assisted Florence Fire and several other area departments with a structure fire which resulted in a Mass Casualty Incident. FMFD personnel assisted on the EMS side and transported three injured parties with burns and traumatic injuries. The incident resulted in a total of ten rescues by Fire Crews from various agencies and eight subjects were transported for injuries. A total of nine agencies responded to assist with this incident

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- The request for bids for Grace Avenue Improvements will be advertised this week. Bids will be due May 21st. This project will be a 50-50 cost share with the Sanitation District.
- Duke Energy's contractor cut the pavement on Highland Avenue to replace a gas service.
- Ms. Roeding asked if Mr. Stegman had found a location for the Public Works building and Mr. Stegman stated that they are still looking for one.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

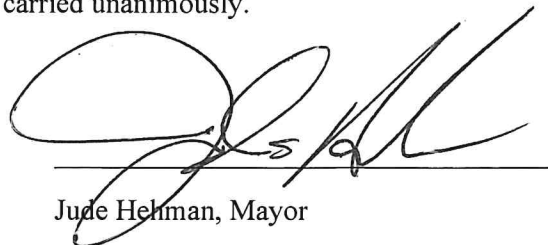
- The Fort Mitchell community yard sale will be Saturday, May 15th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Residents can register on the City's website.
- The Kenton County Library's story book walk was successful and will be taken down soon.
- The Fort Mitchell Tree Board gave away over 900 trees to celebrate Arbor Day. All kindergarten students at Beechwood and Blessed Sacrament were given a tree to take home and plant.
- Registration for the Independence Day parade is on the City's website. The City is looking for volunteers for the Independence Day Parade on July 3rd. Please contact Joe Christofield at jchristofield@fortmitchell.com or at 859-331-1212.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- There have been five car thefts since Thursday. The one stolen car has been recovered. Citizens should look for suspicious behavior and lock their cars. Suspicious behavior should be reported to dispatch. Chief Schierberg stated that residents should not use a fire arm against a person breaking into their car, because they could be arrested.
- The new police officer, Matt Arlinghaus, has started and is in training.
- Another experienced police officer, Ticia Dietz, from the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department will be starting in two weeks.
- One more officer will be hired.
- Chief Schierberg thanked the Mayor and Council for answering questions standing up for the police officers on Facebook.

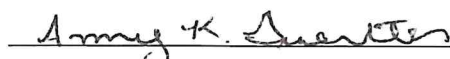
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deatherage made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer