

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
July 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Guenther to call roll. The following members were present: Mary Burns, Vicki Boerger, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding and Jerry Deatherage. Michael Stoeckle was absent. Mayor Hehman stated that there was a quorum present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller and Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield; and City Attorney, Claire Parsons

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Jude Hehman stated that he would like to move the "Introduction of New Police Officers" and "Recognition of Beechwood Basketball's Scott Draud" on the agenda after the approval of minutes. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any other changes to the agenda. No other changes were noted. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Nachazel 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 Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the June 21, 2021 minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 council meeting. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS**

Chief Schierberg introduced two new police officers. Officer Tisha Dietz is from the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department. Officer Dietz is community oriented and knows how to talk to people. Officer Matt Arlinghaus has been a business owner and comes from the airport. Officer Arlinghaus is a drug recognition expert. Mayor and Council welcomed the two officers to the City of Fort Mitchell.

**RECOGNITION OF BEECHWOOD BASKETBALL'S SCOTTY DRAUD**

Mr. Pohlgeers recognized Scotty Draud as an outstanding basketball player and student at Beechwood High School and within Kentucky. Mayor Hehman read a proclamation in Scotty Draud's honor listing his many achievements and awards. Mayor Hehman announced that Friday, July 23, 2021 is Scott Draud Day in the City of Fort Mitchell.

## CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Resident Maria Sanders from 121 Seville, spoke in support of the fairness ordinance and encouraged council to vote in favor of this ordinance. This type of fairness ordinance was adopted by the City of Louisville in 1999 and Ms. Sanders thanked council for taking this issue up.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons provided a second reading of **Ordinance 2021-04: Amending Ordinance 2020-02: Salary Scales** to be published in summary. Mayor Hehman stated that there was a small change to the Public Works Laborer maximum rate to \$29 per hour. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote.

Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Ms. Roeding	Yes
Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Absent
Ms. Boerger	Yes		

Motion passed.

Ms. Parsons provided a second reading of **Ordinance 2021-05: Creating a New Chapter to Prohibit Certain Discriminatory Practices Within the City**. Mayor Hehman stated that several people have reached out to Council Members in support of this ordinance. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Roeding	Yes	Ms. Pohlgeers	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Absent
Ms. Deatherage	Yes		

Motion passed. Mayor Hehman thanked Ms. Nachazel and Ms. Burns for bringing this ordinance before Council.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- If any council members would like to attend the KLC Convention in Covington on September 22-24, they should ask Amy Guenther to have the administrative staff register them.
- A nonprofit sent out a questionnaire to gauge the interest of a full service senior development. The preliminary drawings have 190 apartments and one or more lower buildings. The development would have all levels of care. There would still be a hotel, restaurants, and retail.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- The park has been demolished and footers for the new pavilion will be poured soon.
- The City is planning on ordering planters for the light poles in the downtown area along Dixie Highway.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Ms. Nachazel asked what your neighbors responsibility is in relation to runoff after it rains. Mr. Stegman stated that every situation is different due to the easements, but he tries to lend his expertise on what he would do in that situation. Mayor Hehman would like to meet with SD1 to see what can be done.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS**

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

- Watch Hill Road sanitary laterals are being worked on.
- Mr. Stegman sent out a notice to Grace Avenue residents that there is an informational meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the dead-end of Grace Avenue discussing the upcoming storm sewer and repaving project.

### **Programs, Joe Christofield**

- Mr. Christofield thanked Don Leonard and the volunteers for the work on the parade. There will be a staff follow up meet.
- The last day to buy discounted tickets for the FCC game at TQL stadium will be Friday, July 31. The tickets are regularly sold for \$30 and are being sold for \$15.
- The Derek Alan band will play at the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home grounds on August 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- Live Well will be hosting Spunky Yoga on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. ending July 31.
- The next Fort Mitchell Litter Pick-Up is Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 10:00am (meeting at the city building parking lot). This is not a city-sponsored event. For more information, please contact Carrie Kingsley Powers.
- LiveWell Food Truck Series (5:00pm-7:00pm at the Community Garden next to the city building)
- The Live Well Produce Popup will be on Saturday, August 21.

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

- There were 177 runs in June.
- The new ambulance is in service, and Kenton County would like to inspect the old ambulance as a spare.
- Six child car seats were installed.
- A Fire Safety at Home for the Safe Babysitting Class was conducted at Lakeside Christian Church.
- A CPR Class held for a local business.
- A Hero's night is being planned for October 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with FMPD



- IFSAC Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Haz-Mat Awareness, and Haz-Mat Operations Accreditations completed by: FF/Medic Ladanyi, FF/Medic Callero, and FF/EMT Wigger
- IFSAC Fire Instructor I and Kentucky Fire Instructor I accreditation/certifications completed by: FF/Medic Stasko and FF/Medic Stanton (Part-time)
- On June 4, there was an accident with Extrication and multiple injuries on I-275 Westbound at 82.2-mile marker. Assisted by Taylor Mill Fire Department
- On June 7 there was a Multiple Vehicle Fuel/Oil Spill on I-75 Southbound at 187.2-mile marker – Assisted by Kenton County Homeland Security/Emergency Management
- On June 17<sup>th</sup> a pedestrian was struck at 2500 Block of Dixie Highway resulting in a mild injury and the patient refused transport.
- On June 19<sup>th</sup> the department assisted Erlanger with a structure fire.

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

- The department applied for a de-escalation VR headset for training via simulation.
- The Beechwood Road grant that was submitted to OKI has been pulled due to concerns from Beechwood residents. The safety committee will get more resident feedback.
- Community cookouts will begin in the fall. Ms. Burns recommended Highland Avenue since they had so much construction.

#### **Finance and Administration, Amy Guenther**

- Casie is at her third year of the City Clerk Institute this week and she will be a certified City Clerk.
- Liens have been placed on all of the real property, excluding the properties with payment plans, that have unpaid taxes.
- The delinquent property taxes for the City are \$27,355.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Nachazel made a motion at 8:01 p.m. to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

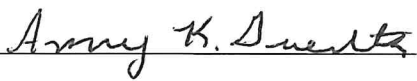
Ms. Burns made a motion at 8:02 to adjourn the City Council Meeting and Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



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Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer