

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
August 9, 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, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, and Michael Stoeckle. Vicki Boerger and Alyson Roeding were 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; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller, Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield; and City Attorney, Claire Parsons

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any other changes to the agenda. No changes were noted. 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.

**RECOGNITION OF BEECHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM**

Mayor Hehman read a proclamation in honor of the Beechwood High School Baseball Team listing their many accomplishments including winning district and regional championships. Mayor Hehman announced that Friday, August 13, 2021 is the Beechwood High School Baseball Team Day in the City of Fort Mitchell. Player, Sam Stacy and Coach Kevin Gray thanked City Council.

**CERMONY FOR PROMOTED FIRE OFFICERS**

Chief Fuller stated that the Fire Department has increased their staffing to six firefighters per shift with a minimum staffing of five per shift. Also, the City now has a High School and College intern program with two college interns working each shift. Chief Fuller announced that the three previous Fire Lieutenants are being promoted to Captains. Jeff Hampton will be in charge of property, equipment and uniforms, Cody Hembree will be the officer in charge of training and Michael Brooks is a SWAT Medic and will be the ALS Coordinator. After interviews and testing, three firefighters are being promoted to Lieutenant: Evan Seeley, Heather Ladanyi and Jason Ellis effective August 16, 2021. Chief Fuller thanked Council for their support.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the July 19, 2021 minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2021 council

meeting. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

### **CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Resident Patty Kaiser of 35 Virginia Avenue stated that she tried to attend a Park Board meeting, but no one came. Mr. King stated that the meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to not having quorum. Ms. Kaiser also came tonight to the City Council Chambers for the Safety Committee meeting, but no one was in the room. Mr. King stated that the meeting was in the conference room next to the Council Chambers. Ms. Nachazel stated that the door was open for anyone to attend. Ms. Kaiser stated that she would like better communication such as the name of the room and cancellations posted on Facebook and the bulletin board.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Parsons performed a **first reading on Ordinance 2021-06: Levying an Ad Valorem Tax of \$0.136 on Each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of Assessed Valuation of Real Property for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Specifying the Purpose for Which the Taxes are Levied.** Mayor Hehman stated that this rate is the same as last year's tax rate. Mayor Hehman asked if the budget would need amended and Ms. Guenther said it would not need to be amended.

Ms. Parsons performed a **first reading on Ordinance 2021-07: Levying a Tax of \$.02 on Each One Hundred Dollars for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Purpose of Purchasing and Maintaining Parks.** The Mayor stated that this rate has remained the same since the tax was implemented.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-15 Appointing Julie Hart to the Park Board.** Julie Hart will be replacing Acena Beck, who was appointed by the Governor as the Kenton County Family Court Judge. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to appoint Julie Hart to the Park Board and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The KLC Conference will be held in September.

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

- The Park Water Conservation Grant that the City applied for will not be awarded until January at the earliest. The City will proceed without the grant and bid the Playground area out so as not to hold up the park renovation project. The City may be able to use ARPA funds for the Park.
- ARPA funds are allowed to be used for storm water projects, so the City will use ARPA funds for the City's portion of Grace Avenue. The ARPA funds will also be able to be used for the Dixie Highway Urban Canopy. Mayor Hehman stated that if anyone has any ideas for what to use the ARPA funds for, please let him know.
- Ms. Guenther passed out the KLC Conference schedule to Council members which will be held in Northern Kentucky from September 22-24. Please let Ms. Guenther know if you would like to attend so that she can have her staff register you.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Ms. Burns stated that the president of the Fort Mitchell Place Association would like to thank Chief Schierberg for how he handled a death in the complex.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS**

### **Police, Chief Schierberg-No Report**

### **Programs, Joe Christofield**

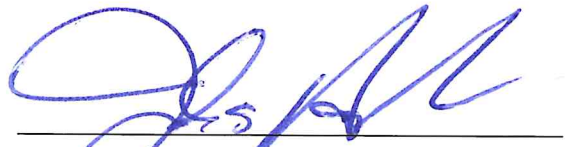
- Touch-A-Truck was well attended last month. Thanks was given to the Fire, Police and Public Works departments.
- The Fort Mitchell night at the FC Cincinnati game on July 31 was sold out.
- The Derek Alan played at the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home grounds on August 6 at 7:00 p.m. and approximately 200 people were in attendance.
- Craig Grabow will give a Walk & Talk on Landscapes, Gardens and Trees on Saturday, August 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. starting at the City Building.
- Madcap Puppets will be at the Community Garden next to the City Building on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. A Food Truck scheduled by Fort Mitchell Live Well will be in the parking lot from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

### **Fire, Chief Adam Fuller-No Report**


### **Finance and Administration, Amy Guenther-No Report**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Deatherage made a motion at 6:57 to adjourn the City Council Meeting and Mr. Pohlgeers 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.

  
Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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