

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
August 23, 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: Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding and Michael Stoeckle. Mayor Hehman stated that there was a quorum present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Captain, Bill Zerhusen; Assistant Fire Chief, Dave Jansing 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. Ms. Roeding 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 August 9, 2021 minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 council meeting. Ms. Burns 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**

Mayor Hehman asked if any guests would like to speak. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman asked Captain Zerhusen to explain today's events. Captain Zerhusen stated that two males were seen by a Highland Cemetery employee stealing items from cars. The employee locked the front gate, and the suspects took off on foot toward Kroger and then Beechwood School. One suspect was chased directly to Officer Pangallo and was apprehended. The second suspect hid in the woods and was caught by another police department's K-9. Thanks were given to the surrounding city and county police departments that helped.

**PROPERTY TAX HEARING**

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to go into the public hearing and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hehman stated that he is proposing to adopt the same rate as last year of .136 per \$100 of the property's assessed value estimated to bring in \$1,105,704.29. The Mayor stated that the City used to always take the compensating rate plus four percent but since the City property and revenues are diversified, he is asking council to keep the rate the same instead of decreasing it by .001 to equal the compensating rate. Mayor Hehman stated that the City has gone from a

volunteer fire department to a fully paid fire department. Mr. Pohlgeers asked when the last time was the City raised the tax rate and the Mayor stated that Council lowered the rate a few years ago. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the City's property tax rate is one of the lowest compared to other cities. Mr. Deatherage moved to close the public hearing and Ms. Burns seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Parsons performed a **second 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 asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Ms. Burns made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-16 Appointing Keaton Brownstead as a Member of the Tree Commission.** Mr. Brownstead stated that he has been a resident since 2016, has worked with the Tree Commission Chairman on other projects and would like to volunteer. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to appoint Keaton Brownstead as a member of the Tree Commission. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion and said he would be a great addition. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-17: Investment Policy Change.** Mr. Deatherage stated that the policy change put an investment committee in play and updated the policy to follow government guidelines. Ms. Burns made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2021-17. Ms. Roeding 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**

- SD1 will be tearing out Summit Lane up to Park to take care of sewer issues. The road will be brought back to the City's standards. This project may go until Spring.
- Beechwood School Board will be meeting by September 13<sup>th</sup> to set the school property tax rate. Once the Board sets the tax rate, it will take a couple of weeks for the property tax bills to be prepared and mailed by the City.
- Mayor Hehman explained **Executive Order 2021-17 Surplus Property**. This Executive Order allows the ambulance to be donated as the Kenton County spare ambulance, which will be housed at the Independence Fire District. Assistant Chief Jansing stated that the Independence Fire District is a licensed agency recognized by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services whereas Kenton County is not. This ambulance will have both the Independence and will be used as a spare for all of Kenton County. Kenton County will pay for the insurance and maintenance. Ms. Burns made a motion to approve of Executive Order 2021-17. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The KLC Conference has been cancelled.
- The City will be receiving an additional \$61,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to cover police and fire payroll.

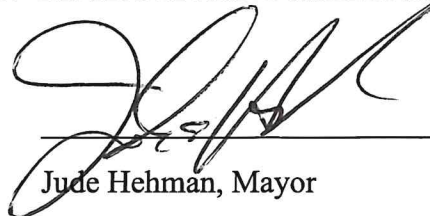
#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Mr. Pohlgeers asked if there has been a negative impact on the Fire Department from the spike of COVID-19. Assistant Chief Jansing stated that Chief Fuller has instructed all Firefighters to wear an N95 mask for all EMS patient contact. Mayor Hehman stated that the mask requirement may be coming back to continue to be able to have in person meetings.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS-None**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

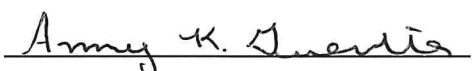
Ms. Nachazel made a motion at 6:52 to adjourn the City Council Meeting and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.




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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:




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Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer