

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
September 20, 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, Alyson Roeding and Michael Stoeckle. Vicki Boerger 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; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; Program 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. 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 23, 2021, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021, council meeting. Mr. Stoeckle 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. No guests wished to speak.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-11 an Anti-Displacement Resolution for the CDBG-CV Utility Relief Program**. Mr. King stated that the resolution is required to receive CDBG funds but is not very relevant to the utility program since no displacement occurs when paying delinquent utility bills. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-12: Title VI Resolution for CDBG-CV Utility Relief Program**. Mr. King stated that the resolution is required to receive CDBG funds to ensure discrimination does not occur when disbursing the fund. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-13 a Fair Housing for CDBG-CV Utility Relief**. Mr. King stated that this Grant for Utility Relief does not involve providing housing but is required to receive CDBG funds. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman read a proclamation about Fire Prevention Week which is October 3rd through the 9th this year. The theme will be "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety".
- Mayor Hehman stated that Mike Brandy of Brandicorp will not be ready by the next scheduled council meeting to present the new development plans for the former Drawbridge property with the Greenbrier Group. The Mayor stated that Mr. Brandy could present if City Council moved the regular meeting scheduled for October 4, 2021, to a special meeting on October 11, 2021. Mr. Deatherage made a **motion to cancel the Regular Council Meeting on October 4, 2021, and schedule a Special Council Meeting on October 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- St. Elizabeth gave permission to Gravity Diagnostic to perform free COVID-19 tests from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the old PDS building, starting tomorrow.
- Horan is moving its Cincinnati and Fort Mitchell offices to Blue Ash since it has employees and clients in Columbus, Ohio.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. King gave an update on the Zoning 2021 Ordinance (Z21) status. Mr. King stated that the earliest the new zoning ordinance could be approved by the Planning Commission would be in December and City Council could vote on it in December or January.
- Mr. King showed pictures of the sign that will be placed in the empty green space by the City Building parking lot. The bid will be advertised next week. The sign will have stone on the base and brick to match the building on the top.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Pohlgeers stated that PDS hired Josh Wise as a Community Development Manager to be a liaison between cities and businesses. Mr. Wise is to assist with economic development opportunities on existing buildings.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- KLC is offering webinars at \$20 each in lieu of the cancelled conference. Please let Ms. Guenther know if you would like her staff to sign you up for any webinars.
- Property tax bills are at the printers and will be sent out later this week.
- Financial Statements are in the packet. All departments are under budget.
- General Revenue for the last fiscal year came in \$400,000 above budget.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- Watch Hill Road project is in process.

- The storm sewer work for Grace Avenue will be performed in October. The paving will be performed next spring due to delays caused by COVID and a trucking shortage.
- Trees are being removed on Virginia Avenue and then sidewalks will be reconstructed in 3-4 weeks. A change order has been made for an 18-inch root barrier will be installed.
- Public Works crew has been working on West Maple Avenue curb replacement.
- Ms. Dammer of Watch Hill Road passed away. Many thanks to Michels Construction for keeping her driveway clear. Condolences go out to her family.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- A document destruction event will be held at the City building on October 16, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- A Halloween Haunt Your House lights contest will be judged from October 15-17. Prizes will be gift cards from local businesses.
- MadCap Puppets will perform October 21, 2021 "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Trick-or-Treat bags will be given to children and Bigby's will provide hot chocolate.
- Trick-or-Treat will be October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

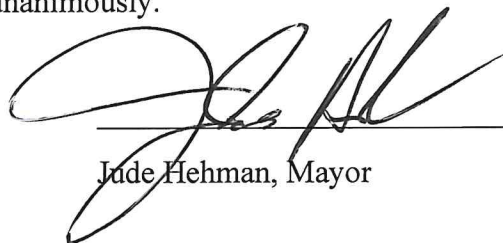
- Fort Mitchell is providing security to Gravity Diagnostics on Royal Drive for a contracted rate.
- The City is in the process of hiring an experienced investigator.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Hero's Night will be October 5th from 4:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Children's Home. Proceeds will go to the Children's Home. The band Dog House will be performing and food trucks will be on site. The Mayor and Fire Chief will have a contest to climb the fire truck latter.
- The August Summary report is included in the packet.
- The ISO rating remained a 3. Chief Fuller is working on improving this rating by sending out a flyer with the property tax bill and asking for a reevaluation of training. Ms. Nachazel stated that this rating impacts residents and businesses insurance costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Burns made a motion 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.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed by Casie Schawe