

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
December 6, 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 council members were present: Mary Burns, Vicki Boerger, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding, Jerry Deatherage and Michael Stoeckle. 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 stated that there are numerical errors on the agenda. 6. j. should be 2021-16 and 6. k. should be 2021-17. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes and Ms. Boerger 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 November 1, 2021 minutes. No changes were noted. Ms. Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 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-None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons provided a second reading of **Ordinance 2021-09: Cincinnati Bell Franchise Agreement** to be published in summary. Mayor Hehman stated that within three years Fi-Optics will be installed throughout the City. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Burns made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-09. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Parsons provided a second reading of **Ordinance 2021-10: Setting 2022 Council Meeting Dates** to be published in summary. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-10. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman call for a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-18 Reappointing Bill Reis as a Tree Board Member**. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-18. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-19 Reappointing Robert Simmons as a Park Board Member**. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-19. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-20 Reappointing Carol Buckhout as an Ethics Board Member**. Mayor Hehman stated that she is currently the Chair and asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-20. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-21 Reappointing Kim Nachazel as a Member of the Fort Mitchell Economic Development Authority Inc.** Mayor Hehman stated that this is the TIF Board. Mr. Deatherage stated that the word development was misspelled in Municipal Order 2021-21 and 2021-22 and needed to be corrected. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-21. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-22 Appointing Alyson Roeding as a Member of the Fort Mitchell Economic Development Authority, Inc.** Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2021-22. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2021-23 Reappointing Greg Pohlgeers as the Representative and Jude Hehman as the Alternate to the Planning and Development Services Council**. Mayor Hehman stated that Mr. Pohlgeers is on the Executive Management Board and asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to

approve Municipal Order 2021-23. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-15 Authorization to Apply for Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant for the Purchase of a SCBA Fill Station and Compressor. Chief Fuller stated that this will bring the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus up to current safety standards and that the grant is due December 17, 2021.** Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-16 Authorization to Apply for Assistance to Firefighters Program Grant for the Purchase of Regional Pagers. Chief Fuller stated that this was a countywide grant, was recommended in the ISO review and will move the City from analog to digital to reduce redundancy.** Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Burns made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-16. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2021-17 Authorization to Apply for Grants from the Kentucky League of Cities for Cybersecurity Preparedness and the Kentucky Fire Commission (KFC) for the Purchase of Three Sets of Turnout Gear, Two Ambulance Stair Chairs, and a Handheld Ultrasound Unit.** Mr. King stated that the Cyber Security grant requires no match from the City and will be used for cyber security audit and authentication. Chief Fuller stated that the Fire Department would like to apply for a \$10,000 KFC grant for turnout gear that will cost approximately \$12,465. The department would also like to apply for a KFC grant to replace the stair chairs that are older than 10 years and purchase a handheld ultra sound machine to assist in placing IVs. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any thoughts. Hearing none, Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-17. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons explained that Council needs to **authorize the distribution of the National Opioid Litigation Settlement.** Ms. Parsons stated that Purdue Pharma is in bankruptcy. The City would need to sign up in the portal to receive a distribution of the National Opioid class action settlement funds and waive individual claims. The settlement is divided among state and local governments based on a formula. The money would be restricted in KRS 15 for such expenditures as law enforcement services to prevent drug use. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to authorize participating in the distribution of the National Opioid Litigation Settlement. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Congratulations to the Beechwood Tigers for winning Kentucky Division 2A State Football Championship. They now have 16 State Championship. Ms. Nachazel stated that the team was undefeated this season.
- Happy Holidays and have a safe New Year.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The Phase III replacement of the Bradford Pear trees on Dixie Highway with Washington Hawthorns and Crab Apple Trees is in process.
- The Z21 Ordinance has been approved by the Kenton County Planning Commission and it will come before council at the next meeting.
- The Baby Box will be installed on Wednesday.
- The Grace Avenue project will be delayed until spring due to a supply chain delay of concrete pipe.
- Michels Construction will place the first base coat on Watch Hill Road and the second base coat will be applied in the spring.
- Cincinnati Bell is laying Fiber Optics on Dixie Highway.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- FEMA is reviewing the City's appeal of the denied reimbursement amount.
- The department has hired a full-time firefighter/paramedic.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The nonhazardous retirement employer contribution rate will decrease slightly from 26.95% to 26.79% beginning July 1, 2022. The hazardous rate will increase 12% from 44.33% to 49.59%
- Volunteer hours are now required to be reported to the Kentucky Public Pension Authority each month.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- 200 people attended the Fort Mitchell/Lakeside Park Ice Skating event on November 24.
- 500 people attended The Merry Business District Holiday Walk on November 28.
- The Let It Glow Christmas Lights Contest will be judged from December 10-12, 2021.
- Santa Claus Parade will be held on December 14 and 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- A Fort Mitchell Night at PNC Festival of Lights will be on Saturday, December 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cincinnati Zoo. Tickets are on sale at a discounted price of \$8 for residents and can be used anytime.
- Fort Mitchell/Lakeside Park Day at Behringer-Crawford Museum (Holiday Traditions) Sunday, December 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- A private screening of the movie, *Elf*, will be shown Monday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cinemark Florence 14.

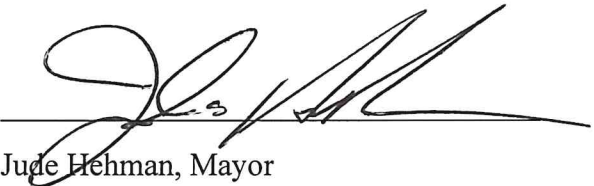
Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- Chief Schierberg review the monthly police report

- A police officer's car was struck in a pursuit and the officer is fine.
- A ten year old boy was struck by a car on Dixie Highway, and he is okay. The Safety Committee addressed safety issues on Dixie Highway on the Trolley side. Mr. Pohlgeers thanked the Safety Committee.
- An employment offer has been made to an experience police officer and will start in January.

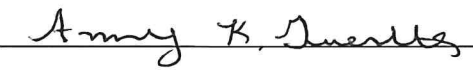
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nachazel made a motion 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, and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer