

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY COUNCIL ROOM
MEETING AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT TBNK.ORG UNDER "TBNK TO GO"
December 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., and announced that there was a quorum.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jude Hehman, Scott McVey, Mary Burns, Jerry Deatherage, Greg Pohlgeers, Mike Stoeckle, Vicki Boerger, Kim Nachazel

OTHERS PRESENT

Acting City Administrator and Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; City Attorney, Claire Parsons; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; Public Works Director, Matt Stegman; Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield; Park Director Kyle Bennett; Incoming Councilmember, Alyson Roeding

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Deatherage 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 Hehman asked if there were any changes to the November 16, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Burns made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.

Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Guenther if there were any changes to the second reading of the amended budget. Ms. Guenther stated that there were not any changes.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Mayor Hehman asked Mr. Christofield and Chief Schierberg if there were any citizens or guests that wanted to speak. Chief Schierberg stated that there were no comments or questions on YouTube and Mr. Christofield stated none on social media.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons performed a **second reading on Ordinance 2020-09: Amending the Annual Budget of the City for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021**. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes. Hearing none, Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for a roll call vote.

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. McVey	Yes
Mr. McVey	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Ms. Boerger	Yes		

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

Ms. Parsons performed a **second reading on Ordinance 2020-10: Setting 2021 City Council Meeting Dates**. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. McVey	Yes
Mr. McVey	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Ms. Burns	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Ms. Boerger	Yes		

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Passed.

Ms. Parsons read **Municipal Order 2020-04 Investment Policy Change**

- Ms. Guenther states House Bill 69 amended KRS 66.480 to expand eligible investment options for local governments and school districts to include exchange-traded funds such as mutual funds, managed by a professional investment. The individual equity securities must be included within the Standard and Poor's 500 index and a single sector shall not exceed 25 percent of the equity allocation. Eligible investments also include funds invested in individual high-quality corporate bonds
- The amount of money invested in individual equity securities, individual high-quality corporate bonds, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds at any one time by a local government, school district or political subdivision is limited by House Bill 69 to no more than 40 percent of the total money invested.
- House Bill 69 additionally restricts investments in any one issuer to no more than 5 percent of the total amount invested by a local government.

Mayor Jude Hehman called for an approval. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2020-04 to make changes to the investment policy. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Parsons read **Resolution 2020-11 KLC Investment Pool**

- Ms. Guenther stated section 66.480 of Kentucky Revised Statutes as amended in 2019 allows local government entities to take advantage of the economies of scale and Kentucky League of Cities

can provide to investment participants assets in investment pools which can increase revenue and lower expenses over time.

- The KLC offers Money Market investment pool, an Intermediate Government Investment Pool, a Corporate Bond Investment Pool, and a S&P 500 Equity Investment Pool.

Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Brent Spence Bridge will open December 23rd.
- The open City Administrator position has been narrowed down to 5 candidates to be interviewed.
- Thanks to Public Works for the hanging the holiday lights.
- Mayor Hehman met with Dave Heidrich from Zalla Developers regarding the development behind Graeters. The visual will be like the Bruburger building space. 80% of the building has been leased. The City will need to watch traffic on Buttermilk Pike to determine if any changes to traffic flow are needed.
- Board and Committees appointments will be approved at the first meeting in January. If Council has any suggestions, please let Chief Schierberg know.
- The City received approval for a second Corona Relief Act reimbursement of \$185,541.00.
- Thanks was given to Mr. Mcvey for serving on Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Council will be emailed a list of vacancies for Boards and Committees.
- Mike Brandy more info to share in the next couple of weeks about Drawbridge site.
- There is a buzzer in the lobby to be able to speak with administration and then it reverts to Police and Fire if administration is not available.
- There are no active employees with COVID-19.
- First Responders are in group B for the Covid-19 vaccine.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

- There were no comments from Council members.

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- 97% of property taxes have been collected.

Park Director, Kyle Bennett

- The bid for the park renovations will be issued later in January and work will begin in April.
- Tennis Court Renovations may be bid out separately.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- The holiday light contest is this weekend. Winners in different categories will receive a gift card.
- Santa Claus he will be coming down from the North Pole and will be riding around streets of the City. Details will be posted on the website and on social media.
- Mr. Pohlgeers thanked Mr. Christofield for doing a great job with social media.

Public Works Director, Matt Stegman

- The department has been sweeping the streets and preparing trucks for snow removal.
- The city building driveway was completed.
- Bryce Avenue railing has been installed.
- Ridge, West Orchard and Coleman will receive a final surface of asphalt.
- The design of Grace Avenue and Watch Hill storm sewers and reconstruction are being designed. Mr. Stegman asked if sidewalks should be added to these projects. Mayor Hehman asked for feedback from Council. Ms. Nachazel stated that every new community come with sidewalks and there should be a sidewalk on one side of the street for the safety of walkers if there is room. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the City needs to explore this option, but he is sensitive to residents that do not want to lose their front yards and the City needs to get input from the residents. Ms. Boerger agrees with Mr. Pohlgeers and stated that safety is a big factor. Ms. Burns stated that she believes in connectivity, but Council must look at what the residents want. Mr. Deatherage stated that the cut through traffic around the Drawbridge property will increase once the property is developed, so safety for walkers in the street is a concern. Mr. Stegman stated that there is ample right away on Watch Hill for sidewalks, but the City would need to acquire a little right away on Grace Avenue. The Mayor stated that the project should be engineered for sidewalks.
- Mr. Stegman stated that his department will be working on repairing potholes. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the Highway District 6 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is contracting out pothole repairs for Covington state roads. Mr. Pohlgeers would like Mr. Stegman to look into this program, because he is tired of the City paying for repairs of potholes on state roads.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Chief Fuller reviewed the monthly fire report and there were 134 runs in November 2020.
- Four volunteers have been hired as part-time employees.
- The new ladder will be in service January.
- The utility vehicle (UTV) will be delivered next week.
- COVID-19 PPE grant items have arrived.
- Assistance to Firefighter Grants will open soon. There may be a resolution brought to Council.
- KY Fire Commission asked Mr. Fuller to be the Vice Chair of a combined volunteer and employee firefighter task force.
- Mr. McVey was thanked for his service.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- The department is down four officers and moving to 12 hour shifts to eliminate staff overlap during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Two new police hybrids SUVs have been received and are awaiting upfitting.

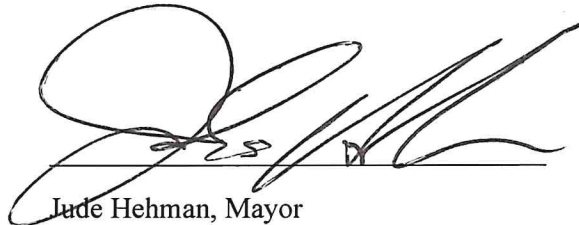
- Thanks to all departments heads and their staff for being able to adapt for Covid-19 and accomplish a lot. The Mayor also thanked Chief Schierberg and the department heads.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Hehman administered the Commonwealth of Kentucky Oath of Office virtually to, Mary Burns, Jerry Deatherage, Greg Pohlgeers, Mike Stoeckle, Vicki Boerger, Kim Nachazel, Alyson Roeding. All members held up their hand and said, "I do." Ms. Parsons stated that the Council members did not need to sign the Oath of Office, but that the Mayor needs to certify and notify the Secretary of State of the Council Members that were sworn in.


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mcvey made a motion at 7:28 p.m. to adjourn the City Council meeting and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Burns wished everyone Happy Holidays.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer