

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017

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February 7, 2022, 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

Ms. Guenther called roll and Mayor Hehman stated that a quorum of City Council was present. The following council members were present: Mary Burns, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding, Jerry Deatherage, Michael Stoeckle and Vicki Boerger.

OTHER STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield; City Attorney, Claire Parsons, and Public Works Director, Nick Tewes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. 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 January 10, 2022, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, 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.

KENTON COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE KNOCHELMAN

Judge Knochelman thanked the City of Fort Mitchell and went over accomplishments in Kenton County (County).

- The County is working with the Office Drug Control on policies and training to assist with mental health issues and decrease drug addiction.
- The number of COVID patients at St. Elizabeth Hospital has decreased from mid-200 to 190 patients today. Fewer people are dying, and Judge Knochelman thanked St. Elizabeth employees for their dedication.
- The Kenton County Government Center was completed and there is a public room that will hold 150 people that the City can use.
- The old building at 303 Court Street is being developed into 110 apartments.
- Parking was added at the Kenton County Courthouse in Independence.
- The region came together to implement a top notch 911 system that is structurally and financially sound.

- The County is developing a new Kenton County Park on hundreds of acres of the old Fox Run course at the Kenton County Golf Course. The plan will be coming out by spring and the park is currently open for hikes.
- Property tax rates were decreased since property values increased.
- The County is developing an occupational license tax portal with Northern Kentucky Realtors' Association to be rolled out this summer.
- The County has received \$30 million through CARES and Cincinnati Bell to lay broadband infrastructure, so that Wi-Fi access is available to all single family residents. The heat map is on the Cincinnati Bell website.
- Northern Kentucky Organizations including Tri-ED, Water District, Sanitation District, Planning and Development Services (PDS); Transit Authority (TANK); and the Area Development District (NKADD) are all working at high levels.
- The Bromley Crescent Springs Road project will be completed this year.
- The corporate striping program and surfacing condition surveys have been completed.

INTRODUCTION OF DETECTIVE JESS HAMBLIN

Chief Schierberg introduced Detective Jess Hamblin. He has 20 years of experience in Covington and can even drive a snow plow. Chief Schierberg stated that the City is lucky to have him.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Mr. R.B. Davis lives at 18 Pleasant Ridge Avenue. On January 5, 2022 there was a fire at the end of the street. Mr. Davis stated that he counted 25 vehicles as evidence that Northern Kentucky Emergency Response units really worked together to achieve a quick response. Mr. Davis thanked the City.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Parsons provided a second reading of Ordinance **2022-01: Z21 Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment**. Mayor Hehman stated that changes are inevitable. Mr. King stated that he appreciates all the work that has been put into developing Z21. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that it is time since the previous zoning ordinance was 40 years old. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The 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 **2022-02: Park Tax and Capital Budget Amendment**. Ms. Guenther stated that the Capital Fire Equipment budget increased from \$265,000 to \$285,000 in the second reading for the cost of the SCBA units. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Burns made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02. 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 first reading of **Ordinance 2022-03: Amending the Number of Tree Commission Members**. Mr. King stated that it is hard to find members 7-15 members. After talking with the Chairman, the range will be decreased to 5-10 members. At the next meeting there will be an appointment to the Tree Board

Ms. Parsons provided a first reading of **Resolution 2022-03: Authorizing an Application for the SAFER grant for four full-time staff**. Mayor Hehman stated that the grant requires no match, and the positions are not required to continue after the three year grant period. Chief Fuller stated that several full-time employees are eligible to retire in the next couple of years and runs have increased. Chief Fuller stated that this grant can be used to hire staff and those employees can eventually fill the open positions or cover new runs attributed to the Drawbridge property redevelopment. Also, 20% of all runs overlap. This is an opportunity to cover pension contributions, medical insurance, benefits, and wages. Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman stated that the police, fire and public works departments worked together during the snow emergency to clear the roads. Residents moved their cars and it made a big difference.
- The City of Fort Wright closed their museum and donated framed fort drawings to Fort Mitchell. Mayor Hehman thanked Fort Wright for the donations.
- Mayor Hehman stated that he has been appointed to the advisory board through Kentucky Department of Transportation for the Brent Spence Bridge.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- KLC day in Frankfort is on February 23, 2022. Council members should notify him if they would like to attend.
- The City is excited to work with the County on the new occupational license portal.
- The LED sign has been ordered.
- The Planning session is on February 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Stoeckle stated he would like to dedicate something in the renovated park to Mr. Thomas McKinley since he was on the Park Board since its inception. Mayor Hehman stated that he will talk to the Park Board.
- Mr. Deatherage thanked everyone for the bereavement cards and support.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Department, Chief Fuller

The Kentucky Fire Commission awarded the City two grants:

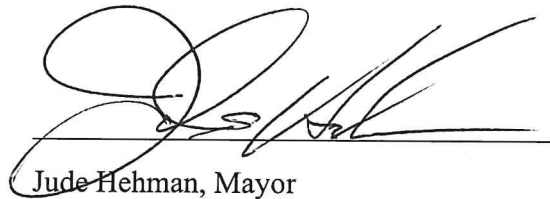
- \$10,000 for two stair chairs and a portable ultrasound machine;
- \$10,000 for three sets of fire gear.

Public Works Department, Nick Tewes

- He is learning the status of each project after one week in the position.
- Thank you to the public works crew for all their hard work and long hours during the snow emergency.

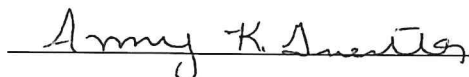
ADJOURNMENT

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, and the Mayor closed the meeting with "Who-Dey!"



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer