

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
July 18, 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. and started the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Attorney, Olivia Amlung; City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; and Fire Chief, Adam Fuller. Joe Christofield; Programs Coordinator, was absent due to the "Touch A Truck" event.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. 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 June 20, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022, council meeting. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. 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. Amlung read **Resolution 2022-08: to Surplus Three Dodge Chargers.** The 2012 and 2013 Dodge Charger Pursuit vehicles will be sold to the Perry County Sheriff's Office for \$2,000 each. A 2014 Dodge Charger Pursuit vehicle will be donated to Menefee County Schools since the vehicle needs significant repairs. Ms. Burns made a motion to approve Resolution Order 2022-08 as read, and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. The mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2022-09: Amending the Personnel Policy** for Critical Incident Leave, Juneteenth Holiday and a few miscellaneous corrections. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve

Resolution Order 2022-09 as read, and Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. The mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2022-10: to authorize the submission of a CDBG-CV grant application for Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center's** renovations. Mr. King stated that the City returned the \$250,000 of CDBG utility assistance and now two of the city's nonprofit organizations, the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home (DCCH) and Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center, are going to apply for CDBG grants for renovations. The City hired Atkins, Elrod and Associates to administer the grant. Mr. Elrod stated that there will be another resolution at the August meeting for DCCH's grant submission. Redwood's Chief Operating Officer, Aaron Wagner, stated that Redwood will be renovating the 30,000 square foot lower area for adult services to make it safer during COVID outbreaks, because 62% of the adults that they serve are "at risk clients." New concrete flooring will be added to that it can be disinfected. This grant is a pass-thru grants that includes administrative costs. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution Order 2022-10 as read, and Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Ms. Boerger abstained. The mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman stated that the electronic sign is up and running thanks to Mr. Christofield.
- Thank you to Public Works staff and Mr. Christofield for a successful parade.
- Mayor Hehman addressed concerns from social media about the park costs. The tennis courts will be completely redone, not just sealing them. The fence will be replaced, and costs have increased. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the original \$50,000 budget was a just a place holder. The park is extremely delayed. Consequently, the fields will probably not be opened until next year.
- The School Resource Officer contract was signed with Beechwood.
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary, Jim Gray called the Mayor to give updates on the Brent Spence bridge which is moving forward. Police and Fire will be meeting them to discuss emergency vehicles.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The unveiling of the Northern Kentucky Chamber's and the Catalytic Fund's bourbon barrels for NKY Bourbon Barrel Walk will be held on July 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Newport on The Levee. The City of Fort Mitchell has two barrels.

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mr. Pohlgeers thanked Mr. Christofield for doing an excellent job putting useful information out on social media.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- Grace Avenue project is complete.
- The design of Requardt Lane reconstruction is in process. The street will might be widened a little.
- The design of Virginia Avenue resurfacing is in process. The cul-de-sac will be widened for emergency vehicles. Mayor Hehman stated that there will be public meetings for Requardt and Virginia Avenue to discuss construction.

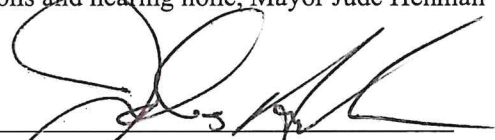
- Bromley Crescent Springs Road will remain closed for some widening and realignment. The roadwork will be completed this fall.
- Ms. Burns reminded Mr. Tewes to have the cross walks painted near Fort Mitchell place. Mr. Tewes stated that he would call Crescent Springs.

Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg

- Mr. Pohlgeers asked Chief Schierberg to explain the departments speeding strategies.
 - Stealth stat currently on Thompson Avenue.
 - The stealth stat records counts and speeds for approximately 7 days. The data is available on the City's website.
 - In the past less than 5% went 10 miles over the speed limit.
 - Six radar speed signs are in school zones and others move around.
 - The police presence and enforcement has been increased.
 - The focus of the last year has been on school zones.
 - Keep in mind that there are perception errors. The car seems like it is speeding by but really it is not.
 - Trees and on-street parking slows people down.
 - Woodlawn, Lucerne, and Louise speed limits were lowered to 20 miles per hour.

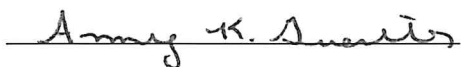
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers 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 passed with all ayes.



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



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