

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
August 8, 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: Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Alyson Roeding, Kim Nachazel, Jerry Deatherage, Greg Pohlgeers, and Michael Stoeckle. 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 Sergeant, Erica Schrand; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; and Fire Chief, Adam Fuller. Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stoeckle 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 July 18, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022, council meeting. 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.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS-Dave Hentz asked why there is a fence around the old Montgomery Inn building. Mayor Hehman stated that the building will be torn down. Mr. Hentz asked when would the old Drawbridge property be developed? Mayor Hehman stated that the developer, Brandicorp, said that dirt will be moved in October. There will be a larger senior living complex with independent living apartments up to full nursing and memory care, as well as, other medical offices and restaurants. Mr. Hentz asked what was being built across from the park and why it is OK now when the development before was denied. Mayor Hehman stated that the zoning changed, and 5 patio homes and 45 town homes will be built instead of apartments. Mr. Hentz asked how to nominate someone for the Independence Day parade grand marshal. Mayor Hehman said to let the City Administrator know by February.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2022-13 Adopting the Real Property Tax Rate at the same rate as last year of .136 on each \$100 value of assessed property and specifying the purpose of the taxes.** Ms. Amlung stated that a public hearing will be held at the next City Council meeting at 6:30 pm on August 22, 2022.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading on **Ordinance 2022-14 Adopting a Park Tax Rate at the same rate as last year of .02 on each \$100 value of assessed property for the purpose of maintaining parks.** Mayor Hehman stated that the park tax can only be changed if the residents vote on it.

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2022-11: Amending Resolution 2018-22 Adding Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC and Eliminating Hilliard Lyons as Designated Depositories of City Funds.** Ms. Guenther stated that the investment committee met and decided to invest \$500,000 in government backed securities with Ameriprise which should earn around 3% and to continue investing \$20,000 in the Kentucky League of Cities' Investment Pool. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution Order 2022-11 as read, and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. The mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Park Board member Robert Simmons resigned because he moved out of the city. The Mayor is looking to appoint a new member that has property or park management experience.
- The park renovation is moving slowly, and the pickle ball court construction started today.
- Chief Schierberg submitted his retirement date of December 31, 2022 to give the city ample time to fill the position and train the new Chief. The city will be starting the application process.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Around 100 people attended the Shakespeare in the park that Joe Christofield planned. The rain forecast may have kept some people away.

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Ms. Burns said that there are flags and blue and white lines on Beechwood Road near Fort Mitchell Place. Mr. King stated that it is probably for utility lines for the Bromley Crescent Springs Road state project. Ms. Burns asked if the city was discussing the sidewalk and crosswalk near Fort Mitchell place with Crescent Springs. Mr. Kings said that he will set up a meeting with Crescent Springs. Ms. Burns stated that the lawn needs to be maintained at the Montgomery Inn and Drawbridge property.
- Ms. Nachazel stated that Beechwood School is starting next week, and the crosswalks need to be painted since the school is encouraging students to walk to school. Are we going to be able to do something preemptive like stacking. Mr. King stated that the police would

be there to direct students and traffic. Ms. Nachazel also stated that scooters may be a problem.

- Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the famous buck is now mounted on the council room wall, and he would like to thank the Kentucky fish and wildlife, and Stacy Tapke's office for prosecuting the poacher and ordering him to pay for the taxidermy. The deer was nine to ten years old and **if it was poached legally**, it would have been in the top twenty five in size in Kentucky and worth \$26,000. Hopefully people learned the hunter ethics and conservation from this incident.
- Ms. Boerger announced that there will be a Wall of Honor meeting sometime this week and stated that nominations have been received. The names will be announced at the next council meeting on August 22nd. The Wall of Honor ceremony will be held at the City Building on Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. A resident asked Ms. Boerger if the City ever considered putting a green arrow on Dixie Highway south at Highland Avenue like we do on Dixie Highway at Kroger.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Sergeant, Erica Schrand

- Two new solar speed signs will be placed on Beechwood by the swim club and Pleasant Ridge Avenue between Dixie and Carlisle.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

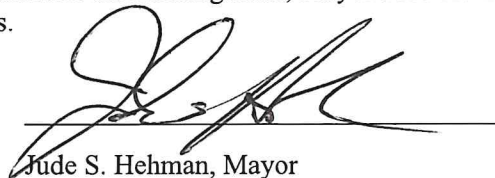
- Chief Fuller reviewed the fire report.
- Cam Covington has been hired and he comes from Paris, Kentucky with four years of experience.
- On July 29th Chief Fuller, Firefighter Paul Wigger and Jeff Groneck were deployed to the Eastern Kentucky flooding along with the city's utility vehicle and truck. Chief Fuller and Jeff Groneck acted as liaison officers in Knot County. Paul Wigger was assigned to the technical rescue team in Breathitt County to help rescue and evacuate people. Mayor stated that one police officer went down also, and Mayor Hehman stated that he was proud, and it was the right thing to do.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The bank account is currently earning 2%.
- We are interviewing candidates for the front desk open position.

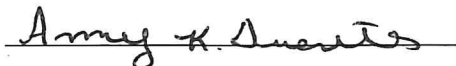
ADJOURNMENT

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 passed with all ayes.



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy K. Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer