

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
August 22, 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, Greg Pohlgeers, and Michael Stoeckle. Jerry Deatherage was absent. Mayor Hehman stated that a quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney, Jeff Mando; City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; and Fire Captain, Cody Hembree.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman stated that Resolution 2022-13 was added to the agenda under the City Attorney's report. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any other changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. 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.

PROPERTY TAX HEARING

Mayor Hehman opened the property tax hearing to allow taxpayer input regarding the proposed tax rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The preceding year's tax rate was .136 per \$100 of assessed value generating \$1.1 million in revenue. The proposed rate is .136 per \$100 of assessed value. The public hearing is required since the City is adopting a rate different than the compensating rate. Mayor Hehman asked if anyone from the general public that wished to speak. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger moved to close the public hearing and Ms. Burns seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if all were in favor. The motion passed with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the August 8, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 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-None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Mando performed a second 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.** Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13 adopting the real property tax rate. Ms. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Mando performed a second 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 asked if there was any discussion. Ms. Boerger stated that she hopes that the Park Board will be fiscally responsible and evaluate the rental fees, so that they cover the expenses and be comparable to other cities. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14, adopting the park tax rate. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Mando performed a first reading on **Ordinance 2022-15 Setting the waste, garbage, trash and recycling collection charge of \$212 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, upon the real estate owners in the City of Fort Mitchell.** The Mayor stated that Best Way exercised their option to increase the fees 3% to \$216 due to the increased gas prices. The current annual charge is \$210 and the proposed rate is \$212. Mayor Hehman stated that the City will be going out for bid early in 2023.

Mr. Mando read **Resolution 2022-12: Authorizing the CDBG pass-thru grant application for DCCH renovation.** Mayor Hehman stated that the pass-thru grant is \$435,320 and the project will cost \$512,000. Mr. King stated that this is a different type of CDBG grant than Redwood. Ms. Boerger read a letter from Diocesan Catholic Children's Home (DCCH) thanking the City and explaining that the grant will be for heating, ventilation and cooling system improvements for their children residential program. Mr. Boerger stated since she is a DCCH employee she cannot answer any questions and recused herself. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-12 authorizing applying the CDBG-CP pass-thru grant for DCCH improvements. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mr. Mando read **Resolution 2022-13: Surplus 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility by selling or donating the vehicle to an agency in need.** Mayor Hehman stated that this vehicle had already been surplus in previous legislation stating that this vehicle would be auctioned off on GovDeals.com. Since there is a need in Eastern Kentucky, Chief Schierberg and the Mayor are proposing that this vehicle with 95,000 miles be sold or donated to an agency in need. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-13 as stated. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Beechwood School started. Chief Schierberg and Sergeant Pangallo have been proactive by doubling up cars and walkers have been encouraged. Traffic flow has been good. Ms. Roeding stated that traffic is lined up to get into Kroger. Chief Schierberg will look into this.

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mr. Pohlgeers stated that PDS lowered the property tax rate for the third year in a row. PDS Attorney, Tim Teisan, is putting information out on how to regulate short term rentals.
- Ms. Boerger said that a few residents asked if the construction signs can be taken down on Grace Avenue. Also, a resident asked if the stop sign at the three-way stop at Pleasant Ridge and Grace can be moved towards Dixie. Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Nachazel if the Safety Committee can meet on this. The Wall of Honor Committee met. There were several strong nominations. The committee selected Senator Richard Roeding and Mr. Tom McKinley. The ceremony will be September 10th at 10:00 a.m. and is held every other year. The committee members include Mr. Christofield, Mr. Stoeckle and Ms. Boerger.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT-None

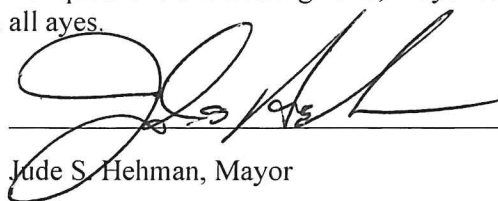
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to go into **Executive Session – Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.** Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with all ayes.


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and Ms. Nachazel 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