

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
December 5, 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 led 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: Jerry Deatherage, Alyson Roeding, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Michael Stoeckle and Mary Burns. Vicki Boerger was absent. Mayor Hehman stated that a quorum was present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman stated that he wanted to swear in the Council before the department heads gave their report. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor 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 14, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, council meeting. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Bob Kaiser of 35 Virginia Avenue asked Fire Chief, Adam Fuller, about the criteria for the fire department internship program. Chief Fuller stated that the fire department has two programs. One program is for Beechwood High School seniors and the other is a college tuition internship program requiring one twenty-four-hour shift per week.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Stewart performed a second reading on **Ordinance 2022-18 Setting 2023 Council Meeting Dates**. Mayor Hehman stated that there was a suggestion about changing the Council meeting times when the meeting conflicted with the Beechwood School Board meetings. Mayor Hehman stated that 2 or 3 school board meetings conflicted, but our meetings are being recorded. Ms. Nachazel, Ms. Roeding and Ms. Burns stated that the 6:30 p.m. time works better than a later time. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-18 as read. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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| Ms. Nachazel   | Yes | Dr. Roeding   | Yes |
| Mr. Deatherage | Yes | Mr. Pohlgeers | Yes |
| Ms. Burns      | Yes | Mr. Stoeckle  | Yes |

Ms. Stewart performed a first reading on **Ordinance 2022-19 Enacting and Adopting an Updated Ordinance Codification**. No action is needed on this tonight.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-06 Reappointing Mr. Pohlgeers as Representative and Mayor Hehman as Alternate to the Planning and Development Services Council**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-06 as read. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-07 Appointing Alyson Roeding as a Representative and Jude Hehman as an Alternate to the Board of Directors to OKI**. Mayor Hehman stated that this is a new appointment. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-07 and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-08 Reappointing Mike Stoeckle to the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-08 and Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-09 Reappointing Kevin Dicke, Anna Kirschner and Nicole Clements to the Tree Commission**. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-09 and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-10 Reappointing Shane Armstrong and Stephen Smith to the Ethics Board**. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-10 and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-11 Reappointing Glen Rice, Jeff Epplen and Aimee Wulfeck to the Park Board**. A motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-11 was made by Mr. Stoeckle and seconded by Dr. Roeding. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-12 Reappointing Jeff Bethel to the Kenton County Planning Commission**. A motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-12 was made by Dr. Roeding and seconded by Mr. Deatherage. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Municipal Order 2022-13 Reappointing Frank Pohlgeers, Jennifer Greis and Kevin Burns to the Code Enforcement Board**. A motion to approve Municipal Order 2022-13 was made by Mr. Deatherage and seconded by Ms. Nachazel. Mr. Greg Pohlgeers abstained. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes by the remaining members.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hehman congratulated Beechwood High School on their Football State Championship win against Mayfield. These two teams will be friends forever. Mayfield presented Beechwood School and the City of Fort Mitchell with a plaque for sending five trailers of food and supplies to Mayfield within days of the devastating 2021 tornado. This plaque which will reside at Beechwood School.
- Mayor Hehman thanked Mary Burns for her service on City Council. This is Ms. Burns' last meeting as a Council member.

- Mayor Hehman stated that this is also the last Council meeting for Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg. Mayor Hehman thanked Chief Schierberg for doing a great job.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

- Mr. King stated that the Dixie Highway tree contract was signed.
- Mr. King stated that the proposals for banking services are being reviewed.

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR**

Mayor Hehman introduced State Senator, Wil Schroder, to swear in members of Council. Mayor Hehman thanked Senator Schroder for all he has done for the state of Kentucky and stated that Senator Schroder is at the end of his term. Senator Schroder swore in the re-elected members of Council: Jerry Deatherage, Alyson Roeding, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers and Michael Stoeckle and newly elected member, Jeff Dietrich.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

**Fire Chief, Adam Fuller**

- There were 164 total runs in November.
- Chief Fuller stated that there are plans for a Fort Mitchell Fire Department reunion this coming summer and a “Save The Date” will be sent soon.
- Chief Fuller thanked Chief Schierberg for his service.
- Ms. Burns thanked Chief Fuller for being so helpful to her and her family in assisting with a gas leak.

**Public Works Director, Nick Tewes**

- Mr. Tewes stated that the Beechwood Road sidewalk is almost finished. The handrail is on back order and should be installed early in 2023.
- The Public Works Department is closing up all the facilities at General Ormsby Mitchell Park for the winter.
- On November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet held a public informational meeting about the Brent Spence Bridge project.

**Programs Director, Joe Christofield**

- 115 residents attended the Behringer Crawford Museum on December 4.
- Senior Bingo is Thursday, December 8 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Park City Building.
- The Christmas Lights Contest is from December 9-11.
- The Santa Clause Parade is December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 p.m.
- The Festival of Lights tickets are almost gone. The Fort Mitchell evening will be Saturday, December 17, but the tickets can be used anytime.
- A private screening of Polar Express will be shown at Cinemark Florence 14 on Monday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Christofield thanked Chief Schierberg and Ms. Burns for their service.

**City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther**

- Ms. Guenther thanked Chief Schierberg and Ms. Burns for all of their help and support through the years and wished them the best.

**Police Chief, Andrew Schierberg**


- Chief Schierberg spoke about his 6-1/2 years with the Fort Mitchell Police Department and how Fort Mitchell is a second home to him. Chief Schierberg stated that police work is difficult but it easier with the support of Mayor Hehman and the Council members.
- Chief Schierberg thanked the Council for approving a pay rate increase earlier this year for Fort Mitchell's police officers, which makes this police department one of the most competitively paid departments in Northern Kentucky.
- Chief Schierberg stated that the new police chief will continue to take this department forward.
- Chief Schierberg thanked everyone for all the support given to him over the years.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

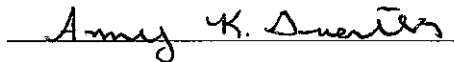
- Mr. Pohlgeers thanked Chief Schierberg for his interaction and outreach with the community and Council.
- Ms. Burns thanked the community, council and the department heads for their support during her 14 years on City Council.
- Mr. Pohlgeers thanked Ms. Burns for her 14 years of service on City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Burns a 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. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion to adjourn passed with all ayes.

  
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Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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Amy K. Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer