

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
January 9, 2023, 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: Vicki Boerger, Jeff Dietrich, Jerry Deatherage, Alyson Roeding, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers and Michael Stoeckle. 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, Rob Nader; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes and Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman stated that there was an error in the agenda and that it should be amended so that there would be no line 12. 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 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 December 5, 2022 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 council meeting. 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.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Hehman swore in Rob Nader as the new Police Chief for the City of Fort Mitchell.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

No citizens or guests addressed council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Stewart performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2023-01 Adopting the Supplement to the Code of Ordinances**. Ms. Stewart explained that American Legal Publishing updates the codification with the new state and local legislation and ordinances. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Dietrich	Yes
Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes		

Ms. Stewart read **Resolution 2023-01 City of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Updated Joinder Agreement with the Kentucky Public and Police Deferred Compensation Authority**. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion was carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Resolution 2023-02 Authorizing the Tree Commission to Apply for a Grant for Dixie Highway Tree Identifiers**. The Mayor stated that no match is required. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Stewart read **Resolution 2023-03 Authorizing the Fire Department to Apply for Funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for Air Bag Systems**. Mayor Hehman stated that if the grant is awarded, Council will be asked to do a match of \$466.35. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The planning session will be the second meeting in February. Mr. King will reach out to Council to gather their priorities and goals.
- Fort Mitchell is hosting the mayors group meeting on Saturday, January 21st at 9:00 a.m. City Council members are welcome to attend.
- City Council members are invited to go with the Mayor and City staff to Frankfort to speak with the Legislature when the legislative session opens.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The next phase of the Dixie Highway tree replacement project is complete.
- The proposals for the banking contract have been reviewed. The City of Fort Mitchell will continue our service with Heritage Bank since it offered the highest interest rates and the lowest fees.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- The department made 164 total runs in December. Many runs were due to the storm.
- Five business had busted water pipes due to the weather.
- The department assisted Gallatin County at the request of Kentucky Emergency Management. in getting cars off the interstate during the winter storm.
- All 6 college intern positions have been filled.
- The fire department is fully staffed with 66 employees (17 full-time, 25 part-time and 24 volunteers).

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- Chris Clifford emailed City Council the Duty Under the Law, which has the Open Records, Open Meetings and Managing Public Records regulations. Sign and return the proof of receipt forms.
- Financial Statements were passed out to the Mayor and each Council Member.
- Appointed and elected officials will be receiving a financial interest form from the auditors this month to complete. Both the auditors and the Ethics Board will review the forms.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- Chief Nader is getting acclimated and riding along with Fort Mitchell police officers within the last month, so that he could see how the department works.

Programs Director, Joe Christofield

- The next senior bingo will be at the city building on March 14th from 2-3:30 p.m.
- Fort Mitchell's Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 25th from 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Catholic Children's' Home fairgrounds.
- The Fort Mitchell community-wide yard sale will be on April 15th from 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- The Arbor Day tree giveaway will be April 22nd from 8 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at the city building parking lot by the community garden.
- Fort Mitchell's large item pick-up day is scheduled for April 29th.
- Document destruction day will be April 29th from 9 a.m.-noon in the City Building parking lot.
- Summer events are being planned.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

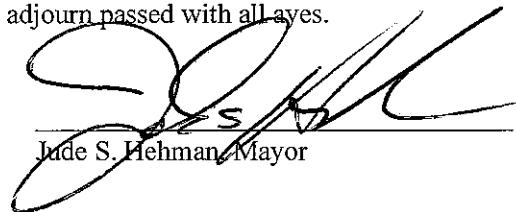
- Mr. Tewes thanked the public works crew for clearing the Fort Mitchell's roads and the fire department for their help during the recent winter storm.
- A water main and service line broke at Dixie Highway near Highland Avenue. A temporary steel plate is on the road. A patch will be placed on the road until it can be properly fixed.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mr. Stoeckle stated that Blessed Sacrament and Beechwood Schools art teachers and students will be painting a mural on the baseball field wall in the spring. Mrs. Mitchell, from Beechwood school, is overseeing the project. The Park Board made the decision to keep the ball fields closed this Spring so that the grass will grow. The Park Board is very fortunate to have Sam Cahill board, as he is very familiar with the lawn care and the seeding process.


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dietrich made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion to adjourn passed with all ayes.



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy K. Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer