

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AT 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM  
February 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jude Hehman, called the council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT**

Mayor Jude Hehman, Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Jeff Dietrich, Dr. Alyson Roeding and Mike Stoeckle. Absent; Greg Pohlgeers

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator, Edwin King; Police Chief, Rob Nader; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer, Casie Schawe; Fire Chief, Adam Fuller; Assistant Fire Chief, Dave Slusser; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes and Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion for approval of the Agenda. Ms. Roeding made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any other changes to the February 6, 2023 minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes. Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.

**PLANNING SESSION**

See attachment A spreadsheet for planning session priorities reviewed by the Mayor and staff.

**Mr. Stoeckle**

- Requested large school zone signs that are up to coded zones including the Requardt, Highland and Pleasant Ridge area. Mr. Tewes stated that this would be a requested from the Kentucky Transportation department.



**Mr. Deatherage**

- Add a gateway closer to Fort Wright and an accomplishment banner.
- Evaluate elected officials' salaries compared to surrounding cities.

**Dr. Roeding**

- Add a City accomplishment banner.
- Widen the green space between Dixie Highway and the sidewalk. Mayor Hehman stated the State will be reconstructing Dixie Highway and sidewalk on one side.
- Continue beautification. Mr. King stated the City will be hanging American flags on Dixie Highway. Mayor Hehman stated that other cities take nominations and sponsorships for veterans' banners. Ms. Boerger stated that the City does not have a bucket truck.
- Add a small piece of sidewalk at the end of the underpass.

**Ms. Nachazel**

- Build sidewalks.
- Continue focus on Beechwood Road safety.
- Provide education and training for bikes and scooters on sidewalks.
- Evaluate EMS ambulance and staffing when the Drawbridge area development is complete. Mr. King stated the development will have its own ambulatory bay. The calls and EMS staffing will continue to be evaluated.

**Mr. Dietrich**

- Add a school sign and a ten second arrow on Dixie Highway South turning left onto Highland.

**Ms. Boerger**

- Publish sidewalk accidents and safety rules on the City's social media and website.
- Develop proactive plan for bridge construction traffic flow.
- Develop beautification plan for the underpass.
- Provide CPR and AED training.

**Programs Manager, Mr. Christofield**

- Park Board approved new park shelter fees would be \$150 and \$175 Monday through Friday and \$175 and \$200 on Saturday and Sunday for residents and nonresidents to cover shelter rental maintenance.
- The City's Independence Day parade grand marshal will be Noel Rash, the retiring Beechwood High School football coach. The theme will be around anniversaries of large City businesses.
- A second concert will be added on July 29 for \$2,000.
- Shirts will be ordered for City Council members.
- The City will begin holding a business breakfast again.



## **Mayor Hehman**

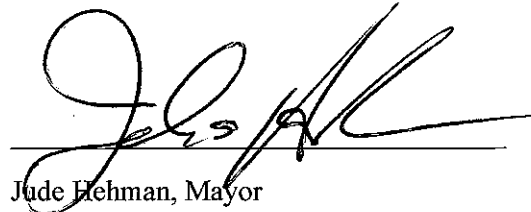
- Consider recording our own meeting and not use TBNK.
- Hire a company to provide regular proactive City maintenance for such items as paint, bathrooms, grout and mopping.
- Does Council want to add tangible property taxes? This tax is on business furniture, equipment, and inventory. Vehicles at car dealerships are excluded. Ms. Guenther stated that the Kentucky Constitution and statutes state that City's "shall" charge a tangible property tax. The City collects this tax for Beechwood School District. This would be less than \$100 for most businesses.
- Orphanage-Buttermilk realignment is still on the States project list.

## **City Administrator, Edwin King**

- The City has received \$48,000 from the opioid settlement and will be receiving more. Kenton County cities will be pooling funds for the purpose of treatment and counseling.
- The Kentucky Cost of Living Adjustment is 6.5%
- Humana will stop issuing commercial health insurance after the next renewal so the City will need to use a new insurance company after this year.
- The State is requiring a new TIF application to evaluation any changes in the development.

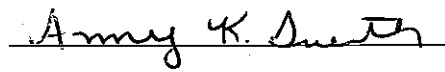
## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.



Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer



**PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FOR FY 2023-24**  
**ATTACHMENT A TO 2-27-2023 COUNCIL MINUTES**



STAFF/PRIORITY LIST	COUNCIL PRIORITY LIST 2022	COUNCIL PARKING LOT LIST	PROJECTS IN PROGRESS	COMPLETED PROJECTS
FIRE DEPT.		Gateway Islands- Beautification	Fire kitchen sewer line repair/remodel	Install City LED Sign
Complete Kitchen Remodel & Sewer Replacement		Royal Drive Reconstruction	Public Works Building Planning	Grace Avenue Partial Replacement
Replace Exterior Door in Captains Office Area		Sunnymede- Requardt Realignement	Sidewalk Study Planning	Park Renovation
Carpet Offices in the FD Chiefs' areas (Offices only)		New Public Works Building	Street Repair Planning	More Pickleball Courts
Office Furniture Upgrade Asst. Chief Slusser's Office		Buttermilk/Orphanage Study- In 6yr plan	Redwood CDBG Grant	Beechwood Sidewalk Project
POLICE		Beechwood Road Safety Project	Waste Management Contract Renewal	Improve ISO rating to Class 2
Bodycams with Web Based Redaction Software and Unlimited Cloud Storage		Signage- possible entertainment district for downtown area	New PW Building Design	Replacement of flat roof over fire bay
Bullet Proof Vests, Finger Print Kits, Bodycams and new Tasers all officers are issued one		Brush cleanup at I-75/Dixie and Grandview Dr.		Competitive Pay Increases/Specialty Pay for PD
Training Budget Increased for Succession Planning		Another School Sign on Dixie around Pleasant Ridge		Add more solar speed signs throughout City
16th Full-Time Officer		Fire Service Needs for Drawbridge CCRC		Rifle Replacement
PUBLIC WORKS		Work with KYTC to Repair Orphanage Washout		Dixie Hwy Tree Replacement Phase
New PW Building Construction		Flower Garden at the Park		Flags on Telephone poles
Cherrywood Drive (Fortside to Diane) \$650,000		Address Scooter Ordinance		Curb Repair Estendery
Royal Drive Reconstruction (Part of Drawbridge Development)		Honoring Veterans		Hired Full-time Deputy City Clerk/Human Resource Assistant
Park Road Wall Repair		City Building Maintenance		Recreation/Event Statistic Tracking
ADMINISTRATION		TBKN Services		Issued RFP for Banking Services. Selected lowest cost and highest earning Bank
Budget for Generator Back Up for Administration		Awning for Back Entrance		Added Electronic Onboarding System & Copiers
Change Liquor License Ordinance to include all state licenses and reanalyze fee schedule		Tangible Property Tax		Gathered documents and certified minimum \$20,000,000 capital investment for TIF
Become a City of Ethics- includes a Resolution, Ordinance & Training		Dixie Highway Safety Measures		Codification of Ordinances
Solution for Employee Intranet (Training, Benefits, Forms & Policies)				Occupational License Registration Audit
PARKS & RECREATION				
Reestablish NKY Communications/Recreation Group Meetings				Implemented 2021 NFPA Fire Codes
Review city website for possible update				Replaced Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
Create City Welcome Packets				ARPA, CDBG Grant Compliance
Develop Park event plan as well as field/pavilion reservation system				Amended Personnel Policy

