

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
April 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Council member Vicki Boerger 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

Ms. Boerger asked Ms. Guenther to call roll. The following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Jeff Dietrich, Jerry Deatherage, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Dr. Alyson Roeding, and Michael Stoeckle. Mayor Hehman was absent. A quorum was present.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda and Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Ms. Boerger asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Boerger asked if there were any changes to the March 20, 2023, minutes. Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Ms. Boerger stated that there were quite a few citizens and guests in attendance at the meeting and asked if any guests had signed in to speak. There were no guests who requested to speak.

PRESENTATION ON DIXIE HIGHWAY/I-75 OVERPASS AESTHETIC DESIGN

Mr. King stated that members of the team working on the I-75 Brent Spence Bridge project would be presenting aesthetic designs for the Dixie Highway corridor overpass. Gary Wolnitzek and Nicole DiNovo, from Human Nature, stated that they created different but cohesive designs for the gateways for both Fort Mitchell and Fort Wright. Mr. Wolnitzek stated that there will be new cooperative distributor lanes added. Drivers will have to decide whether to exit at Fort Mitchell and Fort Wright, as this will be a divided lane from the interstate. With the addition of the new lanes, the bridges and the overpasses in Fort Mitchell and Fort Wright will be totally redone. Mr. Wolnitzek presented two options—one stone and one brick look. Both options will be made of concrete. Ms. Nachazel stated that she really liked the stone look because it ties into the north side of Fort Mitchell. Dr. Roeding stated that she liked the brick option but with stone pillars. The State would like the City's input on both designs by June. Ms. Boerger stated that the buckling of the sidewalk needs to be prevented, and some landscape should be added for the northbound triangle.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2023-04 Amending Animal Control Penalties and Reporting Requirements**. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04 as read. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Ms. Boerger called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2023-05 Amending Traffic Schedule Provisions**. Mr. King stated that there are some minor updates that need to be made. Blessed Sacrament changed their hours, and the current signage has the wrong hours. The City also wants to eliminate signage on Page Rs. The ordinance is amended to be broader so that signage can be changed without having to pass an ordinance.

Ms. Amlung performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2023-01 Appointing of Interim Fire Chief**. Mr. King stated that Assistant Fire Chief Dave Slusser has been learning many of Chief Fuller's duties. This Municipal order would appoint Assistant Chief Slusser as Interim Fire Chief when Chief Fuller retires on August 1st. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2023-01 and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Amlung performed a reading of **Municipal Order 2023-02 Appointing a Member to the Board of Adjustments**. Ms. Boerger stated that Angela Lucarelli has decided to step down from the Board of Adjustments. This Municipal Order would be appointing former council person, Mary Burns, to be appointed to the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2023-02, appointing Mary Burns to the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The City is now a Veterans Local Government Fellowship Post Organization and can actively recruit transitioning service members for fellowships and potential job opportunities in any of the City departments. Fort Mitchell is the first city in Kentucky to sign up for this program.
- Bids for improvements to the Fire Department kitchen are due on May 1st.
- The City does not have any authority in providing guidance to the Brent Spence Bridge project. This is just an opportunity where the City can have some input regarding the aesthetics of the I-75 overpass.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Pohlgeers thanked Amy Guenther for all her work with the City's investment funds.
- Ms. Nachazel stated that she had several people reach out to her to let her know that during the city-wide yard sale, there was a large influx of people who blocked driveways, speed, and walked in the middle of the street.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The Investment Committee met and reviewed investments.
- Currently, the Heritage checking account interest rate went up to 4.5%. Over 93% of the City's money is in this account.
- The City also has money in the Ameriprise brokerage account with a coupon rate of 2.9% and yielding 3.8%.
- The City is investing \$20,000 a month in the KLC investment pool; it is divided between the government bond fund, corporate bond fund, S & P 500 equity index fund and dividend focus fund. The City decided to continue the \$20,000 per month investment and ~~we~~ it will be re-evaluated ~~it~~ next quarter.
- Fort Mitchell citizens are receiving their assessment letters from the Kenton County PVA. There is a procedure in place if citizens want to appeal their assessment by providing documentation (ex. comparable sales, an appraisal, photos), from May 1st through May 15th. The PVA website is: kentoncountypva.org.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- Calls have been increasing.
- Per Presidential Order, the police department must disclose any military surplus equipment. The department currently has 2 infrared binoculars that are not being used and will be returned.
- Chief Nader stated that a citizen's Ring doorbell caught someone walking through yards on Pleasant Ridge and Thompson, checking for unlocked cars. Because this was reported, the Police Department now has a description of the person.
- The new equipment for the police department, which was discussed at the last Council meeting, is still on order but should be here sooner than expected.
- Office Kayne Brown has resigned as a police officer but will begin working for the Fire Department. Chief Nader stated that we now have an opening for a police officer and that will be posted on our Facebook page.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- The Fire Department was very busy with car seat training and installation. Seven new car seat technicians were added for a total of nine.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

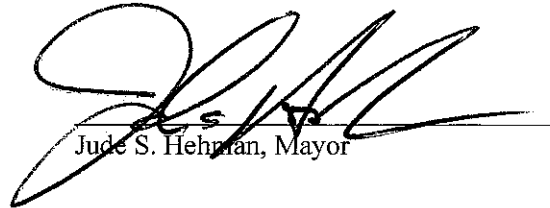
- The water main relocation on Requardt Lane has started, beginning at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and working toward Dixie Highway. This will cause limited parking at times. Duke Energy is also transferring power lines to the new poles on the street. Once completed, the road resurfacing will begin this summer.
- We just sold several items on govdeals.com for approximately \$39,000.
- Wi-Fi has been installed at General Ormsby Mitchel Park. Security cameras should be installed in the next week.
- Beechwood students painted a mural on the retaining wall by the baseball field, which has really brightened up that area. This project was coordinated by Joe Christofield and Beechwood's art teacher, Sharon Mitchell.
- A park bench in Anne Marie Gieske's memory was purchased by her family. The park bench is located in the Fort Mitchell Community Garden.

Programs Director, Joe Christofield

- The Fort Mitchell-Lakeside Park Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 25th at the DCCH fairgrounds was moved to Saturday, April 1st due to bad weather. Mr. Christofield reported that there was a great turnout.
- The community-wide yard sale was held on Saturday, April 15th from 8:00 a.m. until noon.
- The next Garden Club meeting is Thursday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Park City Building, in the Council Chamber.
- Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be on Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Fort Mitchell City Building parking lot, next to the garden. There will be 13 different tree varieties given away.
- The Fort Mitchell Cleanup Day will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on April 22.
- Best Way Large Item Pickup Day will be on Saturday, April 29.
- Document Destruction Day is also on Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the City Building parking lot.
- General Ormsby Mitchell Park Opening Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Christofield stated there will be giveaways, refreshments, and Kona Ice.

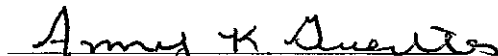
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deatherage made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Ms. Boerger called for a voice vote. The motion to adjourn passed with all ayes.



Jude S. Hehrman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy K. Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer