

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
July 17, 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 started the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Hehman stated that the following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Greg Pohlgeers, Michael Stoeckle and Kim Nachazel. Council members Jeff Dietrich and Alyson Roeding were absent. A quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman stated that there was an amended agenda adding a resolution to surplus police property. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. After asking for any discussion and 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 June 26, 2023, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the June 26, 2023 council meeting minutes. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

David Hentz, 2179 Tantallon Drive, shared a photo of an I-71/I-75 sign at the shopping center exit near Home Depot. Mr. Hentz stated that there are no directional arrows on the sign indicating where to turn to get to the Interstate. Mr. Hentz commented that several trucks are using the parking lot in the shopping center as an overnight stopover and that a left arrow should be put on the sign, so that truck drivers will have clear direction to the Interstate. Mayor Hehman stated that the signage is in Crescent Springs. Mayor Hehman stated that he would have Nick Tewes, Public Works Director, contact Crescent Springs to request the change. Nick Tewes will follow up at the next meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading on **Ordinance 2023-09 Amending Wage and Salary Scale for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09 and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Mr. Stoeckle	Yes
Ms. Nachazel	Yes	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes		

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2023-10 Granting and Issuing a Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Mid-America, LLC**. Tim Broering, Executive Director of the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, introduced himself and stated the first reading of the Ordinance tonight is to adopt and approve the cable TV franchise through Spectrum. It mirrors the Cincinnati Bell franchise agreement that was already adopted in 2021. Mr. Broering stated that there is a 5% franchise fee with two 5-year terms. No action is needed on this tonight.

Jason Dudas with the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky stated that Mayor Hehman was extremely helpful in providing several old photos for a television show about the old Green Line Trolley in Fort Mitchell. The Green Line Trolley video won the National Communicator Award. Mr. Dudas presented Mayor Hehman with a certificate of appreciation for his time and effort. Mr. Dudas also stated that he will be retiring from the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky at the end of the summer.

Ms. Amlung performed a reading of **Resolution 2023-12 Surplus of Police Equipment**. Chief Nader stated that Ft. Mitchell Police will be donating an older police vehicle and vehicle parts, which can no longer be used on our current vehicles, to the Williamsburg, Kentucky Police Department. Williamsburg Police Department has an older fleet and stated that anything we would donate to them would be put to good use. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman stated that he had nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The Drawbridge Site developer is working with a consultant on proposed zoning changes.
- The City is waiting for the approval of the modified TIF application. Mayor Hehman and Mr. King met with Economic Development Cabinet officials to request they expedite the processing of the application. The developers are hoping to break ground by the end of the year.
- Better Blends is scheduled to open on Saturday, July 22nd.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- No comments were noted.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- Officer Christian Soriano-Altamirano resigned to move back to the Lexington.
- The department is actively looking to hire a replacement officer.
- Axon has gone live.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- Security cameras were installed in General Ormsby Mitchel Park last week.
- Work on Requardt Lane is starting back up this week. Storm sewer work will be done first and then road work.

- Public Works crews have been out repairing base failures on Plantation Drive, Longmeadow Lane and will be starting on Royal Drive. The staff will also be milling and patching on Beechwood Road before school starts.

Programs Director, Joe Christofield

- Putt-Putt Night will be Thursday, July 20th from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. at Putt-Putt Fun Center in Erlanger. City residents must show their ID to play two free games of putt-putt.
- Touch-a-Truck night will be Monday, July 24th from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at the Fort Mitchell City Building parking lot.
- The Whammies concert will be Saturday, July 29th, starting at 7:00 p.m. at General Ormsby Mitchel Park. Parking is available at the Hemmer and Drees Buildings.
- Shakespeare in the Park will be performing “The Comedy of Errors” on Saturday, August 5th, starting at 7:00 p.m. at General Ormsby Mitchel Park.
- Keen Voice Studio will be providing a free concert on Friday, August 11th, starting at 7:00 p.m. at General Ormsby Mitchel Park. Keen Voice Studio is a voice instructional school with students from Fort Mitchell and surrounding cities.
- Mr. Christofield thanked Chief Fuller for all the help he has given him while working for the City of Fort Mitchell, especially with the 4th of July parade.
- Mr. Stoeckle stated that he is concerned about citizens putting up canopies the night before the July 4th parade. Mr. Stoeckle commented that this is a safety issue for drivers whose vision is blocked by the canopies and requested the City so something about this. Mr. Stoeckle also thanked Mr. Christofield for doing an excellent job with the parade.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

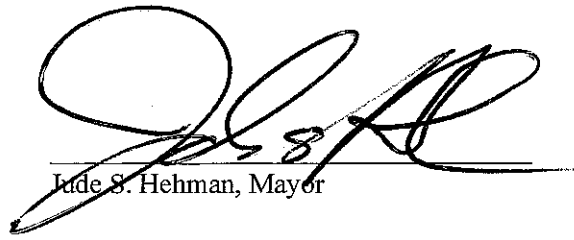
- Ms. Guenther thanked Chief Fuller for his service and stated that he will be missed.
- Mayor Hehman stated that this is Chief Fuller’s last meeting. Chief Fuller got into public service in 1993, has been part of this city for 19 years and fire chief for 5 years. Mayor Hehman thanked Chief Fuller for his service and stated that he will be sorely missed.

Fire Chief, Adam Fuller

- Chief Fuller thanked everyone for their kind words and stated that the council’s support and the team effort in the Fire Department has been amazing.
- Ms. Boerger stated that not only has Chief Fuller served the City of Fort Mitchell but is also incredibly involved on the county and state level.
- Mr. Pohlgeers stated that Chief Fuller has ensured that the city has a first-class fire department. Mr. Pohlgeers also commented on how much money Chief Fuller has saved Fort Mitchell through grants.
- Mr. Deatherage stated that Chief Fuller had a vision of transitioning from a part-time volunteer fire department to a full-time fire department and he fought to make that happen.
- Mr. Stoeckle congratulated Chief Fuller and thanked him for everything he has done for Northern Kentucky and Fort Mitchell.

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 Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

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