

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
August 28, 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

Ms. Guenther called roll and the following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding, Michael Stoeckle, and Kim Nachazel. 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; Police Chief, Rob Nader; Interim Fire Chief, Dave Slusser.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman stated that there was a typographical error on the agenda. Under the City Attorney's Report, letter d should read: Resolution 2023-13 instead of Resolution 2023-14. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. After asking for any discussion and hearing none, Mayor Jude Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the August 14, 2023, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the August 14, 2023, council meeting 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.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

Mayor Hehman stated that the City Council was going to open the property tax hearing and asked for a motion to go into the public hearing. Ms. Boerger made a motion to enter into the public tax hearing. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Guenther read the public hearing notice. The preceding year's real property tax rate was 0.136 per \$100.00 of assessed property with revenue of \$1,126,685.75. The proposed tax rate is 0.108 per \$100.00 of assessed property with revenue of \$1,157,564.40. The City is also proposing a 0% tangible personal property tax rate. The excess revenue generated will be utilized for the operation of the City. Mayor Hehman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the proposed property tax rate. There were no comments from the citizens or City Council members.

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion to close the hearing. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to close the hearing and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hehman stated that the property tax rate public hearing was closed.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

No guests spoke.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2023-11 Adopting the Real Property Tax Rate of 0.108 Per \$100 of Assessed Value**. Mayor Hehman stated that the proposed tax rate is compensating rate plus 2%. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11 and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2023-12 Adopting the Park Tax Rate of .02 Per \$100 of Assessed Value**. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12 and Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2023-13 Setting the Annual Waste, Garbage, Trash and Recycling Collection Fee for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$216.36 for each Residential Unit**. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-13 and Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2023-13 Surplus of Fire Department Kitchen Equipment**. Mayor Hehman stated that construction of the Fire Department kitchen starts this week, and that this equipment is being replaced. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed with all ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman stated that he had nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- There is a Municipal Government League meeting on Tuesday, August 29th, at the NKADD office. Everyone is invited to attend.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Stoeckle stated that there will be a Park Board meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Interim Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

- Chief Slusser reviewed the July report.
- Performed 173 runs and 3 commercial life safety inspections.
- Installed 10 car seats and 4 smoke detectors.
- Held 3 public education events.
- Assisted Crescent Springs/Villa Hills Fire Department on 2 structure fires.
- Assisted Kenton County Emergency Management with a lost person search in Owen County.
- 5 interns and recruits graduated from the Northern Kentucky recruit class in July and 1 recruit graduated from Cincinnati State's fire program.
- 7 interns and volunteers enrolled in EMT class and should graduate in December.
- Kitchen remodel starts on Tuesday, August 29th.
- The repairs on the ladder truck are almost completed and the test is scheduled for Friday, September 1st. Chief Slusser is hoping the truck will be back in operation next week. Mr. Pohlgeers asked if a section of the ladder is being replaced. Chief Slusser stated that a section of the ladder had been damaged and was replaced.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- Ms. Guenther reviewed the cash and investments report as of June 30, 2023
- The checking account was earning 4.86% interest and has since increased to 5%.
- \$509,113 is invested in a US Treasury Note and \$15,142 in cash with Ameriprise. The cash will be transferred to the checking account.
- \$339,829 is invested in the Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool in four different types of funds according to the committee's plan.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

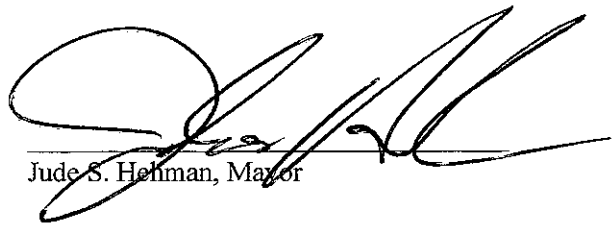
- The first phase of the Requardt Lane reconstruction from Virginia Avenue to the bend in the road has been completed. Work will now continue toward Dixie Highway.
- Public Works building bids are due Friday, September 1st.
- Cherrywood Drive will be engineered in the next few months.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- An officer resigned to move back to Lexington for childcare reasons. The department is looking to hire a replacement officer.
- Two new police cars were received and will be upfitted.
- A few cars were broken into.
- There were 215 traffic stops in July.
- School traffic has improved since Blessed Sacrament School has an earlier start time.

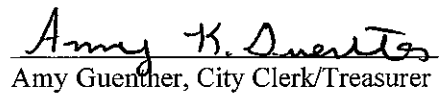
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deatherage made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:59 p.m. and Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer