

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
September 18, 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, Jeff Dietrich, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding, Michael Stoeckle, and Kim Nachazel. Councilman Deatherage was absent. A quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Attorney, Olivia Amlung; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; Police Chief, Rob Nader; Fire Chief, Dave Slusser.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were suggested. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stoeckle 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 28, 2023, minutes. No changes were noted. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the August 28, 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 unanimously.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Mayor Hehman introduced Abby Smith, from Northern Kentucky Young Marines. Ms. Smith spoke about the Young Marines program, which is a youth leadership organization for anyone between the ages of 8-18. The program is modeled after and endorsed by the United States Marine Corp. The Northern Kentucky unit is one of nearly 300 units in the country and focuses on public speaking, community service, veteran appreciation and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Mayor Hehman introduced Denise Govan, Director of the Diocesan Catholic Childrens Home (DCCH). On September 30<sup>th</sup>, DCCH is having a family festival from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. to celebrate their 175-year anniversary. Mayor Hehman read a proclamation celebrating DCCH's 175-year anniversary. Ms. Govan thanked everyone for the honor and stated that DCCH could not do their job without the help of the City's police and fire departments.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Amlung read **Municipal Order 2023-04 Appointing Dave Slusser as Fire Chief**. Mayor Hehman stated that Dave Slusser began his career in Fort Mitchell in 2002 and has been the Assistant Chief since 2019. Mayor Hehman stated that not only has he demonstrated leadership but has excelled. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that it's great to be able to promote from within the fire department. Ms. Boerger made a motion to

appoint Dave Slusser as Fire Chief. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously. A swearing-in ceremony will be held at another time.

Ms. Amlung read **Municipal Order 2023-05 Appointing Micah Zimmerman to the Code Enforcement Board**. Mr. Zimmerman has a background in economics and business. Mayor Hehman stated that he feels that Mr. Zimmerman would be impartial and take consistent measures. Fort Mitchell is one of the only cities in Kenton County to have a Code Enforcement Board. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to appoint Micah Zimmerman to the Code Enforcement Board. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) issued a press release recognizing Fort Mitchell as the 2023 Kentucky City of the Year.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Ms. Boerger stated that volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts for the kids' games at the DCCH Family Festival on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Boerger encouraged everyone to attend the festival.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

##### **Fire Chief, Dave Slusser**

- The fire department performed 184 runs, installed 7 car seats, conducted 33 life-safety inspections of commercial properties and held 4 public education events in August
- The aerial truck 710 is back in service and fully functional.
- The kitchen remodel is progressing.
- The department will be teaching CPR classes through the rest of the year. Classes are \$20 per person and anyone over the age of 12 can register and attend.

##### **Police Chief, Rob Nader**

- There was a robbery in the Fort Mitchell Drug Shoppe parking lot. This is still an active investigation, and the police department is following up on all leads. The robbery was a Facebook Marketplace exchange. Chief Nader urged anyone making a purchase through Marketplace to go somewhere visible with cameras, check on reviews and see how many followers the seller has. Mayor Hehman stated that he read a lot of misinformation concerning the robbery on social media and asked Chief Nader how he dealt with that. Chief Nader stated that after reading all the misinformation, he decided to release a photo of the robber with a statement, hoping to also generate new leads.

##### **City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther**

- Property taxes are being mailed on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

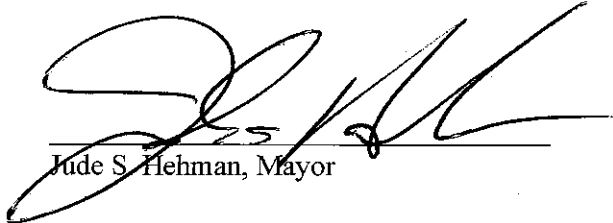
##### **Public Works Director, Nick Tewes**

- The public works' crews is preparing vehicles for the Kentucky Department of Transportation inspections and winter.
- Work on Requardt Lane is progressing. At the Dixie Highway intersection, there will be a road closure for the installation of a storm pipe. The businesses in the area have been notified.
- The City Building parking lot has been sealed and restriped.

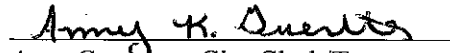
- Ms. Boerger stated that the road patching on Dixie Highway by Orphanage Road is sinking. Mr. Tewes stated that he will follow up on this, as the work is under warranty and will be fixed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:49 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

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