

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
November 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Jude Hehman introduced the Cub Scouts from Pack 367 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Guenther called roll and the following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, and Alyson Roeding were present. Greg Pohlgeers arrived at 6:35 p.m. Mike Stoeckle was absent. Mayor Hehman stated that a quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Jude Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were suggested. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Boerger 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 October 16, 2023, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the October 16, 2023 council meeting minutes. Dr. Roeding 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 invited Nolan Hymer, of Cub Scout Pack 367, to introduce himself. Nolan stated that the pack members are at the Council meeting to earn their citizenship badge and to talk with a government official. Cub scout, Brett Pfaehler, asked if speed bumps could be put on Cherrywood Drive, because cars drive fast on her street. Mayor Hehman stated that Council would talk about that. Ms. Nachazel stated that it would be a good idea to add sidewalks on Cherrywood.

Linda Enzweiler, of Lucerne Avenue, wanted to know what could be done about her neighbor's free-roaming chickens that are tearing up her yard. Mayor Hehman stated that when the chickens are in Ms. Enzweiler's yard, she needs to call the City or PDS to witness this. Mr. King offered his business card and said Ms. Enzweiler could call him. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that PDS manages the city's code enforcement and that Ms. Enzweiler's neighbor will be cited if the chickens roam on other people's property.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2023-14 Approving the Grant Agreement Related to the Local Participation Agreement with Fort Mitchell Gateway Project**. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-14. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman 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

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2023-15 Amending Chapter 73 Related to Motor Assisted Vehicles, Bicycles and Motorcycles**. Mayor Hehman stated that this ordinance will clarify what a scooter is and where to drive them safely. Ms. Boerger stated that under Chapter 73.04 there is a term, “play street” and asked for clarification on that term. Mr. King stated that “play street” is not technically defined, but generally means a street with a “Children At Play” sign that is blocked off for play. Ms. Nachazel stated that the language might be outdated. Dr. Roeding questioned Chapter 73.02C about carrying more than one person at a time. Ms. Amlung stated that we need to look at the language used and will look at these two issues. Mr. Dietrich stated that in Chapter 73.02 it states that vehicles should not exceed 15 miles per hour (m.p.h.). Mr. Dietrich asked if scooters going over 15 m.p.h. are considered motorized vehicles and abide by rules of the street and need a license? Mr. Dietrich also asked if they must follow the rules of the road at a crosswalk.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2023-16 Setting 2024 Council Meeting Dates**. Mayor Hehman stated that holidays and school breaks are considered when setting the Monday night council meetings. Ms. Boerger stated that going forward, she has a conflict on the third Monday of each month. The following meeting dates or times were changed: the planning meeting time March 4, 2024 was changed from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; March 18th changed to 11th; April 15th to the 22nd; July 15th to the 22nd and September 16th to the 9th.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading for **Ordinance 2023-17 Amending the Number of Public Works Crew Leader Positions**. Mr. King stated that this change is budget neutral and will align the actual duties of our crew. We currently have 4 labor positions, 2 of whom are senior staff that lead the crew. This is more about giving them a title and putting in writing what they are already doing.

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2023-17 Surplus of Public Works Items**. Mayor Hehman stated that the biggest item on the list is a 2001 Ford 250 4x4 that has 132,000 miles and rusted-out floorboard. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried with all ayes.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Judy Price, a former long-term employee, passed away. Ms. Price was a former police clerk, who was with the city for 15 years. Mayor Hehman asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Price.
- Diocesan Catholic Children’s Home (DCCH) presented the City with the Trailblazer Award last week in recognition of the continued partnership with the City. Mr. Deatherage stated that DCCH appreciates that the police and fire departments are there often and the grant the City received for DCCH to provide a new HVAC system.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- The City launched the military banner program. This is a first-come, first serve basis to purchase banners for \$150 to honor a veteran or current member of the military who has lived in Fort Mitchell. So far, 15 banners have been purchased. Banners will be displayed from May through November 2024 and be given to the purchaser at the end. Ms. Roeding asked if we were planning on having a ceremony and Mr. King stated that nothing was currently planned. Orders for the banners will be placed at the end of February.

- The Industrial Revenue Bond Public Hearing for the Fort Mitchell Gateway Project (Former Drawbridge area) will be held on December 21st.
- The zoning application related to the Drawbridge project approved by resolution at the last meeting has been submitted to Kenton County Planning and Development. The Kenton County Planning Commission will review at the December 7th meeting at PDS.
- The next Council meeting was moved from December 4th to December 11th.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- No comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- The Public Works crew are street sweeping.
- The Requardt Lane project is wrapping up.
- The Public Works building construction will start tomorrow. This will be a 6-month project.
- Contractors will start putting up Christmas lights this week.
- Bids are back from Cherrywood. Mayor Hehman asked if we can get a quote for speed bumps as an option.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- An Ice-Skating Party will be held at no charge for Fort Mitchell and Lakeside Park residents on Wednesday, November 22nd from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. at Northern Kentucky Ice Center.
- Fort Mitchell Merry Business and Tree Lighting is on Sunday, December 3rd from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. in the business district and City Building. Tree lighting will begin at 7:30 p.m.
- St. Nick's Bingo for seniors will be Tuesday, December 5th from 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park City Building for residents.
- The 12 Houses of Christmas Lights contest will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 8-10.
- The Santa Claus parade will be held on Tuesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. Please check the website for designated streets.
- Fort Mitchell PNC Festival of Lights event will be on Saturday, December 16th at the Cincinnati Zoo. Fort Mitchell residents can purchase discounted tickets for \$8.00 at the City Building. Tickets are good for any night.
- Holly Jolly Day is on Sunday, December 17th from 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Behringer-Crawford Museum. Admission is free for Fort Mitchell and Lakeside Park residents.
- The Grinch private screening will be on Monday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cinemark Florence 14. Fort Mitchell residents can purchase \$3.00 discounted tickets at the City Building.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- Two police cars were purchased in July and have not been delivered yet
- The department is hiring a police officer.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

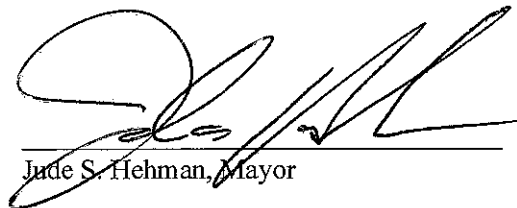
- 99% of city property taxes have been collected.
- Delinquent tax letters have been sent out.
- The Investment Committee met. The \$500,000 from the treasury bill will be transferred to the Heritage checking account, where it is earning a little over 5%.

Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

- 191 service calls were made in October.
- October was the department's public education month, and there were twenty-five public education events including Hero's Night. Thirty-one city firefighters attended Hero's Night.
- 4 car seats were installed.
- On November 6th, Jeff Hampton was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief and Adam Schierberg was promoted to Captain.
- The kitchen remodel is complete. Chief Slusser expressed his appreciation to council and the city administration for their support for the remodel.

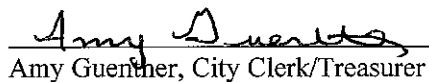
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hehman invited Nolan Hymer, of Cub Scout Pack 367, to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Roeding made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:15 p.m. and Mr. Deatherage 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