

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
February 5, 2024, 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

Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Schawe to call roll. The following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Alyson Roeding and Mike Stoeckle were present. Mayor Hehman stated a quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the January 8, 2024, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the January 8, 2024, 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

No guests requested to speak.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2024-01 Amending Chapter 73 Related to Motor Assisted Vehicles, Bicycles, and Motorcycles**. Mayor Hehman stated Mr. Christofield has done a really good job at getting the word out about this ordinance and now it is time to start implementing it. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Ms. Nachazel 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
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes		

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2024-01 Surplus Police Equipment** by trading three Colt rifles in for store credit of future ammunition and accessory purchases. Mayor Hehman stated Chief Nader will explain the surplus of rifles in his report. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve

Resolution 2024-01. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman has reviewed the upcoming planning session with Mr. King. The planning session starts with a chart outlining wish lists, what the City wants to get done and what is important to the City. It also depicts the accomplishments that were achieved by Council and Staff within the last year. Mr. King will be sending out the chart to Council tomorrow, in preparation for the planning session.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- KLC Day in Frankfort is February 28, 2024. Mr. King asked Council what interested them as far as talking with legislators on KLC Day.
- Mayor Hehman mentioned he would be going to Frankfort with Mr. King next week. Mayor Hehman stated he found it more beneficial attending on a different day besides KLC Day. Mayor Hehman said they would like to follow up on Orphanage/Buttermilk Pike realignment project, the Dixie Highway reconstruction project, and the bridge project.
- Mr. Deatherage asked about the annexation topic of taking some control away from the cities and giving more control to the counties. Mayor Hehman stated this was a hot topic currently in Frankfort. Mayor Hehman stated in a meeting with KLC today, this topic does not affect Kenton County as much as it does other cities in Kentucky. Mr. Deatherage indicated he would like to show support for other cities by going to Frankfort. Mayor Hehman stated he does not want to lose any rights as a city.
- Ms. Boerger stated she would prefer to go to Frankfort on a different day other than KLC Day on February 28.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Pohlgeers mentioned an update from Planning and Development Services pertaining to the legalization of medical cannabis. PDS is working on the framework of a sample zoning that will be sent out to each city as a reference. Topics such as cultivation, processing, testing and dispensing will be covered and should be ready around June 2024. Mayor Hehman stated medical cannabis was also a big topic in the KLC meeting today, as well. The understanding from KLC is, if cities do not enact and take some sort of action of whether the city is going to allow it in the zoning, not taking any action could put the City in a worse position.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

- The Fire Department completed all apparatus DOT annual inspections.
- Community CPR class dates were released through May. Dates can be found on the Fire Department's Facebook page or the City website.
- Five recruits are currently enrolled in recruit class. The class runs through May 5. After May 5, the Fire Department will have five more certified volunteers.
- Mayor Hehman asked for a report broken down by city for mutual aid. Mayor Hehman stated Crestview Hills and Lakeside Park pay the City for services, but the City of Fort Mitchell has gone there less than other cities. Mr. Pohlgeers agreed mutual aid has always been somewhat of a hot topic and agreed mutual aid needs to be looked at further.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- The Public Works building construction is ongoing. Framing and sheathing have been done. The contractors will begin work on the roof, electric and HVAC system soon.
- The Cherrywood design is underway. About 50% is planned currently and the department is looking into alternates for sidewalks. More finalized plans should be available in the next two weeks.
- Mr. Tewes wanted to recognize the Public Works crew for their hard work during the snow and ice the City received last month.
- Mayor Hehman added there will be a meeting with the Cherrywood residents to discuss designs.

Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer, Casie Schawe

- Chris Clifford, Deputy City Clerk/HR Assistant, retired last week. The City would like to thank her for her service.
- Kris Dickey was hired to replace Ms. Clifford as the Deputy City Clerk/HR Assistant. Ms. Dickey will start on February 8, 2024.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

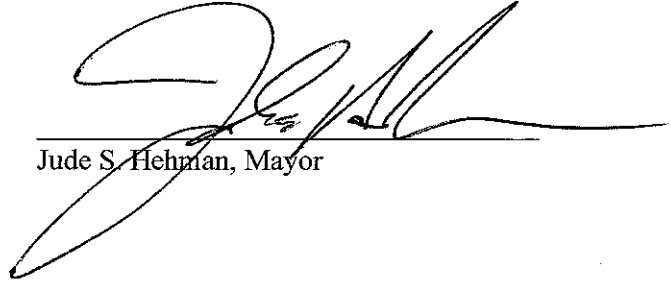
- Chief Nader stated the Police Department is surplus three Colt rifles. All rifles have been changed to HM rifles. The last three Colt rifles have been in the armory. When a rifle goes down for repair or if the rifle is used and must be taken as evidence, it is best practice to replace it with the same type of rifle,
- Chief Nader stated he is aware Fort Mitchell Police Officers are at Bigby drinking coffee. He is a huge supporter of community relations, so he is supportive of the officers being at Bigby.
- Ms. Nachazel posed a concern about three burglaries in 2024. Chief Nader stated there have been a few new construction sites burglarized and the Police Department is working on those. The Police Department was not informed about this theft until the second or third occurrence.
- Mayor Hehman asked if there were any updates on the golf outing. Chief Nader stated the committee will be posting the registration form tomorrow. Dr. Roeding asked if there will be sponsorships for the golf outing. Chief Nader said it will be on the flyer.

Programs Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- The remaining events for the year are still being planned.
- The next event will be Bingo For Seniors on Tuesday, March 12, at the Fort Mitchell City Building in the Council Chambers from 2:00pm-3:30pm. This is open to Fort Mitchell and Lakeside Park residents.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 16, at 11:00am. This event will be held at General Ormsby Mitchel Park. Mr. Christofield wanted to thank the Childrens' Home for allowing the City to use the space the last two years for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Spring and Summer events are posted on social media platforms.
- Ms. Nachazel stated Mr. Christofield does a great job with activities and spreading the word.
- Mr. Pohlgeers stated he has heard a lot of positive comments about the scooter safety posts.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:52 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:



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