# CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017

June 3, 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 Hehman asked Ms. Guenther to call roll.

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

The following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Alyson Roeding, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Jerry Deatherage, Greg Pohlgeers, and Mike Stoeckle.

#### OTHERS PRESENT

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman mentioned a change to the agenda regarding item 7. b. under the City Attorney's Report, Ordinance for Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, and changed the date to 2025. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda with the mentioned correction. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman stated that there are two sets of council meeting minutes to approve. The first set of minutes are for the April 22, 2024, council meeting. Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the April 22, 2024, council meeting minutes. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The second set of minutes are from the May 20, 2024, special meeting for discussion of the budget. Mr. Pohlgeers proposed a correction to the minutes mentioning resident Brook Walters and changing pronoun and title from she to he and Ms. to Mr. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the May 20, 2024, minutes with the mentioned correction. Mr. Stoeckle seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions and called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Mr. Kaiser mentioned he noticed that the underpass needs to be cleaned. He shared his experience with scooter riders blowing their horns for him to get off the sidewalk on the west side of Kroger. Mr. Kaiser expressed appreciation for our fire chief for sharing statistics. He would like to hear a synopsis of the cities that receive mutual aid the most from Fort Mitchell.

# PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE USE OF MUNICIPAL ROAD AID PURSUANT TO KRS 174.100(1)

Mayor Hehman opened up the meeting for public comment regarding Municipal Road Aid projects. Ms. Guenther reviewed the Municipal Road Aid budget and asked for public comment. No additional comments were voiced.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman read the budget message in summary for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Ms. Amlung read Ordinance 2024-02 Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 (First Reading). Mayor Hehman asked Mr. King to review the changes to the budget since the budget meeting.

Ms. Amlung read Ordinance 2024-03 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 (First Reading). Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions, and none were voiced.

Ms. Amlung read Ordinance 2024-04 Amending Chapter 111 of the Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances (First Reading). Ms. Guenther summarized the Ordinance changes relating to alcoholic beverages.

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2024-07 Adopting the City Road List**. Mr. King acknowledged that nothing has changed since the last list was passed, but there may be some future changes near Grandview Drive and Royal Drive. Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Hehman shared that the new Public Works building is nearing completion and expressed the need for patience with the process of moving and organizing over the next few weeks.

Mayor Hehman stated that he would like to write and renew the City of Fort Mitchell's contract with Adams Law and Ms. Amlung as City Attorney. Mayor Hehman informed council that Amy Guenther is married to a partner at Adams Law and asked if there were any concerns or questions. There were no comments.

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. King reported that the Drawbridge project is moving along, and bond documents will be finalized soon with a potential groundbreaking in July. Mr. Pohlgeers referenced some recent clean up and grass cutting efforts done on the site.

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Dietrich expressed appreciation to Mayor Hehman and all department heads for their time and efforts toward presenting a fair budget.

Ms. Nachazel expressed appreciation to Joe Christofield for his thorough communication of city events and information.

Mayor Hehman mentioned the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and asked council members for their preferences on utilizing a truck-pulled trailer or golf carts for their travels through the parade route. No overall preference was voiced as many members walk.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no reports from department heads and no questions voiced for department heads.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 6:58 p.m. Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

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