

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
July 22, 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. Guenther to call roll. The following council members were present: Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Dr. Alyson Roeding, and Mike Stoeckle. Vicki Boerger was absent. Mayor Hehman stated 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; Programs and Communication Coordinator, Joe Christofield; and Police Chief, Rob Nader.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 asked if there were any changes to the June 24, 2024, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the June 24, 2024, council meeting minutes. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions 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 2024-05 Adopting the Pay Scale for the Period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026**. Mr. King outlined minor changes to City Clerk's pay range and the State funded and mandated training incentive increase for hazardous employees. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2024-06 Adopting the Park Tax Rate**. Mayor Hehman clarified that the park tax rate of \$0.02 on each one hundred dollars of assessed property values in the city cannot be changed by Council and has been the same rate since 1975.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2024-07 Setting the Waste, Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collection Charge for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**. The pass through waste collection fee is the same rate as last year.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2024-08 Amending Chapter 70 Related to Speed Humps**. Ms. Nachazel stated that the Safety Committee is in favor of this ordinance as a proactive means to prevent speeding and accidents. Mr. King reviewed the changes. In Section 70.50, stop signs verbiage was removed. In Section 70.53 ballot measures were removed to add or change speed humps. Citizens will be able to make speed hump change requests and City Council will vote to approve any speed hump changes. Section 70.55, construction specifications, was eliminated. In Section 70.57 all signs and markings were changed to be consistent with the traffic control manual. Section 70.59 regarding funding was removed. Mr. Pohlgeers asked if council approval for speed humps is needed if it is included in the budget. Mr. King stated that it would need to be.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hehman stated that the Kentucky League of Cities Conference will be September 23-27, 2024 and Council should let the City Administrator or City Clerk know if they would like reservation made to attend.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. King reported that the new HVAC system will be installed in the next three weeks.

Mr. King mentioned there will be a Kenton County Planning Commission public hearing on August 1, 2024, for a few zoning waivers in the Gateway Development. Mr. King outlined some changes including limited right-of-way on one side of the street, sidewalk on one side of the street instead of two, and the inclusion of a turnaround. There will be a first reading for these changes at a council meeting in August.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**-No comments were made.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

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

- New high pressure lifting bags were purchased and installed. Chief Slusser thanked Council.
- The process of onboarding new ESO emergency software has begun with intended completion by 12/31/2024.
- Two college interns graduated from the program on 6/30/2024. Both have secured positions with other departments. Two volunteers were promoted into the intern program.
- The high school intern program will start back up in August with 5 students.
- Four new volunteers were onboarded in July and will begin their basic fire training on August 12, 2024.
- Seven individuals are enrolled in EMT training to begin in August.
- The Fort Mitchell Fire Department was selected to host a National Fire Academy Leadership and Supervision class. The class will be held in the fire training room on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The class size is limited to 30, and 16 of our own fire personnel will be attending.

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

- Leslie Schepis started last week as the new Administrative Assistant.

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

- The public works surplus items are currently listed on GovDeals.com with a close date of July 31, 2024.

- In response to the recent water main break on Beechwood Road, Mr. Tewes will soon be meeting with the Water District regarding restoration of the sidewalk and asphalt in that area.
- The Cherrywood project work is scheduled to resume on July 29, 2024.
- There is some property work and yard restoration around the Public Works garage that should be finished in the next two weeks.

**Programs and Communication Coordinator, Joe Christofield**

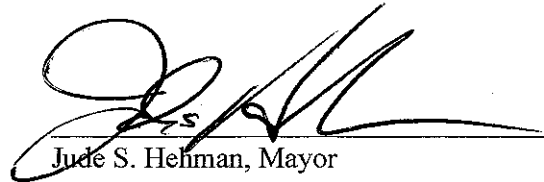
- The Florence Community Band concert was cancelled on Friday, July 19, 2024, and will be rescheduled.
- The LiveWell Fort Mitchell Community Health Fair will take place on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the city building parking lot.
- The annual Fort Mitchell Night at Putt-Putt in Erlanger will take place on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 6 to 9 p.m. Fort Mitchell residents will need to show proof of residency and can play 2 free games.
- The Cincinnati Observatory at the Park event will be held on Tuesday, July 30, at 8:45 p.m., weather permitting.
- Fort Mitchell Day at Vent Haven Museum is scheduled for Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is free to Fort Mitchell residents showing ID.
- The Whammies concert at the park is scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2024, from 7 to 10 p.m.

**Police Chief, Rob Nader**

- The City is accepting bids for two new police cruisers.
- K-9 Officer, Gunny, was certified last week.
- Police Chief Nader, Fire Chief Slusser, and Fire Captain Schierberg recently attended FEMA bomb incident training at New Mexico Tech.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 6:59 p.m. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.



Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer