

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
August 12, 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, and Greg Pohlgeers. Dr. Alyson Roeding, Mike Stoeckle, and Vicki Boerger were absent. Mayor Hehman stated a quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Attorney, Olivia Amlung; 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. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dietrich 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 July 22, 2024, minutes. No changes were noted. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the July 22, 2024, council meeting minutes. Mr. Pohlgeers 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 2024-06 Adopting the Park Tax Rate**. Mayor Hehman clarified that the park tax rate is \$0.02 on each one hundred dollars of assessed real property values in the city. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-06. 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	Ms. Nachazel	Yes

Ms. Amlung performed a second 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 annual rate as last year, \$216.36. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-07. Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes
Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2024-08 Amending Chapter 70 Related to Speed Humps**. Mayor Hehman stated that the Safety Committee is in favor of this ordinance and the changes discussed at the last Council meeting. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes
Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2024-09 Adopting the Real Property Tax Rate**. Mayor Hehman stated that the recommended rate is \$0.108 on each one hundred dollars of assessed real property valuation and is the same tax rate as last year. Ms. Guenther stated that the compensating rate of .107 generated estimated revenue under budget.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2024-10 Adopting KCPC Recommendation of Concept Development Plan for Fort Mitchell Gateway Project**. Mr. King attended the Kenton County Planning Commission meeting on August 1, 2024. The proposed plan includes 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.

Ms. Amlung read **Municipal Order 2024-05 Surplus of Police Equipment**. Police Chief Nader stated that the police department is requesting to surplus old body cameras that are no longer working with the new software system. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2024-05. Mr. Dietrich 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

No report.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

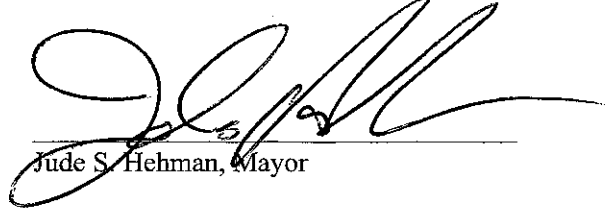
Police Chief, Rob Nader

- There have been a number of recent car break-ins. Some of the stolen items have been recovered. Detectives are still identifying the juveniles involved. The thefts are still occurring at the Seasons on Chelsea, with mostly Hyundai's and Kia's being stolen due to their common security issues.
- Door-to-door salesmen without permits have been an issue. Residents have called in to report this activity, and police staff have been verbally warning offenders without permits. Solicitors must have a city and county occupational fee and a city solicitation permit.
- Police officers are stopping scooter riders and giving warnings for safety violation. Some riders have been out after curfew or out on the street, requiring automobile drivers to be more cautious. Parents can be cited if their child is out after curfew. Ms. Nachazel stated that Mr. Christofield will be posting scooter safety on social media. Mayor Hehman requested that Mr. Christofield post scooter safety, curfews, and solicitation laws. Mayor Hehman also suggested signage addressing scooter safety, pedestrians, and right-of-way. Ms.

Nachazel stated that everyone should be responsible for sidewalk safety. Mayor Hehman mentioned a desire and previous efforts for wider sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 6:53 p.m. Mr. Pohlgeers 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