

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
November 11, 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. The Mayor stated that this meeting was held on Veterans' Day due to the election being held at the city building last week.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Hehman asked Ms. Guenther to call roll. The following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. 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; Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff Hampton; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; Programs and Communications 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. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any corrections to the October 14, 2024, minutes. No corrections were noted. Dr. Roeding made a motion to approve the October 14, 2024, council meeting minutes. 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.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Mayor Hehman recognized Jeff Groneck, announcing that Jeff recently received the Wieholter Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes dedication to fire and emergency service throughout one's career. The council presented a round of applause in appreciation.

Chief Hampton introduced Cole Lucas, a firefighter/EMT. Mr. Lucas is the first intern to be hired full-time by the Fort Mitchell Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Hampton congratulated Cole, and Cole's girlfriend, Stephanie Messmer, pinned him.

Mayor Hehman asked whether any of the citizens or guests had questions or concerns to bring before Council. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman introduced the scheduled guest, Chris Korba of the NKADD.

Chris Korba, Finance Director of Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) did a presentation of what NKADD does and how they can help. NKADD was established in 1971 by Kentucky statute. The NKADD provides assistance in:

- Aging and Disability Services
- Community Development and Planning
- Drug Control Policy
- Financial and Management Compliance

- Food Insecurity Support
- Local Government Services
- Workforce Development

#### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mayor Hehman is selling the property in **Ordinance 2024-11** and thus recused himself from the meeting. Ms. Boerger ran the meeting from this point. Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2024-11 Adopting Kenton County Planning Commission's Recommendation of the Map Amendment to the Fort Mitchell Zoning Ordinance for a Proposed Senior Assisted Residential Living Facility at 221 Grandview Drive**. Mr. King explained that the recommendation by the Planning Commission was passed unanimously. The proposed change is in line with the comprehensive plan. This zone change will revise the property from business park to community commercial and does not represent a significant change in use. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11; Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Ms. Boerger asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Boerger called for a roll vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes	Mr. Deatherage	Yes
Mr. Roeding	Yes	Mr. Dietrich	Yes
Ms. Boerger	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes

Mayor Hehman was brought back into the meeting. Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2024-12 Setting Council Meeting Dates for the year 2025**. Mayor Hehman asked that the Council review the dates and let Edwin know of any suggested revisions.

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2024-08 Application of Grant for Firefighting PPE**, asking for \$95,000 with a 5% match for a grant for Personal Protective Equipment. Assistant Chief Hampton confirmed that the department will stay under budgeted, if the grant is not awarded to Fort Mitchell. Assistant Chief Hampton stated that the equipment has become significantly more expensive. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-08**. Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Amlung read the **Municipal Order 2024-06 Reappointing Carl Stamm, Mary Burns, and Don Stegman as Board of Adjustments Members**. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the Municipal Order 2024-06. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Hehman stated that fencing will soon be added to the Gateway Project area and part of Royal Drive will soon be closed by Executive Order, and a new road will be established over the next two years.

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

- Mr. King reported that the Gateway Project bonds have been closed on.
- The community cookout on West Maple was held to discuss parking concerns. Chief Nader and Mr. King met with the Mercedes general manager to implement some new procedures to improve the situation. Mr. King asked that everyone be patient as those new steps are executed.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Pohlgeers welcomed council member elect Mr. Jared Arlinghaus.

## DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

### Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff Hampton

- There were 133 runs in October.
- 17 public education events were held in October, since October was Fire Prevention Month.
- Assistant Chief Hampton reviewed the Fire Report.
- Some employees participated in Active Shooter Hostile Event training.
- The department's new national fire reporting software is being implemented.
- Three recruits graduated.
- The ambulance is fixed.
- A fire engine will be sent off for repair.

### Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- The sidewalk bid is due this week. This sidewalk repair project will be completed by June 30th.
- The West Maple resurfacing bids will be completed soon and work will be performed in the spring.
- The Cherrywood reconstruction project went well.
- Dr. Roeding asked Mr. Tewes how the sidewalk repair work is prioritized. Mr. Tewes stated that streets are grouped together by location and trip hazards are evaluated to be cost efficient. The minor jobs are sidewalk unevenness are between .25 to 2" thick. So far, sidewalk hazards have been repaired on Dixie Highway, Beechwood Road, and Grandview Drive.

### City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- Property tax bills were due on October 31, 2024. The City billed \$9.8 million in property taxes, (mostly Beechwood taxes) and still has 2% left to collect. The first delinquent tax bills are going out this week.

### Programs & Communication Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- Upcoming events are on the website.
- Fort Mitchell night at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center is on November 27.
- Fa-La-La in the Fort (holiday tree lighting) is at Iris Road Park on December 8.
- There will not be a business walk this year.

### Police Chief, Rob Nader

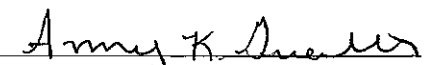
- An officer struck a deer, causing significant car damage. Keep an eye out for deer on the road, especially at night.
- Halloween night went smoothly. There were not many kids out due to the rainy evening.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 7:18 p.m. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

  
Jude S. Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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