

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
JANUARY 13, 2005, 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: Jared Arlinghaus, Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. Mayor Hehman stated that a quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Hehman asked the Council members to step up front and raise their right hands. For the new term and the new Council member, Mayor Hehman read the Commonwealth Oath. Each of the members pledged, "I do." Mayor Hehman congratulated the Council, and a round of applause followed. Note: All city council members were sworn in after the December council meeting as required by statute.

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. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. 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 December 9, 2024, minutes. No corrections were noted. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the December 9, 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

Mayor Hehman asked whether any of the citizens or guests had questions or concerns to bring before the Council.

Tom Snowden of 11 Silver Avenue came forward to discuss concerns regarding the property at 13 Silver Avenue. Mr. Snowden stated that the previous neighbor could not keep up with the property. Mr. Snowden watched raccoons come in and out of their roof for years. The property was put on the market, and two years ago, Mr. Alexander bought the property. Mr. Alexander decided to rehab the property. Mr. Snowden stated that he has a good relationship with the current owner, but Mr. Alexander has made one promise after the other. None of the promises are coming to fruition. Mr. Alexander's contractors dropped shingles on the Mr. Snowden's carport and damaged it two years ago. Although Mr. Alexander said he would get the carport repaired, it has not been fixed. Mr. Alexander has had a dumpster in his backyard for two years. It fills with water every year, and the Snowden family cannot sit in their backyard due to the mosquitoes the water attracts. Mr. Snowden likes the community and wants to stay here, but if the property continues to deteriorate, they will have to leave. Mayor Hehman stated that the only thing the law covers is when there is a code enforcement issue. Mr. King stated that he will look into the situation. Mr. King stated that once the permit is issued, the property must sit stagnant for six months before the permit can be revoked. Mr. Snowden and Mr. Alexander

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- Ms. Guenther stated that the December 2024 Financial Statements are in the City Council packet, and that we are on target for expenses and revenues.
- The auditors need city council members to return their completed financial interest forms.

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- Mr. Christofield stated that this is the time of year to plan for the upcoming year's events.
- The ice skating, tree lighting at Iris Park, the movie, and the Festival of Lights tickets were well attended. The Santa Claus parades were big hits on both nights, regardless of the cold weather.
- The Council encouraged Mr. Christofield to keep up the good work.

Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

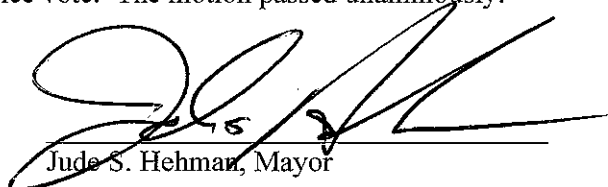
- Four people are enrolled in the EMT class from the City's volunteer and intern program. Two people are enrolled in the basic class scheduled on February 4.
- Five out of six individuals passed the last EMT course and gained their certification.
- Intern Colin Conarroe has completed the intern program and graduated from the paramedic class and is waiting to take his national registry exam to gain his certification.
- The #710 ladder truck is back in service.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- Chief Nader stated that he was able to award four officers with the Distinguished Service Award at the holiday party. This award was given to acknowledge their working together to solve the burglaries at the DOT building at Beechwood. The Distinguished Service Award was granted to Officer Pangallo, Officer McNeese, Officer Maier, and Detective Hamblin. The perpetrators pled guilty to their offences.
- Our Police Department will be featured in the Spotlight of Fort Mitchell newsletter.
- Dr. Roeding asked about any communication regarding kids ringing doorbells and entering people's homes in the middle of the night. These kids could get hurt. Chief Nader responded that he has no proof of this occurring in our city, so he is not publicly acknowledging the situation. Chief Nader does not want to propagate rumors and speculation. Chief Nader spoke with the School Resource Officers at Beechwood and Covington Catholic High Schools, and neither of them could help identify the juvenile involved.
- Mr. Pohlgeers stated that he witnessed the officers knocking on doors to get cars moved before ticketing them during the snowstorm.

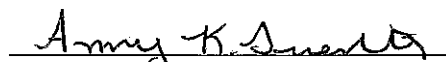
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Arlinghaus made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 6:58 p.m. Ms. Nachazel 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