

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
APRIL 14, 2025, 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, 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.

**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; Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

None.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-01 Dissolution of the Fort Mitchell Economic Development Authority Related to the Fort Mitchell Gateway TIF**. The mayor stated that the Council had a discussion at the last meeting regarding this. Mayor Hehman stated that anything to do with the TIF will now come directly to Council and not through a separate board. Mr. Deatherage made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01; Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. The mayor stated that the motion carried.

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

Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Municipal Order 2025-03 Authorizing the Disaster and Emergency Response** overtime for exempt employees. Mr. King stated that a few years ago, Former Fire Chief Fuller responded to Eastern Kentucky floods. Former Police Chief Schierberg responded to the Western Kentucky tornado recovery and he was an exempt employee as well. When employees work in disaster emergencies, they work overtime hours and perform duties beyond what they normally do. This ordinance would allow the City to request reimbursement of overtime from funding sources. This ordinance excludes declared snow emergencies. Mr. Pohlgeers asked if a salaried employee received emergency

overtime, could this cause their pay to exceed the pay scale? Mr. King and Ms. Amlung stated that this would apply for a very specific purpose. This would be classified similar to a stipend rather than part of their base compensation. Ms. Boerger made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2025-03, and Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Asking for further questions and hearing none, the mayor called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Amlung read **Municipal Order 2025-04 Surplus of Police and Fire Equipment**. The mayor stated that the list is a bit longer than usual. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve; Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Asking for further questions and hearing none, the mayor asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Hehman stated that many cities, states, and military units are using challenge coins to recognize someone. Each of the council members received a Fort Mitchell challenge coin.

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

- Mr. King reported that the Grace Court gate was installed and then hit by a car. The owner added reflective strips on the gate, and no more issues have been reported.
- The Kentucky Department of Transportation (KDOT) sent a letter to several residents along the I-71/I-75 corridor and asked what type of sound wall the residents would like as part of the Brent Spence Bridge project. Mr. King has asked for a list of residents that communication went to and a copy of the letter.
- Now that construction has begun, the City will be starting a TIF fund in the financial statements.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ms. Nachazel stated that the Fort Mitchell Firefighter Union Golf Outing will be on May 30. Information and how to register will be posted on the City's Facebook page and proceeds will go to the Fort Mitchell First Responders' Community Fund.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

##### **Police Chief, Rob Nader**

- The department is working on the issues with the trucks that deliver cars. More signs have been put up on Dixie and the department cited another truck for parking illegally. A little diamond was set up in front of the dentist's office to prevent trucks from parking in the middle of the road.
- There was a stolen car from Elsmere, and they could not find the driver or the passengers. An hour later, our officers spotted them walking down Dixie Highway. We worked with Elsmere to finish that case. Officers Maier and McNeese did a terrific job.
- One flock camera is operational, and the others are having installation issues.

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

- Truck 710 went out of service for a couple of weeks.
- The application process closed for the open firefighter/medic position. The department has received six applicants and will be conducting interviews next week.
- The new ambulance is expected to be received August 2027.

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

Adams Law sent out delinquent property tax collection letters. These letters let the homeowners know that if they do not pay their taxes, a lien will be placed on their property.

**Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield**

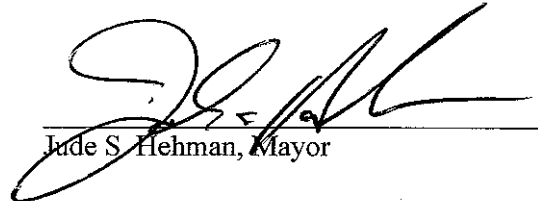
- Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday at the park.
- The community-wide yard sale will be this Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. rain or shine.
- Large Item Pickup will also be on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be held this Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the city building's parking lot until the trees are gone.
- The document destruction event will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the city building's parking lot 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

**Public Works Director, Nick Tewes**

- The contractor completed the drainage structure on Park Road so there is a new box to control the pond's water level. The pond is almost back up to the previous water level of 3.5 to 4 feet due to rain levels.
- The speed hump on Thompson will be constructed soon.
- I will be meeting with the West Maple residents about the resurfacing project before that work begins to walk them through the process and address any concerns.
- The mayor stated that we have done work in that area by Park Road but have not repaired the deteriorating wall. If the wall is eliminated, a guard rail needs to be installed. Mr. Tewes replied that he is meeting with a designer to get thoughts on the best way to remedy this situation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Roeding made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m. Mr. Deatherage 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