

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
JUNE 2, 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, Cazmir Thornberry (in for Olivia Amlung); City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Rob Nader; Fire Chief, Dave Slusser; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes and Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield, were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Deatherage 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 stated that there are two sets of meeting minutes to review. The first is from the meeting on May 5, 2025. The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

The second set of meeting minutes is from May 19, 2025. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for any other questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Mr. Dave Hentz asked the City to clean up the garbage at the bottom of Beechwood Road where it crosses the railroad tracks. Ms. Boerger agreed with Mr. Hentz. Mayor Hehman stated that the railroad is supposed to clean that area, but the City will take care of it. Ms. Boerger asked whether we could contact the owner of the mobile home park to clean it up, since their tenants seem to be littering in that area. Mr. Deatherage stated that we do not really know where the trash is coming from. Mr. Arlinghaus stated that the trash is about 30 yards up the tracks, coming down the hill.

Mr. Hentz stated that he sees a lot of kids on motorized scooters riding in the street. He is concerned that one of them will be hit by a car. Mayor Hehman stated that the City Council has been discussing this and other cities are dealing with this concern.

General Ormsby Park had a stone at the park entrance, explaining Fort Mitchell's history. Mr. Hentz asked whether we still have that somewhere. Mr. King stated that we do have it and plan to put it back up at the park.

Mr. Hentz asked if the City has considered putting bocce ball in the park? Mayor Hehman stated that the Park Board determines where the money is spent in the parks. Tonight, the council will be reviewing the budget

for the first time, and it includes money for the repair of the pickleball courts, additional playground equipment, and shade areas. Dr. Roeding is the council's representative on the Park Board, and she will bring Mr. Hentz's recommendation to the board at their meeting next week. Mr. Hentz commits to donating a bocce ball set to the city for this purpose. Dr. Roeding will have an update next month.

Jebediah Holbrook, 23 West Maple Avenue, stated that the Mercedes employees are not parking on the street any longer, and the Baptist church parking is much better as well. Mr. Holbrook praised Chief Nader for having his department ticket the drivers that park illegally. The mayor agreed that there is an issue, and we are writing citations and making progress in respecting the residents.

PRESENTATION BY REDTREE INVESTMENT GROUP

Joe Violand of RedTree Investment Group was introduced by Mr. King. Mr. King stated that we are considering other investment opportunities and Mr. Deatherage stated that the City is trying to be fruitful with the taxpayers' monies. Mr. Violand stated that RedTree is a SEC investment registered advisory firm. RedTree has been operating in the finance world for over 20 years, and Mr. Violand has been with the company for 10 years. RedTree only works with public funds and they manage about \$10B in public funds. The three goals of investing public funds are safety of principle, liquidity, and market rate of return. RedTree complies with the Kentucky statute and the City's investment policies. RedTree would analyze projected cash flow and make investments on behalf of the City. RedTree partners with US Bank as the City's investment bank. Only an authorized signer from the City could move money out of the account. RedTree charges 12 basis points, so the charge would be \$1200 per 1 million dollars invested.

Mr. King stated that the investment committee will bring the proposed changes to the council. Mr. Deatherage stated that the City is currently earning a little over 4% at Heritage Bank. RedTree Investment group would take the burden of investing off of the staff. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any thoughts or concerns from Council. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that maximizing investment and efficiency income is something we need to look at. Mr. Dietrich asked what type of investments would RedTree invest in? Mr. Violand stated that this would be driven by KRS 66.480, which outlines the eligible investments for the Cities such as fixed income securities, US Treasury securities, US agency securities, CD's, municipal bonds, and others.

MUNICIPAL ROAD AID PUBLIC HEARING

The mayor stated that concerning the road aid, the KRS was changed, so we will ask for public input under the Municipal Road Aid pursuant to KRS 174.100(1). Does anyone wish to have input? Ms. Guenther stated that the City has a beginning fund balance of a little over \$487,000 with projected revenues next year of \$189,000. The City has budgeted expenses of \$574,000 with an estimated ending fund balance of \$102,000. The mayor asked for any other public input. Hearing none, the mayor closed the portion of public input. Is there any council input? Hearing none, Mayor Hehman moved on to the City Attorney's Report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Thornberry performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-02 Amending Chapter 71 to Prohibit Through-Truck Traffic on City Streets**. The mayor stated that this is the second reading and asked for any questions. Mr. King stated that we will contact the map providers (semi-truck drivers have their own system they use) to convey this message. Mayor Hehman called for a motion to approve this ordinance. Ms. Boerger made a motion, and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Thornberry performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2025-03: Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**. Ms. Guenther stated that she handed out two Exhibit A's: One for the Amended Budget and one for next year's budget. There are slight changes to the Exhibits. There was one payment missing for health insurance in the amended budget for the Police Department and it is around \$20,000. Revenue items could be increased to offset this cost increase based on actual revenue. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions on the amended budget. Mr. Deatherage conveyed the budget is thoughtful and well done.

Mayor Hehman read the **Mayor's Budget Message**.

Mr. Thornberry performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2025-04: Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026**. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions from the council. There were none. The second reading of these Ordinances will be held on June 23, 2025.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor has had some questions from residents about signage on Fort Mitchell Avenue and other streets, indicating how close residents can park to a stop signs, driveways, and intersections. The mayor will have the safety committee review the signage ordinance along with the Fire and Police Departments and come back with some recommendations to Council.

Mayor Hehman discussed handing out flags at the Independence Day parade.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

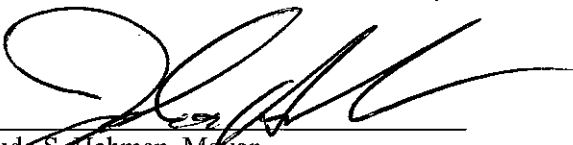
The Public Works crew is doing repairs on Harvard next week.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Nachazel stated that some residents would like to bring back the kickball tournament as a City recreation activity.

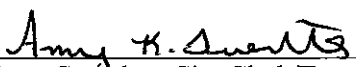
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:25 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