

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
JUNE 23, 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, and Greg Pohlgeers. Dr. Alyson Roeding 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; Police Chief, Rob Nader; Fire Chief, Dave Slusser; 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. Pohlgeers 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 asked if there were any changes to the minutes for June 2, 2025. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2025 council meeting. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

No citizens or guests addressed Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-03: Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions regarding this ordinance. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve, and Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-04: Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026**. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions or changes to the budget. There were none. Ms. Boerger made the motion to approve the budget, and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2025-05: Adopting the Pay Scale for the Period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**. Mr. King stated that the pay scale reflects pay increases adopted in the budget. The mayor asked for any other questions regarding this ordinance. There were none.

Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2025-06: Amending Chapter 35 of the Fort Mitchell Code of Ordinances Relating to Fire Department Volunteer Stipends**. Mr. King stated that the actual stipend amount is not changing. The ordinance changes the stipend period from quarterly to biannually. Mr. Dietrich asked if volunteers have to pay for the training class. Chief Slusser stated that the volunteers do not need to pay for any training or uniforms. Chief Slusser stated that the fire department volunteers are paid a stipend for each run, training class and station time requirement they attend.

Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Resolution 2025-05: Amending Authorized Financial Institutions**. Redtree Investment Group presented at the last meeting. The resolution adds Redtree Investment Group and US Bank to the authorized financial institutions and eliminates financial institutions the City no longer uses from the authorized list. Mr. Pohlgeers motioned to approve the resolution, and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. The mayor asked whether there were any questions, and hearing none called for a voice vote. The resolution passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The mayor stated that Soco is the Grand Marshall of the July 4th parade. Soco has been in the City for 40 years. The parade begins at 12:30. Mr. Deatherage asked whether a decision was reached regarding handing out flags.
- The Kentucky League of City Conference (KLC) is in Owensboro September 24-26. Please contact Ms. Guenther or Mr. King if you plan to attend in September.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The Chelsea Drive reconstruction is being bid.
- The Sunnymede realignment design contract with the Infrastructure Group has been signed.
- The City installed two speed humps today on Pleasant Ridge. The contractor will paint the speed humps with thermos, but they put red paint on it temporarily.
- The Public Works crew has been doing minor sidewalk repairs and spraying for weeds in final preparations for the parade.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield.

- Tomorrow night the River City Puppets will perform at 6:30 p.m. at General Ormsby Mitchel Park.
- The Whammies will perform Thursday, July 3rd at the park.
- The parade will take place on July 4th at 12:30 p.m.
- The Menus concert will be held on July 5th 7:00 p.m. at the park.
- The Boy Scouts and some parents (at least 10) will go out before the parade and hand out flags.
- Golf carts and a trailer will be available to the City Council members.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- The latest financial statements and graphs are in the packet.
- The City is coming in under budget on expenses, and meeting revenue expectations.

Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

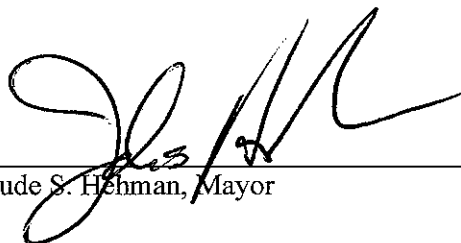
- Hydrant testing has been completed and crews will be out painting the hydrants on the parade route this week.
- The application for the open Lieutenant's position closed on Friday. There are three candidates, and the first round of interviews begin on July 1. The second round will be held the following week.
- The department has hired two new part-time employees. Kevin Moranz is a firefighter/EMT and is full-time at Newport. He will complete paramedic class in August. Daniel Turner is a firefighter/paramedic and is full-time at Colerain Township.
- Mr. Dietrich asked what the difference is between automatic aid versus mutual aid. Chief Slusser stated that automatic aid is when two departments are dispatched at the same time. Mutual aid is when another fire department arrives on the scene and then they request help.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- With the rising temperatures, we are getting more complaints about speeders.
- We are also responding more frequently to I-75N, so sometimes both officers are there because of all the wrecks.
- Mr. Pohlgeers stated that in Cincinnati, an individual was under house arrest, cut off his ankle monitor and killed someone. The Cincinnati police department was not notified by the parole officer? If someone cut off their ankle monitor in the City, would the Fort Mitchell police department be automatically notified? Chief Nader said the Department of Corrections may or may not notify the department.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Dietrich 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