

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
AUGUST 25, 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. All 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; Police Chief, Rob Nader; Fire Chief, Dave Slusser; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; and Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Pohlgeers 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 carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the minutes for August 11, 2025. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2025, council meeting. Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carried.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

- Mr. Bob Kaiser, resident, stated that Fort Wright has reduced their property tax rate. Mayor Hehman stated that he is very proud of the City's diversified tax base. Fort Mitchell provides parks, roads, police and fire departments and the fire/EMS department also services Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. The Fort Mitchell's property tax rate is .108 and Fort Wright's tax rate is .248. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the last city tax rate comparison he read showed that Fort Mitchell had the third lowest property tax rate. Mayor Hehman stated that the City will not increase the property tax rate this year. Mr. Pohlgeers stated that the majority of the property taxes on the tax bill are Beechwood school taxes.
- Mr. Kaiser requested that the City consider adding three feet to the sidewalk for safety due to the popularity of scooters and electric bikes. Mayor Hehman stated that the City will try to widen a small portion of the sidewalk along Dixie Highway to show residents what it would look like and how much safer it could be. Other communities are experiencing the same problems.
- Mr. Dave Hentz asked at a prior meeting for a directional sign on Beechwood Drive by Home Depot to I75. Mayor Hehman stated that Home Depot is in Crescent Springs, but the City added two directional signs near Grandview and Beechwood plus a no-thru sign. Mr. Hentz insisted that the sign needs to be placed at the Home Depot exit.
- Mr. Luther Steele stated that Chelse Drive has many potholes and is in poor condition. Mayor Hehman stated that Chelsea Drive reconstruction is in process and will be completed by November 15.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-09: Adopting the Same Park Tax Rate for Fiscal Year July 2025-June 2026 of .02 per \$100 of assessed value.** Mayor Hehman stated that City Council does not have the authority to change the park tax rate. Dr. Roeding made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-09, and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carries.

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

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-10: Setting the Waste, Garbage, Trash and Recycling Collection Charge of \$222.84 per Unit for Fiscal Year July 2025-June 2026.** Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-10, and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carries.

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

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-11: Adopting the Compensating Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year July 2025-June 2026 of .108 per \$100 of assessed property values.** Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carries.

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

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-12: Closing and Vacating Part of Royal Drive and Part of Grace Avenue with Signed Consent.** Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions regarding this ordinance. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carries.

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

Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-13: Closing and Vacating Part of Royal Drive Without Signed Consent.** Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the ordinance. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions regarding this ordinance. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. Mayor Hehman stated that the motion carries.

Ms. Boerger Yes
Mr. Dietrich Yes
Mr. Pohlgeers Yes
Mr. Arlinghaus Yes

Mr. Deatherage Yes
Ms. Nachazel Yes
Dr. Roeding Yes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hehman stated that the City began a No Solicitation effort in 1993. Since the list is outdated, a new list will be started. A person who wants to solicit in the City must come into the city building and register to go door-to- door. The City will do a background check on the vendor. The City has solicitation ordinances with times vendors are allowed to solicit. The City has created a "No Solicitors" sign that can be bought from the city for \$10. Residents are asked to sign up for the "No Knock" list. This will be rolled out via social media.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. King thanked the council members for their support while he was away. Mr. King also showed his appreciation to the department heads for their work while he was out. The council members welcomed Mr. King back and thanked him for his service.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

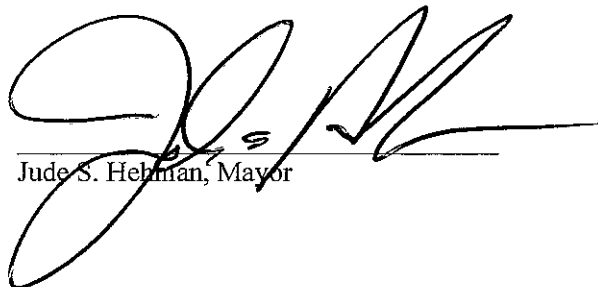
None.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

None.

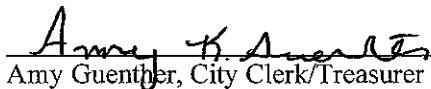
ADJOURNMENT

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