

CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
SEPTEMBER 15, 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

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Nachazel 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 25, 2025. Hearing none, Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 25, 2025 council meeting. Dr. Roeding 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.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Isaiah Gunther of Rapid Risk Reduction explained ONEbox Opioid Reversal Kits. Mr. Gunther is acquainted with Ms. Boerger through BNI. ONEbox fits any type of Narcan. Rapid Risk Reduction has distributed over 20,000 ONEboxes in public areas and saved over 300 lives. A grant can be written for \$10,000 for the City of Fort Mitchell through the Foundation for A Healthy Kentucky. The Fire Department would receive \$2,500 and \$7,500 goes toward the opioid reversal kits. The video in the box trains the viewer on how to use it in 60 seconds. There is also a training module to be used for mass trainings. The life expectancy of the ONEbox is 5-7 years, and the cost is \$18 per year. The City would obtain 50 boxes. The Northern Kentucky Health Department will refill used boxes at no cost. There is a QR code on the back of the box, so the City will have a record of how many lives have been saved and how many boxes remain in service. Mayor Hehman stated that this will save lives. The Council will coordinate a meeting with the chiefs and Mr. Gunther to decide how to implement this program.

Luther Steele, a resident of the Seasons on Chelsea Apartments, thanked Council for the upcoming reconstruction of Chelsea Drive

Rob McMath of Ashton Road stated safety concerns about traffic on Ashton and Page Roads. Page Road is reduced to one lane when Beechwood School has multiple events. Mr. McMath requested that the Council establish a plan to alleviate this issue.

Helen Moul of Cherrywood Drive asked if the City could plant trees on the corner of Fortside and Dixie where there is a strip of unkempt land. Mayor Hehman stated that that land is private, but the City would try to work with the owner to beautify that area.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed the reading of **Resolution 2025-07: Adopting a Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement**. Mr. King stated that this is a standard agreement that Council has seen before and it is self-explanatory. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve, 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hehman reported that the City has received a letter from Blessed Sacrament requesting a Student Resource Officer (SRO). Council was supportive of an SRO at Blessed Sacrament last year, but Blessed Sacrament did not proceed. Mayor Hehman stated the City is responding by letter stating that the City is supportive of placing an SRO in Blessed Sacrament School. Blessed Sacrament will need to contribute a portion of the SRO expenses like Beechwood School does.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- The Kentucky League of City (KLC) Conference is next week.
- The KLC liability safety grant is open and the City will be applying.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- Chief Nader reported receiving a critical call regarding an autistic, non-communicating male who took off from his grandmother's car in the Kroger parking lot. The Fort Wright police assisted. The City's officers did a good job of quarantining the whole area and found the male on the north side of Dixie Highway. Officers Dietz, Warner, and Maier did a great job resolving the situation.

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- Hoxworth will be holding a blood drive at the City Building parking lot from 9:00 – 11:00 am on Friday, October 3. The City's website and Facebook page have links to sign up, or Hoxworth can be contacted directly. 15 spots are still available.
- The Hero Night Festival is Tuesday, October 7, from 4:00 – 9:00 pm at the DCCH Fairgrounds at 75 Orphanage Road. Food and drinks will be available, and Police and Fire will appear with a touch-a-truck event.
- Mayor Hehman complimented Mr. Christofield and Mr. King for their work on the Fort Mitchell promotional video. Mayor Hehman stated that the video is a great way to promote the City of Fort Mitchell.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- The Public Works crew recently finished the concrete repairs at Harvard.
- The vehicles have gone in for inspections before the snow season begins.
- A letter that was sent to the property manager of the Seasons on Chelsea Apartments to make the residents aware of Chelsea Drive construction and the process.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

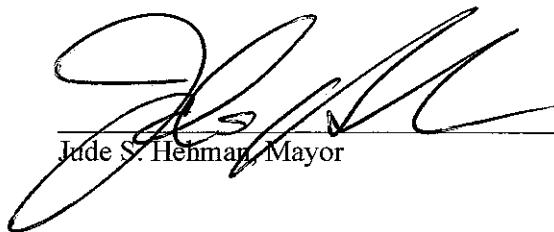
- Property taxes will be updated on the website this week and mailed out next week.

Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

- The Fire Department passed the State A 1 Inspection last week and has been recertified.
- The Fire Department's ground ladders and 710's aerial device ladder were tested and recertified.
- The SCBA's (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) passed annual certification and testing.
- The final two vacancies for the full-time Firefighter positions were filled by Kiley Garland, with several years of experience with the City of Taylor Mill and Colin Conarroe, who began as a Fort Mitchell Beechwood High School and College intern
- October is Fire Prevention Month. The Fort Mitchell Fire Department will be in most of the schools, churches, and daycare facilities throughout October. This year's theme is "Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home". Watch for applicable tips on social media about dealing with lithium-ion batteries.

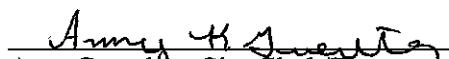
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dietrich made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Arlinghaus 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