

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
OCTOBER 13, 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. Council members present: Jared Arlinghaus, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. Vicki Boerger and Greg Pohlgeers were 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; 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. Deatherage made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Roeding 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 September 15, 2025. Hearing none, Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2025, council meeting. Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

- Ms. Kim Trusty is very concerned about safety of motorized scooters and small motorcycles in Fort Mitchell. Mayor Hehman stated that every community is discussing this issue. Fort Mitchell has been proactive in promoting safety rules and holding safety programs for schools and the public. It would help for the State to classify these vehicles. The City is also planning to widen some of the sidewalks to be safer.
- Mr. Dave Hentz previously requested a directional arrow sign pointing to the left at the shopping center near Home Depot in Crescent Springs to keep truck drivers from turning the wrong way when they want to enter the expressway. Mr. Hentz presented this issue to the State and a turn left sign has been installed.
- Mr. Hentz asked about the historical information sign at the park. Mr. King stated that the City will reinstall the sign now that the park renovations are complete.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2025-14 Adopting Codification of Updated Ordinances**. Mayor Hehman stated that a codification of the ordinance is adopted every few years. Ms.

Amlung stated that the codification is a supplement that the American Legal Group updates the codified ordinances with the changes made over the last few years and is published on the website.

- Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2025-15 Amending Chapter 31 Related to Compensation of Next Mayor and Next Council**. Mayor Hehman announced that he is not going to seek re-election as Mayor but will run for Kenton County Sheriff. Mayor Hehman stated that this increase is to bring compensation in alignment with other cities and includes an annual inflationary increase. Mr. King stated that there is a line in the amendment that states, "subject to the discretion of the City Council and their budget process". If there is a year in which council does not want, it is ultimately approved through the budget. Mr. Deatherage stated that the compensation has not been changed for many years.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Blessed Sacrament School would like to add a School Resource Officer. Mayor Hehman stated that the City has an amazing candidate that the school will need to interview. The City budget will need to be amended. Mayor Hehman stated that Blessed Sacrament would pay a portion of the cost for this officer. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to authorize a School Resource Officer contract for the purpose of public safety. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked for any questions or concerns. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman asked for a voice vote. The motion carries unanimously.
- Kayne Brown, a former Fort Mitchell police officer and then paramedic, is returning from New Orleans and would like to work for the City as a full-time firefighter paramedic. Mr. Brown excelled in his position and has turned down other agencies. Chief Slusser stated that he can lower the part-time and turnout gear budgeted line items to pay for most of this position. These changes will be included in the amended budget. Ms. Amlung stated that council can authorize the mayor to extend an offer of employment. Ms. Nachazel made a motion to authorize the Mayor to make an offer of employment to this individual. Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions or concerns. Hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- Fort Mitchell has received two OKI grants to fund the following two projects: Dixie Highway sidewalks and Beechwood Road safety project. The State Department is going to redo Dixie Highway from Buttermilk Pike north and they will install new curbs, gutters and energy check sections. Putting the utilities underground on Beechwood Road is an option for the project, and they will widen the sidewalks towards the street on both projects. The yards towards the houses will remain intact. Engineering for this project will not start until at least August 2026. Construction will begin another year after that. The Council has budgeted for a short sidewalk to show residents and will meet with the residents. The City's engineers have been involved with extending the walkway from the underpass at Burdsall to Pleasant Ridge. The goal is to have that demonstration completed before December 31.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Fort Mitchell Neighbors magazine wants to get a group photograph of City Council at the next council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Nachazel stated that it was disappointing that we had to cancel Heroes Night the second year in a row due to rain.

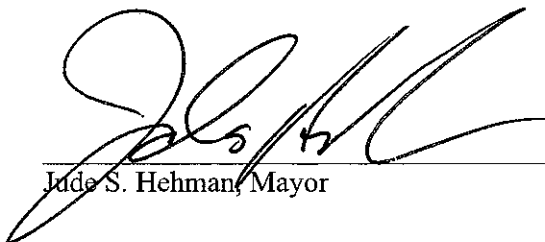
DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- 15% of property taxes have been collected. Most taxes are paid by escrow companies during the last week of October.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Roeding made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Ms. Nachazel 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