

CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
NOVEMBER 10, 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. Mayor Hehman requested a moment of silence in gratitude and prayer for all the veterans and their families. Mayor Hehman asked Mr. King, Ensign of the U.S. Coast Guard, to lead 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, Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Greg Pohlgeers, Kim Nachazel, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. Mayor Hehman stated that a quorum of the City Council was present.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Attorney, Olivia Amlung; City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Rob Nader; 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. Ms. Boerger 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 October 13, 2025. Hearing none, Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 13, 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.

Mayor Hehman recognized Jeff Bethell, Fort Mitchell's representative on the Kenton County Planning Commission. Mr. Bethell has served for ten years and is now stepping down from his position. Mayor Hehman asked Mr. Pohlgeers (who is on the Executive Board for PDS) and Mr. Josh Wice, Executive Director of PDS, to join him and Mr. Bethel and an award was presented to thank Mr. Bethell for his service.

Josh Wice, Executive Director-Planning and Development Services (PDS) of Kenton County, explained the services PDS provides. Mr. Wice stated that the staff of PDS are here to serve the County and Fort Mitchell's residents.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

- Patty Kaiser of Virginia Avenue is a crossing guard at Blessed Sacrament School and asked about the sidewalk widening along Dixie Highway across from Blessed Sacrament. Mr. King responded that this project is planned and once he gets a firm date from the contractor, he will share the information with the school and the residents who may be affected.
- Ms. Jessica Remole of Fort Mitchell Neighbors Magazine stated that this January marks three years of covering Fort Mitchell. Ms. Remole stated that it is an honor to serve the City of Fort Mitchell and appreciates City Council for agreeing to be on the cover of the January edition. This magazine welcomes all connections, stories, and suggestions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2025-14 Adopting Codification of Updated Ordinances**. Mayor Hehman asked for any questions and hearing none, called for a motion. Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-14, and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called 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		

- Ms. Amlung performed the second reading of **Ordinance 2025-15 Amending Chapter 31 Related to Compensation of Next Mayor and Next Council**. Mayor Hehman asked for any questions and hearing none, called for a motion. Dr. Roeding made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-15, and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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 first reading of **Ordinance 2025-16 Setting 2026 Council Meeting Dates**.
- Ms. Amlung performed the reading of **Municipal Order 2025-6 Surplus of Public Works Equipment**. Mr. Deatherage made the first motion to approve, and Mr. Pohlgeers seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor's Holiday Lunch will be held on December 19th for employees and City Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. King covered the Fire Department report in Chief Slusser's absence.
- Five volunteers graduated from Basic One class.
- Ms. Tori Neltner is graduating from the Kentucky Fire Academy on Friday, November 14. Ms. Neltner is the City's first candidate to go through the Kentucky Fire Academy, which is free to the City and the candidate. Ms. Neltner has been at the top of the class throughout this 13-week program. Ms. Neltner and the five graduating volunteers will submit their applications to attend an EMT class.
- The City has received a thermal imaging camera covered by a Kentucky Fire Commission grant.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS-No comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- Council has been provided with occupational, insurance and property tax rates for the different cities in Kenton County. The City has one of the lower gross receipts, property and insurance premium tax rates in Kenton County. The property tax rate history graph showed that the City's property tax rate has decreased over the last ten years. The City does not levy tangible personal property taxes.

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- Beechwood School's annual Veterans Day parade will take place tomorrow morning at 9:30. The parade route starts at Beechwood Swim Club and goes along Beechwood Road and ends at Dixie Highway. The veterans will see Beechwood School students with their signs and decorations in red, white, and blue.
- The Fort Mitchell Night at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center will be held on Wednesday, November 26 (the night before Thanksgiving) from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Residents can show their ID's and get in for free on that night.
- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is on Sunday, December 7, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Iris Road Park. The event will include photos with Santa, carriage rides, a Tank bus, hot chocolate, and cookies. Fort Mitchell Neighbors Magazine will be there with face painting.
- The City of Fort Mitchell is collecting canned goods this Holiday Season to help local families in need. Donations will be accepted now through December 1 at the Fort Mitchell City Building, 2355 Dixie Highway, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Together, we can make the season brighter for families.
- Some streets are participating in "inflatable wars", and 15-25 streets are designated with different themes. The City is not affiliated with this event but helps advertise it.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

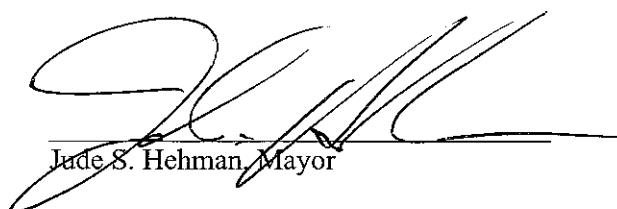
- The fence that was torn down for the construction of the public works building has been reconstructed and stained. Inside.
- The public works garage floor was sealed.
- The Chelsea reconstruction project is about 85% complete and should be completed in a few weeks.

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- The City's new police applicant will be sworn in by Mayor Hehman on Monday, November 17 and will start at the Kentucky Police Academy in December. The Police Department will get him back in June and he will go through 16-20 weeks of training here.
- The police department has ordered two new cars, which will arrive in 6-8 weeks.
- The department has two spare cars, because cruisers run 12 hours a day and can break down.
- Residents should lock their cars to prevent break-ins.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deatherage made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:05 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