

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
JANUARY 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Pohlgeers called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pohlgeers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Pohlgeers asked Ms. Guenther to call roll. Council members present: Jared Arlinghaus, Vicki Boerger, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, and Kim Nachazel. Dr. Alyson Roeding was absent. Mayor Pohlgeers 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; Fire Chief, Dave Slusser; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; and Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pohlgeers asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the mayor called for a motion. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the agenda, and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Pohlgeers stated that there are two sets of meeting minutes to approve. Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the December 8, 2025 council meeting minutes. Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nachazel made the motion to approve the minutes for the December 30, 2025 special council meeting, and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Rob Gebhardt of Avon Court stated that there is a fallen tree that needs to be cut up in the woods behind the basketball court at Avon Park, so people can walk through the trail. That area is also littered with beer cans. Mr. Gebhardt asked if the City could add a garbage can back there near the bench so the people might not litter in the woods? Mr. King stated that that is State property, but a trash bin can be placed there.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Ms. Amlung stated that Council will need to vote on accepting Greg Pohlgeers resignation from City Council and then vote on declaring a vacancy. Ms. Nachazel made the motion to **accept Greg Pohlgeers resignation from City Council**, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Deatherage. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Arlinghaus	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Deatherage	Yes		

- Mr. Deatherage made a motion to **declare a vacancy on City Council**, and Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Arlinghaus	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Deatherage	Yes		

- Now that there is a City Council member vacancy, the current City Council has 30 days to appoint a new City Council member. If Council does not appoint a member within 30 days, the appointment defaults to the Governor of Kentucky. Before or at the next council meeting on February 2, there needs to be a discussion in an open meeting if council wishes to make that appointment.
- Ms. Amlung read **Municipal Order 2026-01: Appointing Greg Pohlgeers as Representative and Vicki Boerger As Alternate to the Kenton County Planning and Development (PDS) Council**. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve these appointments, and Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Amlung read **Municipal Order 2026-02: Appointing Alyson Roeding as Representative and Greg Pohlgeers as Alternate to the OKI Board**. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve these appointments and Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Amlung performed the first reading of **Ordinance 2026-01: Mid-Year Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026**. Ms. Guenther stated that the revenues are being increased to better reflect the incoming revenues. The following budgeted expenses were increased: economic development for attorneys' fees for the TIF development, payroll costs due to Paychex purchasing Paycor, and payments to the TIF fund. In the Fire Department, payroll increased due to the rehire of a firefighter/paramedic and the turnout gear budgeted expense was lowered to offset some of the increased payroll cost. In Road Tax Fund, budgeted revenue was added for new payments received in lieu of taxes, and budgeted expenses were increased for the Prather drainage project. There was also a separation of the Chelsea Lane reconstruction and Summit Avenue re-alignment budgeted expenses. In the Capital Replacement Fund, the City purchased property attached to the Park. The final change was a new fund was added for the TIF that is now active. The budgeted revenues equal the expenses for TIF payments coming in and then being paid out.
- Ms. Amlung performed the reading of **Resolution 2026-01: Adopting the City Road List**. Mr. King stated that periodically the Council must pass a city road list. There are a few new streets off of Grandview Drive within the new Fischer Home development that have been added. Ms. Nachazel asked whether the new streets match our current code. Mr. King replied that they do. PDS examined and approved the roads to ensure they met subdivision regulations, and the City does not accept them until they have been approved by PDS. Hearing no other questions or comments, the Mayor called for a motion to approve. Mr. Deatherage made the first motion to adopt the City Road List, and Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Last week Mayor Pohlgeers met with several stakeholders within the City, such as the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Mercedes Benz, Beechwood School, and the development team of the Gateway Drawbridge project. The Mayor has been attending the department head meetings every Monday and will meet with each department head individually this week. Mayor Pohlgeers extended an invitation to the council members to meet with him one-on-one and asked the members to contact him with any questions.

- The City received an email message last week, praising Officer Best for how he served in a traffic accident. The City appreciates Officer Best's efforts.
- The City is working with Blessed Sacrament on the School Resource Officer agreement. The school still has that agreement. Mr. King reported that Blessed Sacrament has secured funds for the officer, and they are reviewing the contract.
- Royal Drive is 90% completed. It will open in May. The State needs to do some work on the Buttermilk side, around the entrance.
- Mayor Pohlgeers officially announced that he has intentions to run for re-election for Mayor of the City of Fort Mitchell in November.
- Resumes for the vacant City Council seat can be sent to Mr. King at eking@fortmitchell.com. The City would like to have those in by January 23. After January 23, the resumes will be reviewed, and City Council will make a recommendation at the following meeting on February 2, 2026. Ms. Amlung stated that Council will have access to the resumes before the meeting. Members will not be able to discuss the resumes amongst themselves beforehand. An Executive Session should be called in this meeting to discuss the candidates, if desired. A special meeting can be called before the scheduled Council meeting to discuss the vacancy, or the Executive Session could be a part of the February 2 meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Last year, the State passed some legislation that redefined qualified manufactured housing, which requires all cities in Kentucky to update the definition of manufactured housing. The Planning Commission of Kenton County passed some model language for all cities in Kenton County to pass that will likely be coming up before all the councils throughout Kenton County in the next few months.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS - No comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- The new cars have been sent away for graphics, and we are waiting to get them upfitted.
- The City is waiting on Blessed Sacrament to complete the SRO contract before the City hires a new officer.

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- The first Park Board meeting of the year will be here tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.
- Bingo will be held on March 10 at the City Building from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- Once the weather starts to break, the City will do some driveway projects such as the Chelsea entrance.
- The department needs to do a couple of curb repairs. They will not put the surface on until the Spring when temperatures increase.
- The City is waiting on some design work for Summit Avenue and Sunnymede realignments.

Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

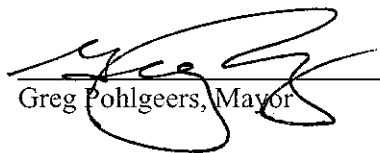
- Three volunteer personnel start EMT class in January. That class runs from February through May. If all goes well, 61% of the City's volunteer base will be certified firefighters and EMT's.
- One volunteer was enrolled in Basic One class which starts in February (3-month program) out at the Burlington Training Center.
- Kentucky Department of Transportation (DOT) inspections began on all of the apparatus. For the next week or two, the City will have one piece of apparatus down at a time.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther

- Council has received the December 2025 financial statements and summary graphs.
- The City's expenses were at about 35% of the total annual budget and revenues were at 46% of the annual budget.
- Mr. Dietrich asked what MRA stands for. Ms. Guenther stated that MRA stands for Municipal Road Aid funds that the City receives get from the State gas taxes. The MRA revenues are lower than budget ed because gas prices have been down.
- Mr. Deatherage asked if Mayor Pohlgeers needed to be appointed to the Investment Committee. Ms. Guenther replied that titles and not names are included in the policy so no new appointments need to be made. An Investment Committee meeting will be scheduled.
- \$3 million has been transferred from the General Fund to Redtree Investments.

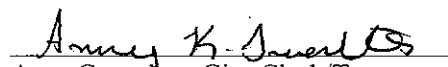
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Arlinghaus made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:55 p.m. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.



Greg Pohlgeers, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer