

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017  
April 13, 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**

Ms. Guenther called roll. Council members present: Jared Arlinghaus, Jerry Deatherage, Jeff Dietrich, Brad Leeke, Kim Nachazel, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. Absent: Vicki Boerger. Mayor Pohlgeers stated that a quorum of the City Council was present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mayor, Greg Pohlgeers; City Attorney, Olivia Amlung; City Administrator, Edwin King; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Police Chief, Rob Nader; Fire Chief, Dave Slusser; and Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Pohlgeers asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Dr. Roeding made a motion to approve the agenda, and 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the council meeting minutes from March 23, 2026. Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION OF BEECHWOOD TRACK STATE CHAMPIONS**

The Beechwood Track Team has achieved several firsts in school history involving the KHSAA Indoor Track Meet. Mayor Pohlgeers congratulated the team and read a proclamation setting Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as Beechwood High School Boys Indoor Track Team State Champions Day in the City of Fort Mitchell.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Mike Stoeckle requested an update on General Ormsby Park. When Mr. Stoeckle was a liaison for the park, there was discussion regarding putting a fence around the playground in the park. Has the Park Board decided to do this? Dr. Roeding stated that the board has not mentioned it, but she will bring this issue before the Park Board.

**PRESENTATION BY DUKE ENERGY REGARDING PROJECT NEAR HARVARD DRIVE AND GEORGETOWN DRIVE**

Ken Muth, the Government and Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy Kentucky, introduced Steve Harden, part of the Infrastructure Engagement Team, and Jeremy Timmerding, engineer. This summer Duke will begin a replacement project. Jeremy Timmerding, Lead Engineer Technologist for Duke Energy, stated that this project encompasses Dartmouth, Cambridge, Harvard, and Georgetown. Wire and five underground transformers will be replaced with pad mount transformers to prevent outages. Streets will be closed, and this will affect the Police and Fire Departments. Duke's goal is to finish the project by October 2026. Steve Harden is the Lead Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Duke Energy. The 40 residents impacted will receive notifications to give them a very high level of what work is being

done. They will have Mr. Harden’s name and contact information for any questions during the construction phase and afterwards if there are any restoration issues. Mr. Harden will be the person spearheading the community meeting. There will be daily outages, and Duke will communicate with each customer to set the outage times. Each of the five transformers has four customers on it, so Duke will replace those one at a time. Mayor Pohlgeers stated that this is Step One of the community engagement phases. The primary amount of work is going to be done underneath the street. There will be minimal damage to those yards where the submersible transformers (5) are being replaced.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2026-02: Amending Chapters 41 and 92 to join the Kenton County Joint Code Enforcement Board**. Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02, and Mr. Deatherage seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked for any questions or comments and hearing none, called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arlinghaus	Yes	Mr. Leeke	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Ms. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Deatherage	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A portion of the Dixie Highway sidewalk has been widened from 5’ to 8’ and will be useable tomorrow.
- The City’s contract with Lakeside Park for Fire and EMS services ends this year and the new contract should be completed this week. Once it is informally finalized, it will be brought before council for approval.
- There was an incident at Beechwood School this morning. The Beechwood administration, Officer Pangallo, and the Fort Mitchell Police Department acted quickly. There was no engagement with teachers or children, and the individual was arrested due to an outstanding warrant.
- The Fire Department will be making offers to fill two open spots for staffing.
- The Yard Sale was this weekend, and neither Mr. Christofield nor the Police Department received any calls or complaints. This is a very popular event. Perhaps we could put out a survey on the website for the people who had the yard sales to see whether their participation was worth the effort.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- The construction work on Chelsea should be completed this week.
- The concrete sidewalk work on Stonewell Trail is complete.
- The Grandview house has been demolished. Once we can seed and straw and get some grass growing on that spot, fences for the dog park will be installed.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS** - No comments.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

**Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield**

- Saturday is the large item pick up day with Best Way. We strongly encourage the residents to put their large items out the night before so as to not miss early morning pick ups
- The Arbor Day Tree Giveaway is on Saturday, April 18, in the City Building parking lot starting at 8:00 a.m. The Tree Board will have 17 varieties of trees to give away.

- The annual Document Destruction will be held on Saturday, April 25, in the City Building parking lot and will be from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The limit is one carload per household.

**Fire Chief, Dave Slusser**

- Interviews of ten applicants will be conducted Wednesday for the five positions of the City's high school intern program.
- A full CPR class will be held on April 25. The City is accepting wait list slots only.
- Spring hydrant testing is underway and will be complete by the end of April, weather permitting.

**Police Chief, Rob Nader**

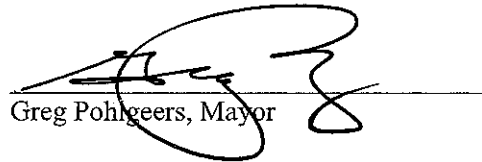
- There were less complaints regarding blocked driveways this year for the Community Yard Sale. Pleasant Ridge was gridlocked, but this is typical during a community yard sale.
- The Beechwood incident was a suspicious person call, but that person was arrested for a warrant, not a crime against the school.

**City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther**

- Ms. Guenther will attend the Spring Clerks Conference Tuesday through Friday of this week. If anything is needed, Casie Stacy or Kris Dickey will be available to assist.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Arlinghaus made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

  
Greg Pohlgeers, Mayor

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