

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
August 26, 2024, 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. The following council members were present: Vicki Boerger, Jeff Dietrich, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. Mike Stoeckle and Jerry Deatherage were absent. Mayor Hehman stated a quorum of the City Council was in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Attorney, Olivia Amlung; City Clerk/Treasurer, Amy Guenther; Fire Chief, Dave Slusser; Public Works Director, Nick Tewes; Programs and Communication Coordinator, Joe Christofield; and Police Chief, Rob Nader.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were noted. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Hehman asked if there were any corrections to the August 12, 2024, minutes. No corrections were noted. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024, council meeting minutes. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPERTY TAX RATE

Mayor Hehman opened the property tax hearing pursuant to KRS 132.027. Mayor Hehman read the public hearing notice. The proposed tax rate is 0.108 per \$100.00 of assessed property with revenue of \$1,170,094.70. The preceding year's property tax rate was the same at 0.108 per \$100.00 of assessed property with revenue of \$1,157,564.40. The excess revenue generated will be utilized for the operation of the City. Mayor Hehman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the proposed property tax rate. There were no comments from the citizens or City Council members.

Mayor Hehman asked for a motion to close the hearing. Ms. Boerger made a motion to close the hearing. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hehman stated that the property tax rate public hearing was closed.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

No guests requested to speak.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2024-09 Adopting the Real Property Tax Rate**. Mayor Hehman stated that the property tax rate is \$0.108 on each one hundred dollars of assessed real property valuation and is the same tax rate as last year. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes
Ms. Nachazel	Yes		

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2024-10 Adopting KCPC Recommendation of Concept Development Plan for Fort Mitchell Gateway Project**. Mayor Hehman mentioned a call today regarding closing on all the bonds. There will be further discussion about closing Royal Drive sometime in September. Mayor Hehman asked if there were any questions. City Attorney Amlung clarified that council will first need to adopt the Kenton County Planning Commission Findings. Ms. Boerger made a motion to adopt KCPC findings. Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes
Ms. Nachazel	Yes		

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-10 Adopting KCPC Recommendation of Concept Development Plan for Fort Mitchell Gateway Project. Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Boerger	Yes	Mr. Pohlgeers	Yes
Mr. Dietrich	Yes	Dr. Roeding	Yes
Ms. Nachazel	Yes		

MAYOR’S REPORT

No report.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Police Chief, Rob Nader

- Braeden Hill, son of Officer Tony Hill, is currently on leave from the Army and will be serving as an intern until December.
- There has been another recent rash of car thefts, with the majority occurring at apartment complexes.

Fire Chief, Dave Slusser

- Community CPR & AED familiarization classes will begin in September. The cost is \$20.

Programs and Communication Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- Beechwood Senior, Joy Scott, will be serving as an intern on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for five hours a week. Ms. Scott started last week.

Public Works Director, Nick Tewes

- Phase 1 of the Cherrywood project, from Diane Drive to Susan Lane, is complete. Phase 2 of the project, from Fortside Drive to Susan Lane, will begin this week. Project completion is anticipated by the end of September.

ADJOURNMENT

After asking if there were any questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 6:42 p.m. Mr. Dietrich 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