

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017
August 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m. ET (5:30 p.m. CT)**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Pohlgeers 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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve the agenda, and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked whether there were any changes or discussion and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2026, meeting, and Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked whether there were any changes or discussion and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 24, 2026, special meeting, and Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked whether there were any changes or discussion and hearing none, called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Glen Willman inquired about when Royal Drive would reopen. Mayor Pohlgeers stated that the finishing coat on Royal Drive will be completed this week, and Duke Energy will be moving some poles for the next two to three weeks.

Bob Kaiser inquired about reducing the real property tax rate and requested information on property tax revenue for the last three years.

Colleen Scanlon Maynard rides electric bikes safely with her grandchildren and requested the City not eliminate the use of electric bikes.

Tom McDonald, Janice Shroder, Braden Smith, Terry Honebrink, and Glen Willman shared their experiences and safety concerns regarding electric bike and scooter usage on City sidewalks and streets. Suggestions were offered on establishing rules, registrations, age restrictions, and training classes for electric bike and scooter riders.

Rebekah Burkhardt inquired about long-term infrastructure plans that would include widening sidewalks and creating bike lanes to facilitate safer biking. Mayor Pohlgeers stated the City has been awarded a grant to widen Dixie Highway sidewalks from Sunnymede to Beechwood Road. The design and engineering phase of that project will take place in the fall.

Greg Given, Ashley Chaiken, and Tom McDonald shared concerns regarding privacy and Fourth Amendment rights violations, and information misuse related to the use of Flock cameras. Suggestions were offered for Council to discontinue the Flock camera contract.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2026-09: Adopting the Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year July 2026-June 2027**. Mayor Pohlgeers stated the rate will remain the same at .108 per \$100 of assessed property. For the last 10 years the rate has stayed the same or been lowered. This rate will fall \$21,000 under budget, but since the City budget is conservative, he has no issue with this.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2026-10: Adopting the Park Tax Rate for Fiscal Year July 2026-June 2027**. Mayor Pohlgeers stated the tax rate will remain the same at .02 per \$100 of assessed property.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2026-11: Setting the Waste, Garbage, Trash and Recycling Collection Charge for Fiscal Year July 2026-June 2027**. Mayor Pohlgeers stated the rate will remain the same as the City is still under contract and will go out for bid next year on waste collection.

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2026-12: Amending Chapter 73 to Regulate Electric Bicycles and Other Devices on City Sidewalks**. The ordinance proposes setting safety standards such as lights and helmets, defining classifications of electric bikes, limiting speed on sidewalks to 15 miles per hour, and prohibiting use of E-motos and Class 3 E-bikes on City sidewalks. Mayor Pohlgeers will encourage state legislators to regulate E-bikes on roads. Discussion among Council ensued related to safety concerns with E-bikes.

Ms. Amlung read **Municipal Order 2026-09: Surplus of Police Cruisers**. One Police cruiser will be sold on GovDeals. Dr. Roeding made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2026-09, and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. After asking for questions or comments and hearing none, Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Amlung read **Resolution 2026-07: Authorizing Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program**. There are about 3.5 acres in the city that are flood prone. This will authorize the City to apply for the National Flood Insurance Program that would allow homeowners in the flood plain to purchase insurance through the program. Ms. Boerger made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07, and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. After asking for questions or comments and hearing none, Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Pohlgeers stated he was in support of Flock cameras and the technology it provided when the contract was signed, but that public trust is more important to him. Council has been provided with an information packet about Flock cameras including pros and cons. Mr. Deatherage, Dr. Roeding, Mr. Arlinghaus, and Mr. Leeke agreed that they support turning off the Flock cameras given that the company's terms and conditions have changed four times. Mayor Pohlgeers is concerned about data sharing and customer service and will take comments under advisement when deciding about Flock cameras.

CITY ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

- A base coat will be put down on Royal Drive this week. Once utility poles are moved, Royal Drive will be reopened.
- Construction at Beechwood School has been causing traffic backups on Dixie Highway for drop off and pick up. Construction is expected to be completed by August 28.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Programs and Communications Coordinator, Joe Christofield

- The Wall of Honor Committee received 6 nominations. The 3 nominees selected for induction on the Wall of Honor are Jim Hils, David Stoeckle, and retired K-9 Officer Tony. The Wall of Honor ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the fire bay. Ms. Boerger shared that past nominations are also considered for selection along with new nominations.

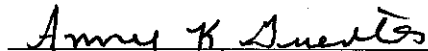
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pohlgeers asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Roeding made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.



Gregory J. Pohlgeers, Mayor

Prepared By:



Amy K. Guenther, City Clerk/Treasurer