**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY**
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**COUNCIL CHAMBER**
**2355 DIXIE HIGHWAY, FORT MITCHELL, KY 41017**
**October 12, 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

Council members present: Jared Arlinghaus, Jeff Dietrich, Brad Leeke, Kim Nachazel, and Dr. Alyson Roeding. Vicki Boerger and Jerry Deatherage were absent. 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; Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff Hampton; Fire Captain, Adam Schierberg; and Police Chief, Rob Nader.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Nachazel made a motion to approve the agenda, 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.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2026, meeting, and Mr. Dietrich 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

- Brad Depenbrock voiced concerns regarding road management, especially on Dixie Highway. He asked whether City Council has any plans to pave Dixie Highway in Fort Mitchell. Mayor Pohlgeers stated that Dixie Highway is a state road, and it was repaved in Fort Mitchell about five years ago. Mayor Pohlgeers stated that there are foundation issues with that pavement (base layer failure) causing the potholes. The Kentucky Transportation Department is supposed to get back to the City with a timeline on repairs this week. The City anticipates that the base failure will be repaired as part of the companion bridge construction. Dixie Highway will be completely reconstructed from Buttermilk Pike to Covington. Mr. Depenbrock complained about other roads including Beechwood Road. Mayor Pohlgeers stated that streets are evaluated and a five year plan of road construction and repair is maintained.
- Bob Pille passed out copies of the newly widened sidewalk pictures with skid marks and one picture in front of his house with no skid marks to the council for review. Mr. Pille asked Ms. Nachazel (as a realtor) whether this type of sidewalk would have an impact on the property value of a house, and Ms. Nachazel replied that people love the sidewalk. Mr. Pille voiced concern regarding the safety of e-bikes on the sidewalks. Mayor Pohlgeers stated that if the City outlawed e-bikes and e-scooters tomorrow, Council would still be considering widening the sidewalks. The Dixie Highway sidewalk is on an arterial road, and is used by pedestrians, bicycles, strollers, and motorized wheelchairs.

- An Edgewood resident, Miriam Embus, stated that she has been attending Edgewood City Council meetings and wants to begin on a local level to speak about animal rights and the environment. Mayor Pohlgeers suggested that Ms. Embus reach out to our City Administrator, Edwin King, to share her thoughts.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Amlung performed a second reading of **Ordinance 2026-13: Amending Chapter 73 to Regulate Electric Bicycles and Other Devices on City Sidewalks.** Mayor Pohlgeers reminded Council that this addendum will give the mayor authority to create "Walk Your Wheels" zones anywhere within the City, beginning with Beechwood Road. Mayor Pohlgeers asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, Ms. Nachazel made the motion to approve Ordinance 2026-13, and Dr. Roeding seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers asked for a roll-call vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

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| Mr. Arlinghaus | Yes | Mr. Leeke | Yes |
| Ms. Boerger | Absent | Ms. Nachazel | Yes |
| Mr. Dietrich | Yes | Dr. Roeding | Yes |
| Mr. Deatherage | Absent | | |

Ms. Amlung performed a first reading of **Ordinance 2026-14: Approving Kenton County Planning Commission Recommendation for the Grandview Drive Map Amendment and Revised Concept Development Plan.**

Ms. Amlung performed a reading of **Resolution 2026-08: Authorizing Local Assistance Road Program Grant and Subsequent Match.** Mr. King stated that this is the application for an 80/20 match for local assistance for the resurfacing of Plantation Drive and Huckleberry Hill, as well as a portion of Beechwood Road, and Pleasant Ridge Road to the railroad tracks. Mr. Leeke made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08, and Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion. A voice vote was held, and the motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The civic academy will start in the new year.
- Mr. King and Mayor Pohlgeers met with Adam Graber about a branding project for the City of Fort Mitchell to promote the City.
- Mayor Pohlgeers spoke with Ms. Boerger regarding scooters and e-bikes, and she wants to convey the message that she is in favor of reducing the speed limit from 15 MPH to 10 MPH. The mayor stated that we need to be cognizant of the difficulty of enforcing this law, and we have a small police department.
- Ms. Boerger suggested create videos to promote safety.
- Northern Kentucky has fourteen fire/EMS departments and it is difficult to hire and keep good firefighters. Currently, our Fire Department is staffed twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off. We are considering a twenty-four hour on, seventy-two hours off model to implement as a recruitment tool. Every full-time twenty four hour shift firefighter would receive an hourly pay increase but will work one less twenty four hour shift every four weeks but be paid the same annual amount. Assistant Chief Hampton stated this is a good recruitment tool and is good for mental health. There would be a $150,000 impact to the annual budget. Since this would be implemented on January 1, it will only have a 50% impact this fiscal year. Mayor Pohlgeers gave credit to the chief and assistant chief for thinking outside of the box to arrive at a solution. A budget amendment and pay scale ordinances would need to be passed to implement this program.

**CITY ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Mr. King stated that some Sunnymede alignment catch basin has been redesigned and will save the City $60,000 - $70,000. Utility work will begin in the next two to three weeks and road construction will begin in the Spring. Kids were using the dirt piles from the utility work as ramps and our Public Works crew leveled the dirt.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

**City Clerk/Treasurer**

- Financial statements through September 30 have been distributed. The City is 25% through the fiscal year, and expenses are under budget in all departments. Payroll, Gross Receipts and Insurance Premium Tax revenue received in July and August are recorded in the last fiscal year since it was earned by June 30th.
- Property Taxes are due October 31st.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Dr. Roeding made a motion to approve Executive Section pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Arlinghaus made the motion to come out of Executive Session, and Ms. Nachazel seconded the motion. The mayor called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Roeding made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:14 p.m. Ms. Boerger seconded the motion. Mayor Pohlgeers called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Gregory J. Pohlgeers, Mayor

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