

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Council Minutes
February 4, 2020
Approved: March 3, 2020

At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, Mayor Meyers calls the regular Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Present: Mayor Meyers, Councilmembers: Deb Ball, Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, John Hoffert, Michael Kessler, and Virgil Miller. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Attorney Pat Walsh, Police Lieutenant Greg Haigis, Public Works Director Steve Lehman, City Clerk/Treasurer Jeanne Pettit.

Minutes for Approval:

Regular Meeting Council Minutes of January 7, 2020. These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review:

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting of January 7, 2020, seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None; Ayes: Councilmembers Miller, Heinrich, Ball, Hoffert, Kessler. Abstentions: Councilmember Chinn. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Announcements/Correspondence: Dave Whitacre, Steve Franzen and Bill Birkenhauer notified the City they would not be in attendance. Pat Walsh served as the attorney for the meeting.

Scheduled Guests:

- Andy DeMoss presented the 2018-2019 audit overview to the Council. A copy of the audit is on file at the City Building.

Staff Reports:

- Police Lieutenant – Greg Haigis – report is attached
 - There was a MART call out in January for an accident on the on AA Highway.
 - There was a Crime Scene Unit had a meeting in January.
 - The FARO equipment has been very helpful, it helps expediate scene investigation and fewer officers are required to work a scene. Very helpful in court as well.
 - There was a discussion of Charge Summary on page 6 in the report.
- City Clerk – Jeanne Pettit – report is attached
- Finance Director – Harry Barlage
 - A 6-month financial report is planned for the March 3, 2020 meeting.
- City Engineer and Zoning Administrator – Dave Whitacre – report is attached

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- Public Works Supervisor – Steve Lehman – report attached
 - Duke Energy would like a letter of support from the Mayor for their electric transportation project.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to provide a resolution permitting the Mayor to write a letter of support for the Duke Energy electric transportation project, seconded by Member Kessler. Discussion: None; Ayes: all.
- City Attorney – Pat Walsh
 - **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert made a motion to have the first reading of ordinances read in summary, seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None; Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared motion passed.
 - First Reading of Ordinances
 - **Ordinance #01-2020** – An ordinance of the City of Highland Heights, in Campbell County, Kentucky, establishing a non-exclusive franchise for the use of the public streets, alleys, and other public grounds of the City for the transmission and distribution of either or both natural gas and electricity through and for the consumption within the City, and providing the terms thereof.
 - **Ordinance #02-2020** – An ordinance amending the no parking location schedule in the City Code of Ordinances.
 - **Ordinance #03-2020** – An ordinance instituting a process for the demolition of dangerous or dilapidated property by the city.

Good Neighbor Award:

Old Business:

- **Discussion of Short-Term Rentals**
 - There are very few in our town and it doesn't seem to be a huge issue. May want Attorney Franzen to create a lighter version of some of the ordinances other cities have passed or bolster the City's long-term rental ordinance.

New Business:

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to cancel the February 18, 2020 council meeting due to lack of business. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared motion passed.

Citizens to Address Council: None

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Executive Session:

- **Action Taken:** At approximately 7:54 p.m., Member Heinrich made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property, seconded by Member Kessler. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared motion passed.
- **Action Taken:** At approximately 8:15 p.m., Member Miller made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared motion passed.
- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion authorize the Mayor to pursue the acquisition of real property discussed in executive session, seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared motion passed.

Adjournment:

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None; Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Submitted by:



Jeanne Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory N. Meyers, Mayor