

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS**  
**Special Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 1, 2020**  
**Approved: September 15, 2020**

On Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the Special Meeting of the Highland Heights City Council to order. This was a virtual meeting via Zoom and streamed live on the City of Highland Heights Facebook page.

**Attendance Roll Call:** Councilmembers: Deborah Ball, yes; Gary Chinn, yes; Rene Heinrich, yes; John Hoffert, yes; Michael Kessler, yes; and Virgil Miller, yes; Mayor Meyers, yes. A quorum was present.

**Staff Present:** Attorney, Pat Walsh; Public Works Director, Steve Lehman; Police Chief, Bill Birkenhauer; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit; City Engineer/Zoning Administrator, Dave Whitacre.

**Announcements/Correspondence**

- Notice of the Special meeting, along with an agenda, was mailed and/or emailed to each member of council and city staff. Email notifications and agendas were sent to media organizations who have requested notification. A notice and the agenda were posted on the door of the City Building. A notice and link to the agenda were posted on the City's website and Facebook page.
- All council votes will be taken by roll call vote.
- Mayor Meyers addressed a letter sent to him by Knollwood residents requesting the playgrounds be open. Mayor Meyers explained the reasons for the closures.

**Minutes for Approval**

**Special Meeting Council Minutes of August 18, 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 special council meeting of August 18, 2020. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None.
  - **Roll Call:** Member Ball, yes; Chinn, yes; Heinrich, abstain; Hoffert, yes; Kessler, yes; Miller, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Staff Reports**

- Police Chief – Bill Birkenhauer – report is attached to these minutes.
  - The police department received their re-accreditation from Kentucky Police Chiefs Association.
  - The Kentucky League of Cities performed their two-year evaluation. The police department received an excellent rating of 97.92 grade. This helps with insurance costs.
- City Clerk – Jeanne Pettit – report is attached to these minutes.
- Finance Director – Harry Barlage – No Report.
- City Engineer and Zoning Administrator – Dave Whitacre – Report is attached to these minutes.

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- Public Works Supervisor – Steve Lehman – Report is attached to these minutes. Mr. Lehman discussed the requirements, outlined by the State of Kentucky, to open playgrounds and how these requirements make it cost prohibitive to open the playground.
- City Attorney – Pat Walsh – Attorney Walsh read a first reading of the ad valorem tax for the compensating rate (\$1.55/\$1,000) and the compensating rate plus four percent (\$1.61/\$1,000).
  - **First Reading of Ordinance**
    - **Ordinance #09-2020** – An ordinance assessing and levying an ad valorem tax on the property within the city of Highland Heights, Kentucky and imposing interest and penalties thereon.

**New Business:** None


**Old Business:** None

**Adjournment**

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None.
  - **Roll Call:** Member Miller, yes; Hoffert, yes; Heinrich, yes; Kessler, yes; Chinn, yes; Ball, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

**Submitted by:**   
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**Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer**

**Signed:**   
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**Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor**