

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021
Approved: June 15, 2021

On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular council meeting of the Highland Heights City Council to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Council Members Present: Rene Heinrich, John Hoffert, Virgil Miller, Mitchell Miller (via Zoom), Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, Mayor Meyers. A quorum was present.

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

Minutes for Approval

- **Special Council Minutes of May 18, 2021.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members and City Staff for review:
 - **Action Taken:** Member Virgil Miller made a motion to accept the minutes from the special council meeting of May 18, 2021. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None; Ayes: Members Ball, Chinn, Hoffert, Virgil Miller, Mitchell Miller. Abstain, Member Heinrich. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Announcements

- The Municipal Road Aid Fund Public Hearing was held at 6:45 p.m. on June 1, 2021.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to have staff review and receive bids on construction for Sunset Avenue, Main Avenue, Rose Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and Alexandria Way. Staff will bring the bids back to council for approval. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All.

Mayor Meyers: State of the City Address – Address is attached to these minutes.

Scheduled Guests: None

Correspondence

- Mr. Michael Grabhorn contacted Councilmember Heinrich about class action litigation against manufacturers, distributors, retailers, of prescription opioid drugs. A \$26 Billion national settlement pending. He wanted to know if Highland Heights is willing to take a meeting.

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen – Report is attached to these minutes.
 - **Resolution #05-2021** A resolution of the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky acknowledging the intent to make application for a Surface Transportation Block Grant and sign assurances to comply with said grant.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to accept the Resolution #05-2021, a resolution acknowledging the intent to make application for a Surface Transportation Block Grant and sign assurances to comply with said grant. Seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: Below. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

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- Grant is due Friday; the city should hear something late summer, early fall. The design phase will begin during fiscal year 2023. Construction should begin in 2024/2025.
- Benefit – Reorienting Wilson, Sunset, and Miller will ease traffic flow, and enhance economic development by making the surrounding property easier to develop. The area will be safer for foot and automobile traffic.
- Police Chief – Bill Birkenhauer – Report is attached to these minutes.
- City Clerk/Treasurer – Jeanne Pettit – Report is attached to these minutes.
- Finance Director – Harry Barlage: no report.
- City Engineer/Zoning Administrator – Dave Whitacre – Report is attached to these minutes.
- Public Works Supervisor – Steve Lehman – Report is attached to these minutes.
- Attorney – Steve Franzen
Action Taken: Member Heinrich made a motion to read in summary the second reading of Ordinance #03-2021. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Ordinance: Second Reading

- **Ordinance #03-2021:** An Ordinance adopting the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky annual budget for the fiscal year 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to accept Ordinance #03-2021 adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Seconded by Member Virgil Miller. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Member Ball, yes; Chinn, yes; Heinrich, yes; Hoffert, yes; Virgil Miller, yes; Mitchell Miller, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Resolution

- **Resolution #04-2021** A Resolution of the City of Highland Heights authorizing Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for the development of the regional hazard mitigation plan through FEMA.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Virgil Miller made a motion to accept the Resolution #04-2021 authorizing the Mayor to execute and submit to a memorandum of agreement for the development of a regional hazard mitigation plan through FEMA. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Good Neighbor Award

Old Business

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New Business

- New police officers will be introduced during the August council meeting.
- Yard of the Month
 - **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert made a motion award Yard of the Month to Judy and Brad Derrick. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- Discussion of installing a Splash Park in Highland Heights.

Citizens to Address Council

- Michael Vaught – 366 Knollwood Drive – would like to have a shelter at Carmack Park. Steve Lehman will look into adding a shelter to the park. He also requested a sidewalk on Hilltop. This is not possible due to the drop offs on either side of the road. His April email is attached to minutes.
- Don Childers – 2302 Alexandria Pike – Mr. Childers has received complaints about someone’s trailer, track hoe, and dump truck parked in the street. Mr. Childers is seeing Ohio plates on KY residents’ cars.

Cancellation of Meeting

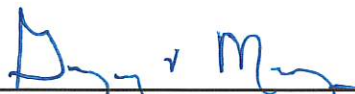
- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to cancel the July 6, 2021 council meeting. Seconded by Member Virgil Miller. Discussion: None. Ayes: All.

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich 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 8:34 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

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

Signed: 
Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor