

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023
Approved: April 4, 2023

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular city council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Council Members Present: Mayor Gregory Meyers, Councilmembers Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, John Hoffert, John Braun, Alex Bramel. A quorum was present.

Council Member Absent: Eddie Fessler

Staff Present: Attorney, Michelle Eviston; City Administrator, Michael Giffen; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit.

Minutes for Approval

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.
- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting held March 7, 2023. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Scheduled Guests: None

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen
 - **Ordinances – Second Readings**
 - **Ordinance 02-2023:** An ordinance amending the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky annual budget for fiscal year 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to read ordinance 02-2023 in summary. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to approve ordinance 02-2023. Seconded by Member Braun. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Councilmember Braun, yes; Hoffert, yes; Ball, yes; Chinn, yes; Bramel, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Ordinance 03-2023:** An ordinance amending the City's pay classifications ordinance for all employees and various city board members.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to read ordinance 03-2023 in summary. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert made a motion to approve ordinance 03-2023. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Councilmember Bramel, yes; Chinn, yes; Ball, yes; Hoffert, yes; Braun, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

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- **Ordinance 04-2023:** An ordinance amending the City of Highland Heights Code of Ordinances Chapter 30: Organization of City – City Engineer.
- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to read ordinance 04-2023 in summary. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to approve ordinance 04-2023. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Councilmember Hoffert, yes; Ball, yes; Chinn, yes; Bramel, yes; Braun, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- **Ordinance 05-2023:** An ordinance amending the City of Highland Heights Code of Ordinances Chapter 31: Departments, Boards, and Commissions – Planning and Zoning.
- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to read ordinance 05-2023 in summary. Seconded by Member Braun. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to approve ordinance 05-2023. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Councilmember Braun, yes; Hoffert, yes; Ball, yes; Chinn, yes; Bramel, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- Attorney – Michelle Eviston
 - **Resolution**
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to read resolution 09-2023. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - Discussion: Can this be addressed by the Ethics Commission? It cannot because statute requires a unanimous vote of council for removal of a councilmember. After public hearing, council would vote at the next meeting because no action can be taken at a public hearing.
 - **Resolution 09-2023:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky charging Councilman Edward Fessler with misconduct pursuant to KRS 83A.040(9).
 - **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to accept resolution 09-2023. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- Members Chinn and Bramel are meeting with Steve Lehman to plan a Highland Heights cleanup day in May.
- Sidewalk on Bramble – telephone poles and fire hydrants seem to be in the way of a sidewalk. May want to have a public hearing so residents affected by the construction of the sidewalk may give their opinion, even though the sidewalk would be in the right-of-way.
- Tree Committee is looking for four (4) members starting at the end of April.

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New Business: None

Citizens to Address Council: None

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to adjourn the March 21, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.


Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Submitted by:



Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor