

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023
Approved: October 3, 2023

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

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

Council Member Absent: Rene Heinrich notified the city in advance she was unable to attend.

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

Minutes for Approval

- **Public Hearing Minutes of September 5, 2023.** These minutes had been previously emailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.
- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to accept the minutes from the public hearing held September 5, 2023. Seconded by Member Braun. Discussion: None. Yes: 4. Abstain: 1. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- **Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023.** These minutes had been previously emailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.
- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting held September 5, 2023. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Yes: 4. Abstain: 1. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Correspondence

- Mayor Meyers announced the new President of NKU is Dr. Cady Short-Thompson. Mayor Meyers met Dr. Short-Thompson at the event held to announce her as NKU's 7th president. He is very positive and looking forward to working with Dr. Short-Thompson on continuing to build the partnership between NKU and Highland Heights.
- Mayor Meyers also complimented Interim President Bonita Brown on her work as the interim president.

Scheduled Guests

- Sara Howrey and Ann Carneal, organic gardeners at the Asbury Methodist Church community garden, expressed appreciation to Mayor Meyers and Steve Lehman for helping move a water tank to the garden and working with NKU to keep the tank filled.

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen
 - **Ordinance – Second Reading**
 - **Ordinance 10-2023:** 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.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to accept ordinance 10-2023 setting the ad valorem tax rate at 1.42 per \$1,000. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Councilmember Ball, yes; Councilmember Chinn, yes; Councilmember Bramel, yes; Councilmember Hoffert, yes; Councilmember Braun, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

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- **Announcements**

- There was a greenspace steering committee meeting this week.
- The Fall Community Event is October 7 from 3:00-9:00 p.m.
- The city has an opportunity to purchase a used backhoe. Mr. Giffen would like the assistance of two council members to meet and discuss a proposal to purchase. Members Chinn and Braun volunteered.

- Attorney – Michelle Eviston: No Report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Citizens to Address Council:

- Linda Randolph, 122 Thompson Road – There are problems with drainage on Thompson. Water runs down the road and into Ms. Randolph's yard. Drainage is needed from top of Hale, down the street, and down around the corner. There is a catch basin at the corner. There needs to be a ditch cleaned out and culvert to carry the water. Water runs in road and into the yard. Additionally, a culvert pipe is now buried under the blacktop.
- Linda Randolph also shared that she is disappointed to find out that the turnaround was going in for the snow plow. Ms. Randolph's concern is that no thought was given to pushing snow to the end of the road in front of her house. The asphalt at the end of the turnaround has no base under it. The asphalt is already crumbling and she has a ditch that becomes a mud hole at the end of her yard.
- Action Items:
 - Talk with City Engineer about drainage and the turn around on Thompson.
 - Contact the post office to support residents' requests to move mailboxes.

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to adjourn the September 19, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

Submitted by:



Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor