

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Council Minutes
April 2, 2019

On Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Mayor Meyers called the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Present: Mayor Meyers, Council Members: Debbie Ball, Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, John Hoffert, Michael Kessler, Virgil Miller. A quorum was present.

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

Prayer & pledge of allegiance to the flag: After member Ball delivered the prayer, everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentation of the regular council meeting minutes from March 5, 2019: These minutes had been previously emailed to the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Staff for review.

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller moved to approve the regular council minutes of March 5, 2019, seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Announcements: Mayor Meyers stated that he attended the installation of Dr. Ashish Vaidya on Friday, April 5. Mayor Meyers was a guest speaker and member of the platform party.

Scheduled Guests:

- Kathleen Quinn –Faren Drive Resident – Read an email she sent to 6th district transportation cabinet requesting rumble strips at the end of the I-471 exit ramp onto US 27. She has witnessed many semi-trucks and cars speeding through the intersection and, with the increased traffic, both pedestrian and motor vehicles, she is concerned about safety. She was asking for council's support.
 - Discussion: Mayor thought this was a great idea and asked the council if they would like the city to send a letter in support of Dr. Quinn's request. Approximately 44,000 motor vehicles travel this stretch each day making this an issue worth reviewing. This is a difficult place to get people stopped, but a police presence will be in the area as often as possible. Concerns: Businesses and residents in the vicinity will hear the noise created by the rumble strips and the safety issue of hitting the rumble strips at a high rate of speed. This could possibly be alleviated by placing the strips by the I-275 overpass.
 - Mayor recommended Dave Whitacre, Bill Birkenhauer, Steve Lehman, and himself sit down with district 6 representatives and discuss this issue.
- Will Weber from the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority, Campbell County Fiscal Court provided an overview of the Smart Corridor planned along US 27 from Newport on the Levee to Martha Lane Collins Boulevard. Mr. Weber stated that Ft.

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Thomas has passed the resolution and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and Southgate has passed a resolution allowing their Mayor to sign the MOU. Mr. Weber's report and the MOU is attached to these minutes.

- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich moved to have Mayor Meyers sign the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None; Ayes: All.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports:

- Finance Director – Harry Barlage – Financial Update
 - Mr. Barlage discussed the revenues and expenditures for the first 6 months of the fiscal year.
 - If council has questions, they may contact Jeanne Pettit.
- Police Chief – Bill Birkenhauer
 - Monthly report from March was distributed to council. A copy is attached to these minutes.
 - Due to changes by the Federal Government, Highland Heights Police and Public Works need to purchase new radios in order to communicate on the new frequencies being assigned. This new system will increase coverage area to approximately 90% and vastly improve communication among police, fire, and public works. Our current system is WWII era technology. Activation of these new frequencies is anticipated to take effect in July; it takes 8-12 weeks from the time an order for the radios is placed for them to arrive. Time is also needed for installation and programming of the radios.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase order to pay for new radios, not to exceed 60,000; seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None, Ayes: all.
- City Clerk – Jeanne Pettit – a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
- City Engineer and Zoning Administrator – Dave Whitacre – a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
 - Member Chinn asked about garbage cans, namely in the 300 block of Knollwood. Mr. Whitacre explained that if trash is overflowing, unsightly, etc. a door hanger is left asking them to clean it up. Additionally, residents who don't take cans in by midnight the day of collection receive a door hanger. First, warnings are given and then citations to repeat offenders. Four or five citations have been given recently.
- Public Works Supervisor – Steve Lehman – a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

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- Member Ball requested pansies be planted in the pots around the city. Member Chinn, Mayor Meyers and Member Ball have volunteered to do this.
- Attorney – Steve Franzen

First Reading of Ordinances:

Ordinance #04-2019

An ordinance reducing city's boundaries by striking 1.98 acres of non-residential property.

Ordinance #05-2019

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 cable television systems, internet, or telephone services within the city, and providing the terms thereof.

- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich moved to have Ordinance #05-2019 read in summary. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None; Ayes: All.

Municipal Orders:

Municipal Orders #08-2019, #09-2019, #10-2019

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller moved to approve Municipal Orders #08-2019, #09-2019, #10-2019 appointing Christie Fillhardt, Diane Brossart, and Tom Schulte to three-year terms on the Highland Heights Tree Commission. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Municipal Orders #11-2019, #12-2019.

- **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert moved to approve Municipal Orders #11-2019, #12-2019 appointing Candace Ziegler and Jean Rauf to two-year terms on the Highland Heights Tree Commission. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Municipal Orders #13-2019, #14-2019

- **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert moved to approve Municipal Orders #13-2019, #14-2019 appointing Dianne Heck and Tom Mann to one-year terms on the Highland Heights Tree Commission. Seconded by Member Miller. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Municipal Order #07-2019

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn moved to approve Municipal Order #07-2019 a municipal order appointing Lori Arnberg to a four-year term on the Highland Heights Code Enforcement Board. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

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Good Neighbor Award: There were no nominations for the Good Neighbor Award.

Old Business:

- There are 7 plots still available in the Highland Heights Community Gardens. Members Ball and Chinn are working with the community gardens this year.

New Business:

- The next newsletter is slated to go out at the end of April. Once pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt are available, the newsletter will go to print. If you have submissions, send them to Jeanne Pettit.
- Member Chinn asked if council would like to cancel the April 16 meeting due to a lack of business to discuss.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Ball moved to cancel the April 16, 2019 council meeting. Seconded by Member Miller. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- The Municipal Road Aid Fund Public Hearing will be May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Members Chinn and Ball volunteered to look at the streets and report back at the public hearing.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich moved to have the Municipal Road Aid Fund Public Hearing on May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Citizens to Address Council: None.

Adjournment:

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Hoffert. Discussion: None. Ayes: all.

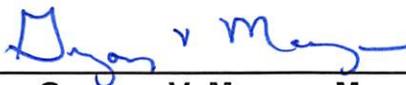
Meeting ended at approximately 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jeanne Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor