

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

On Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Mayor Meyers called the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Meyers, Council Members: Deborah Ball, John Hoffert, Rene Heinrich, Dave Ramler, Gary Chinn and Jeanne Pettit. A quorum was present.

Also present: Attorney Tom Edge, Police Chief Bill Birkenhauer, Public Works Director Steve Lehman, City Engineer/Zoning Administrator Dave Whitacre and Jean Rauf, City Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: City Attorney Steve Franzen.

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: After Mayor Meyers delivered the prayer, everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENTATION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2018: These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Staff for review.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2018, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0. MOTION PASSED. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Meyers announced this meeting is a combination of the September 4th and September 18th meeting.

SCHEDULED GUEST/S:

CHIEF BILL BIRKENHAUER: Chief Birkenhauer presented Sgt. Nick Love with the "Life Saving Award" and plaque. Sgt. Love was responding to a motorcycle accident in Cold Spring on June 15, 2018 and applied a tourniquet to the victim to stop the profuse bleeding of the leg. Lt. Haigis recommended Sgt. Love for this award and recognition for his action.

Mayor Meyers introduced Commonwealth Attorney Michelle Snodgrass. Mrs. Snodgrass addressed Council and expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the commitment and dedication that the Highland Heights Police Department provided for her and the Poston and Carter Families on the retrial of the Shayna Huber. Mrs. Snodgrass stated that the leadership and dedication of Chief Birkenhauer flows through the department. Mrs. Snodgrass again thanked Mayor and Council for their support during the trial.

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Mrs. Snodgrass recognized Sgt. Nick Love and Officer Nick Blank for their assistance and commitment in the case. She reported that the dedication of the whole department helped her bring the case to a conviction and justice for the Poston and Carter Families.

Mayor Meyers introduced Rene Heinrich who was appointed to replace AJ Moermond on Council.

SCHEDULED GUEST/S: Mr. John Vories is the Winner of the August 2018 Beautiful Front Yard Award, for 210 Knollwood Drive and Mr. Chris Carrier for the Good Neighbor Award.

Mayor Meyers presented Mr. John Vories with a Plaque and gift card for the August 2018 Beautiful Front Yard Award for 210 Knollwood Drive.

Mayor Meyers presented Chris Carrier of Wilder Creations, the Good Neighbor Award for their hours of work on the fountain.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Meyers announced he received thank you cards from Deb Whitacre for the flowers during her hospital stay and one from Steve Franzen for the planter for his Mother's funeral.

Mayor Meyers announced he has received a donation from the Country Cruise In for \$150.00. Mayor Meyers stated that we have in the past donated this to the Pantry of Hope but that is up to the Council

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER HOFFERT MADE A MOTION TO DONATE THE CHECK TO THE PANTRY OF HOPE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00, SECONDED BY MEMBER CHINN. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYES: ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

STAFF REPORTS: POLICE CHIEF: Police Chief Bill Birkenhauer thanked Commonwealth Attorney Michelle Snodgrass for her dedication and commitment to the case. He stated the whole department contributed in some way and he expressed his thanks to them.

Chief Birkenhauer asked if there were any questions on the monthly reports which were previously emailed to Mayor and Council. Member Ramler asked who was responsible for the jury selection of trials. Chief Birkenhauer explained that forms are sent and reviewed for the process. A background check was not done at the first trial but it was checked in this trial.

Member Heinrich expressed her appreciation for all the work and commitment of the Police Department.

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Member Pettit thanked Chief Birkenhauer for his hard work and to the Mayor for his involvement in the hiring of dedicated Police Chief and Officers for the Police Department.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.

CLERK/TREASURER: City Clerk Treasurer Jean Rauf reported the 2018 tax bills will be sent on September 28.

Mrs. Rauf submitted the "Your Duty Under the Law", and "Managing of Open Records" to the Mayor and Councilmembers. She stated she will send a signed document to the Attorney General stating she distributed these documents to Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Rauf also reported she has distributed The Financial Disclosure Statements for 2018-2019 to the Mayor and Councilmembers and candidates for Council. She asked these forms be returned to her on or before October 16th. She further reported the Ethics Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2018 at 7:00pm. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Rauf reported she attended the Planning & Zoning meeting on September 11, 2018. The Planning and Zoning Commissioners tabled the updated Subdivision Regulations until the next meeting. They wanted more time to review the revised Subdivision Regulations.

CITY ENGINEER ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Whitacre presented his monthly report and is attached to the minutes. Mr. Whitacre reported that the Tesseneer Drive asphalt project has been put on hold due to the weather. The Montgomery Cyclery Building, at 124 Marshall is going to become the new branch for the General Electric Credit Union.

Mr. Whitacre stated that he has been working on zoning issues from unlicensed vehicles, door hangers for garbage cans left out to debris.

Member Ball asked about the Bluegrass Drive street issue. Mr. Whitacre reported the businesses are going to meet to discuss the conditions of the road. Mr. Whitacre said the potholes may be repaired soon.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR: Mr. Lehman reported because of the rain we had problems with the flooding. Drains were clogged and couldn't handle the amount of rain.

The next recreation event will be held on October 27, 2018 the Halloween Party from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Public Works garage.

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CITY ATTORNEY: Mayor Meyers asked for a motion for Attorney Edge to read Ordinance #07-2018 in summary.

MEMBER PETTIT MADE A MOTION THAT ATTORNEY READ ORDINANCE #02-2018 IN SUMMARY 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, SECONDED BY MEMBER HOFFERT. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYES: ALL. MAYOR DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

ATTORNEY EDGE READ THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #07-2018 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 PETTIT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE #07-2018 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, SECONDED BY MEMBER HOFFERT. DISCUSSION: NONE. ROLL CALL: MEMBER RAMBLER, AYE; MEMBER HEINRICH, AYE; MEMBER CHINN, AYE; MEMBER PETTIT, AYE; MEMBER BALL, AYE; MEMBER HOFFERT, AYE. AYES: ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD: Member Pettit nominated John Hoffert for the Good Neighbor Award for all his volunteering at the Pantry of Hope.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE MEMBER JOHN HOFFERT FOR THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. 5 AYES; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSTENTION. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – Mayor Meyers reported the 2018 tax bills will be mailed on September 28, 2018.

SAFETY – Member Ball asked about making Taylor a One Way street. Chief Birkenhauer reported he will check into this matter and will report back next month.

BEAUTIFICATION – Member Ball stated they will be looking for the Yard of the Month award on Monday.

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DEVELOPMENT – Mayor Meyers reported he had a meeting in Frankfort to present the TIF for the Thriftway Project. He reported the Committee was impressed and accepted the proposal. He reported it was given to the consultants to determine the percentage of contribution.

Mayor Meyers reported he also met with Duke Energy to discuss burying the utilities underground from the Hancock Building to Johns Hill Road.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Member Ramler reported that there is a chipped out piece of sidewalk across from Renshaw. After a brief discussion about this matter, Mayor Meyers turned this matter over to Public Works Director Lehman for him to handle.

COMMUNICATION – Member Hoffert reported the Newsletter should be sent this week.

PARKS & RECREATION: Halloween party will be the next event on October 27 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Hoffert reminded everyone about the yard sale on September 29th at the City Building. He stated that all proceeds will go to the Pantry of Hope.

Member Hoffert asked if the City of Highland Heights would be interested in becoming a Tree City. He stated he would get information about this matter and will present the information to Council.

Member Pettit thanked Mayor Meyers for the work and time he has devoted to developing the City. She stated that we appreciate all the effort he has put forth in taking care of our City.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Dave Brooks, 2224 Wilson Ave., would like to thank the Mayor for all he has done for the City. He stated the Mayor improved the City and has done everything he can to keep it that way.

Mr. Books reported he is getting flooded since the wall was built. He stated he is here to ask for help with this problem. Mayor Meyers reported that he and Dave Whitacre are looking into putting in drains on both sides of the street then dig out the creek to let the water go through.

Mr. Brooks also thanked the Police Department for keeping the City safe.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business **MEMBER HOFFERT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER PETTIT. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYES: ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.**

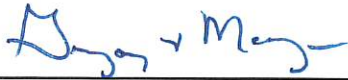
TIME: 8:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

SIGNED:



GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR

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