

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 18, 2017**

On Tuesday, July 18, 2017 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, AJ Moermond, Dave Ramler, Gary Chinn and Jeanne Pettit. A quorum was present.

Also present: Attorney Steve Franzen, City Engineer/Zoning Administrator Dave Whitacre, Public Works Director Steve Lehman and Jean A. Rauf, City Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Chief Bill Birkenhauer.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2017: 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 JUNE 20, 2017, SECONDED BY MEMBER CHINN. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0. MOTION PASSED. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

SCHEDULED GUEST/S: GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD: Dr Perilou Goddard was presented The Good Neighbor Award for her presentation on the Heron Epidemic. Mrs. Sheryl Enzweiler was also awarded The Good Neighbor Award for her help with keeping the sod watered at Carmack Park.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Meyers read a Thank You card from Ann Pelgen. Mayor Meyers stated that she expressed her gratitude for the City taking care of the sidewalks.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY ATTORNEY: No report.

POLICE CHIEF BIRKENHAUER: The Chief's report was previously submitted. Member Pettit reported that Officer Dave Fornash went to Costa Rico to help teach the citizens about safety programs and health. She also reported he did this on his own time and at his expense. Member Pettit commended Officer Fornash for his service.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE OFFICER DAVE FORNASH FOR THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOERMOND. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE: ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

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CITY CLERK/TREASURER: No report.

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Whitacre reported due to the high prices of concrete his recommendation is to wait for prices to come down. Most of the repairs to the streets are cosmetic and not a high priority.

Mr. Whitacre will work on getting a proposal for the wall and drainage on Wilson Ave.

Mr. Whitacre reported he would like to make a text amendment of Section 9.8 and section 10.2 thru 10.9 of the Zoning Codes referring to salvage and storage items.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Mr. Lehman reported Public Works are tearing out the sidewalk panels on Knollwood Drive.

The agreement on the ballfields with Northern Kentucky Water District has been signed.

The sump pumps for the Police Department have not come in yet.

Mr. Lehman thanked everyone who helped with the Cruise In; it was a great success.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – MEMBERS PETTIT AND HOFFERT: Mayor Meyers reported they are waiting for the information from the County on the tax rate.

SAFETY – MEMBERS BALL AND RAMLER: Council Member Ramler advised citizens to slow down and observe the stop signs now that the children are out of school. There was a brief discussion about the yellow line to be painted on Bramble Avenue. Mr. Lehman stated when his crew is finished with the Knollwood sidewalks; they will paint the yellow line. Member Ball stated she would like to see this line painted before school begins.

BEAUTIFICATION – MEMBERS BALL AND CHINN: Member Ball asked about the rose bushes at the sign if they had been treated. Mr. Lehman stated they had been taken care of.

DEVELOPMENT - MEMBERS PETTIT AND MOERMOND: No Report.

INFRASTRUCTURE – MEMBERS CHINN AND RAMLER: No Report.

COMMUNICATION – MEMBERS HOFFERT AND MOERMOND: Member Hoffert reported the Newsletter has been mailed

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PARKS & RECREATION: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Ball asked about the landscaping at the new Highland Village Senior Center and who will be responsible for the upkeep. Mayor Meyers stated that the Neighborhood Foundation would be responsible.

Member Hoffert announced that on Saturday, September 23 the Pantry of Hope will hold their Walk for Donations beginning at 9:00 a.m. He reported that more information will follow.

Member Ramler suggested the City recognize a Yard of the Month Award. Mayor Meyers turned this over to the Beautification Committee for review.


Mayor Meyer announced he had met with Mr. Dominic Bashford on the creation of a Sister Cities International and has turned this over to the Safety Committee.

CITIZEN/S TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mrs. Sheryl Enzweiler reported that a camper has been parked in a driveway on the corner of Knollwood. Mr. Whitacre addressed this by reading the regulations stated in the Zoning Ordinances. The camper is not in violation according to the regulations.

Mr. Nicholas Klousiadis, 237 Ridge Hill Road, addressed Council regarding his sidewalk apron. He expressed his concerns that the apron was damaged by the City during snowplowing. He reported the snowplow chips at his driveway and it has been weakening the apron. After considerable discussion about this matter, Mayor Meyers turned this matter over to Mr. Lehman.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 pm.

SUBMITTED BY: 
JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

SIGNED: 
GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR

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ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2017

I have put some concrete and asphalt projects out to bid in the last few weeks, and the bids are coming in very high. The rainy weather has delayed the completion of some of the current road projects, and the traffic congestion on I-275 is affecting the delivery of concrete and asphalt. Concrete panel replacement that bid for \$46 a square yard in 2015 is getting bids over \$60 a square yard.....with some bidders going as high as \$76!

The majority of the streets in town are in very good condition, with only a few small area showing some distress – nearly all of the work can be delayed until next year when the weather and traffic might provide for more reasonable prices.

There is a small amount of asphalt work that needs to be done on Tesseneer drive, and I will get proposals for that work and bring them to the next meeting. I also believe we can start working on a retaining wall and storm sewer design for Wilson, and the Public Works Department may be willing to install the drainage system.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Recently there have been several properties where the residents are using the property to process flea market or items to be salvaged for scrap – or in some cases they just put stuff outside for storage when it is no longer being used. Our current ordinance does not adequately address this very well, and I believe some changes to the Zoning Ordinance would be helpful in correcting or preventing this from happening. I will work on some new language that will better address these problems.

Dave Whitacre, Engineer/Zoning Administrator



Public Works Department Report

July 17, 2017

- Knollwood Sidewalk Panels are being torn out and replaced where needed. About half of the panels have been replaced.
- Ditch lines on Blange Road have been dug out for improved drainage and to stop erosion of the street.
- Spring Riders have been purchased and installed in Carmack Park. We are going to install 3 Spring Riders at the City Building Park in the next few weeks
- The lease with NKWD has been signed. We have removed the fencing at the top of the hill and cleared the remaining brush. The hillside has been graded so we can mow it when grass is grown up.
- We are still waiting for delivery of the WSHP's for the police department.
- Thanks to everyone that helped with the Cruise in and Concert Saturday. It was a warm and busy day and long hours for some.