

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2015

On Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Mayor Meyers called the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Meyers and Councilmembers Deborah Ball, Jeanne Pettit, David Ramler, Scott Reincke and Scott Sedmak. A quorum was present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Steve Franzen, City Engineer/Zoning Administrator Dave Whitacre Public Works Supervisor Steve Lehman and Police Chief Bill Birkenhauer.

ABSENT: Member Chinn

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Meyers welcomed the newly elected council members, David Ramler, Scott Reincke, and Scott Sedmak. He also welcomed the incumbent council members Deb Ball, Gary Chinn and Jeanne Pettit.

FOR THE RECORD THE OATH OF OFFICE WAS ADMINISTERED TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON DECEMBER 16, 2014 BY ATORNEY STEVE FRANZEN,

PRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES: The minute of the December 16, Council minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff:

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2015, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. JEANNE PETTIT, AYE. DEB BALL, AYE, RAMLER, ABSTAIN; REINCKE, ABSTAIN; SEDMAK ABSTAIN. 2 AYES; 3 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Meyers announced he received a copy of the Central Campbell County Fire Department's Report. A copy is in the office.

GUESTS/S: NONE.

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STAFF REPORT: POLICE CHIEF BIRKENHAUER – Chief Birkenhauer reported that Lt Amber Conrad has returned to work from maternity leave. He also distributed a copy of the Highland Heights Month Report for the month of December, 2014.

Mayor Meyers stated it has been the practice that the person who received the highest votes in the council election to act as Mayor Pro Tem. He announced Jeanne Pettit had received the highest votes.

ACTION TAKEN: MEYER REINCKE MOVED THAT JEANNE ^{PETTIT} PETTE SERVE AS MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 2015-DECEMBER 31, 2016, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLERK TREASURER: Mrs. Rauf announced Mayors are required to distribute updated information prepared by the Office of the Attorney General on provisions of the Open Meeting Act and Open Records Act. This information was previously distributed to the Mayor and each Council member. She also announced that each Council person must sign the Proof of Receipt and return it to her. She stated the signed Proof Receipts will be retained by the City.

FINANCE – HARRY BARLAGE: NO REPORT

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – DAVE WHITACRE: A copy of Mr. Whitacre's report was previously distributed to the Mayor and City Council members. His report addressed the Transportation Cabinet Right Of Way and the Enforcement Issues in process. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Whitacre announced the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet would like to transfer two rights-of- ways to the City of Highland Heights. He said the first area is the connector road from Old Alexandria Pike to the intersection of Taylor Avenue and Main Avenue. He said this would provide the City with more right of way in that area. Mr. Whitacre stated the second area is the relocated Hilltop Right of Way.

There was discussion concerning the connector road from Old Alexandria Pike to the intersection of Taylor Avenue and Main Avenue. Mr. Whitacre stated that this would provide the City with more right of way in that area.

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After discussion about the relocated Hilltop right of way, Mr. Whitacre stated that the City is not ready to accept Hilltop.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR – STEVE LEHMAN: Mr. Lehman gave a report of the ongoing operations of the maintenance Department.

CITY ATTORNEY: STEVE FRANZEN: Mr. Franzen read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 01-2015: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY ACCEPTING TITLE OF OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAIN STREET CONNECTOR ROAD TO TAYLOR ROAD.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 01-2015: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY ACCEPTING TITLE OF OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAIN STREET CONNECTOR ROAD TO TAYLOR ROAD, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attorney Franzen stated he would like to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1C) regarding litigation. Mayor Meyers announced he will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session later in the meeting before the meeting is adjourned.

Attorney Franzen also reported the City recouped the lien fees placed on the property at 225 Johns Hill Road when it was sold. He reported this property was sold to Northern Kentucky University. Mr. Lehman stated this building will be demolished soon.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Meyers stated he had not heard who won the Christmas Lighting Contest. Member Ball stated she would get in touch with Parks and Recreation

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Meyers stated he would entertain a motion to conduct a Caucus meeting on Monday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00pm for the purpose of Council choosing their Council committees.

ACTION TAKEN; MEMBER SEDMAK MOVED TO CONDUCT A CAUCUS MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015 AT 7:00PM AT THE CITY BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNCIL CHOOSING THEIR COUNCIL COMMITTEES, SECONDED BY MEMBER PETTIT. DISCUSSION: NONE, AYE, ALL MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor Meyers announced he had reviewed the applications for the vacated position on Planning and Zoning. He stated after reviewing the applications and reviewing the qualifications, he is nominating Gene White to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF GENE WHITE TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SECONDED BY MEMBER REINCKE. DISCUSSION: NONE. MAYOR MEYERS ASKED FOR THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. AND THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. MEMBERS PETTIT, AYE; MEMBER REINCKE AYE; MEMBER SEDMAK AYE. MEMBERS BALL, NAY; MEMBER RAMLER, NAY. 3 AYES; 2 NAYS. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

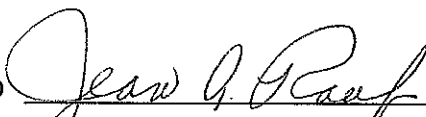
MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE TO DISCUSS LITIGATION, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.


MEMBER PETIT MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER SEDMAK. AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION TAKEN: NONE.

ADJOURN: MEMBER SEDMAK MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY MEMBER PETTIT. AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

SUBMITTED 
JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK TREASURER

SIGNED: 
GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR

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