

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

On Tuesday, September 17, 2013 Mayor Meyers called the Public Hearing to order at 176 Johns Hill Road at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT ROLL CALL: Mayor Meyers, Council Members: Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, Larry Herfurth, A.J. Moermond and Jeanne Pettit.

Also present: Attorney Steve Franzen and Sue Kramer, Recording Secretary.

ABSENT: Jean Rauf, Clerk Treasurer/Recording Secretary.

Mayor Meyers explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments from the public regarding the institution of proposed tax rates for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Mayor Meyers presented the Council with tax information on the proposed compensating rate of \$1.65 and for the proposed 4% increased rate of \$1.71 and what the increase would be on property valuation for homes starting at \$50,000 and ranging to \$200,000. Mayor Meyers also reviewed some of the revenues for this fiscal year budget, and stated there is a deficit for this fiscal year.

Council members commented that the new businesses may bring in enough to help with the deficit. It was mentioned that Highland Heights has one of the lowest tax rates in the County and that they need to plan for the future. They also would like to look at the fees on rental property and maybe raising that charge.

Mayor Meyers then asked for comments from the public.

Sandy Shaw, 406 Knollwood, stated that in the past they were told looking at the numbers everything was profitable. Money was there to accomplish projects. New businesses were coming in to cover deficits. She asked that no more impact be put on citizens, people are struggling, not a good time to increase taxes.

Rose Pfaff, 315 Knollwood, reminded Council that adding the 15 months of waste collection to the tax bill may be a burden to some residents. Some only have social security and annuities to live on. Maybe put it off until next year.

Mike Stahl, 410 Knollwood, asked about money we were supposed to receive from a fraud case. Attorney Franzen addressed this legal issue.

JoAnn Sides, 22-03 Highland Meadows, wanted to know about the amount of collections for the City and what is received from the taxes.

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Anita Race, 176 Dogwood Drive, wanted to know why every bill she receives has a tax on it. Her condo bill for insurance has "Ky. Revenue Surcharge" on it. She wanted to know what that was, who gets that. It was stated that it is the State of Ky. Insurance Tax.

There being no further comments **MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOERMOND. AYE, ALL. THE HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.**

SUBMITTED BY: _____

Sue Kramer
SUE KRAMER, RECORDING SECRETARY

SIGNED: _____

Gregory V. Meyers
GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR