

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Public Hearing Minutes
September 5, 2023
Approved: September 19, 2023

On September 5, 2023 at 6:50 p.m., Mayor Meyers called the Public Hearing to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Council Members Present: Mayor Greg Meyers; Councilmembers Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, John Braun, Rene Heinrich, Alex Bramel. A quorum was present.

Council Members Absent: John Hoffert notified the city he was unable to attend.

Staff Present: City Administrator, Michael Giffen; Attorney, Michelle Eviston; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit, Code Enforcement Officer, William Hunt; Police Chief, Bill Birkenhauer.

Public Hearing: Mayor Meyers announced the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

Notification Process: City Clerk Pettit announced that notification of the property tax rate public hearing was published in LINKnky on August 22, 2023 and August 29, 2023 as required by the Kentucky General Assembly. Notices were also posted on the door of the City Building, the City's website and Facebook page.

Comments from the Public: No Comments

Comments from the Mayor

- Mayor Meyers discussed this year's re-assessment of property by the Property Valuation Administration (PVA) and discussed how the tax rate is determined. He also discussed how taxes are used to maintain the city services and city parks.
- City Administrator Giffen discussed the need to compound revenue from property taxes. Currently, 12% of the city's revenue comes from property tax, he would like to get it up to 25%.

Comments from Council

- Council needs to take the compensating rate plus the 4% increase; this is a minimal tax increase on residents and is needed to maintain city services.
- No matter which 2023 tax rate is chosen, it will be below the 2022 tax rate of 1.65.

Mayor Meyers reported that the first reading of the tax rate will be taken at the regular council meeting immediately following the public hearing.

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to adjourn the September 5, 2023 public hearing. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Yes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Submitted by: 
Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed: 
Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor