

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Public Hearing Minutes
September 3, 2019
Approved: October 1, 2019

On September 3, 2019, at 6:44 p.m. Mayor Meyers calls to order the Public Hearing at the Highland Heights City Building, 176 Johns Hill Road.

Present: Mayor Meyers, Councilmembers: Deb Ball, Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, John Hoffert, Virgil Miller, Michael Kessler. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Attorney Steve Franzen, Police Chief Bill Birkenhauer, Public Works Director Steve Lehman, City Engineer/Zoning Administrator Dave Whitacre, City Clerk/Treasurer Jeanne Pettit.

Public Hearing: Mayor Meyers reported the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments from the public regarding the 2019 proposed tax rate.

Notification Process: Clerk Pettit reported that notification of the Public Hearing was published in the Campbell County Recorder on August 22, 2019 and August 29, 2019 as required by the Kentucky General Assembly; notice was posted on the front door of the City Building and on the City's website.

Comments:

- Mayor Meyers:
 - City is getting larger. Public Works is doing more i.e. putting in drains, repairing black top.
 - Tax increase will bring in about \$16,000.
 - Insurance premiums, liability insurance, city's pension contributions are increasing.

- Council Members:
 - Increase helps cover inflation as costs continue to rise every year.
 - It is difficult to ask state for grant money if we aren't willing to do our fair share and raise taxes.

- City Staff:
 - All properties in Highland Heights were reassessed this year. About 45% of properties were reassessed at a higher rate, some due to property sales. There was a \$1,700 increase in the Homestead exemption.

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- Clerk Pettit pointed out on the slide, projected on the screen, that the 2019 proposed tax included the 4% increase and that this is lower than the 2018 tax rate.
- Audience: None

Mayor Meyers reported that action will be taken in the regular meeting.

Adjournment:

- Member Hoffert made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Seconded by Member Heinrich. Discussion: None, Ayes: All.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor