

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS**  
**Council Minutes**  
**May 21, 2019**

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Mayor Meyers calls the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

**Present:** Mayor Meyers, Council Members: Deb Ball, Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, Michael Kessler, Virgil Miller. A quorum was present.

**Also Present:** Attorney Steve Franzen, City Clerk/Treasurer Jeanne Pettit.

**Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** After member Kessler delivered the prayer, everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Minutes for Approval:**

**Municipal Aid Road Fund Public Hearing Minutes of May 7, 2019.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members and City Staff for review.

- **Action Taken:** Member Ball made a motion to accept the Municipal Aid Road Fund minutes of May 7, 2019, seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Regular Council Minutes of May 7, 2019.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members and City Staff for review.

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to accept the council minutes of May 7, 2019, seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

**Announcements:** Councilmember Hoffert notified the City Clerk on May 8 that he would not be able to attend this meeting.

**Scheduled Guests:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Staff Reports:**

- Finance Director – Harry Barlage – Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020
  - Mr. Barlage reviewed the proposed 2020 budget, the 2019 budget and the amended 2019 budget.
  - Revenues were presented along with expenditures for each city department (Administration, Police, Public Works), the municipal aid road fund, planning & zoning, capital outlay, and debt service on bonds.
  - Questions:
    - Year Bonds will be paid: NKU bond paid-off in 2029; City Building and Public Works bonds paid-off in approximately 2040.
    - Why can't we earn higher interest - The city is limited in the type of investments we can make. Member Kessler will review some permissible investment options and report back to council.
  - The first and second readings of budget will be at the June meetings.
- City Attorney – Steve Franzen – First Reading of Ordinances
  - **Ordinance #06-2019** – An ordinance accepting the bid of MCImetro for a twenty-year non-exclusive franchise for the use of the public streets, alleys

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and other public grounds of the City for the transmission and distribution of communication services through and for consumption within the City.

- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to read Ordinance #06-2019 in summary, seconded by member Miller. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
  
- **Ordinance #07-2019** – An ordinance to declare and address loud, unnecessary or unusual noises as a nuisance.
  - Council will review the ordinance and discuss at the next meeting.

**Good Neighbor Award:** No nominations

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Memorial Day Celebration, May 27 at 8:30.
- Newsletter has been mailed.
- Member Heinrich hosted the Emerge class of 2019. 20-30 women from across state spent the day at the Highland Heights City Building for a day-long training session. She received many compliments on building and how easy it was to use the facility.
- June 1, the Recreation Commission is holding it's first bike safety class.

**Citizens to Address Council:**

- Michael Vaught and Greg Evans from the Recreation Commission had two requests:
  - More commissioners are needed – they are down to 3 members. Would like the city to advertise the open positions and help recruit new members.
  - Discussed the events the Recreation Commission sponsors.
  - Would like council to reconsider the requirement that commissioners must attend the meeting and events in order to receive pay. Michael Vaught spends a lot of time on the volleyball leagues during the summer and would like there to be some flexibility in the policy.

**Adjournment:**

- **Action Taken:** Member Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

  
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Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

**Signed:**

  
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Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor