

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2015

On Tuesday, February 3, 2015, Mayor Meyers called the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Meyers and Councilmembers Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, 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, Lieutenant David Fornash and Public Works Supervisor Steve Lehman.

ABSENT: Police Chief Bill Birkenhauer.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

PRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES: The minutes of the January 20, 2015, Council meeting had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff:

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2015, SECONDED BY MEMBER CHINN. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION OF THE CAUCUS MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2015. These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CAUCUS MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2015, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE, AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE.

GUESTS/S: NONE.

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STAFF REPORT: POLICE CHIEF BIRKENHAUER. In the absence of the Police Chief, Lieutenant Dave Fornash gave the report. He stated that the January monthly report was previously submitted to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Lieutenant Fornash reported that on February 15th, Kenton Lane is going to be closed during construction. He also advised everyone to use a different route when events are held at the Bank of Kentucky.

Lieutenant Fornash announced that local jewelers will be at the City Building for residents only to bring their jewelry to be photographed. He stated the residents will have to show identification. The jewelers will let the person know if their jewelry should be appraised or insured. He stated the jewelers will not do appraisals at this site. He said the purpose of the photographs is a source of proof if the jewelry is stolen and then taken to a Pawn Shop. He stated each person will be provided a disk showing their jewelry. He stated a tentative date has been set for March 14, 2015 from 10:00am – 1:00pm. He further stated once the date has been confirmed, they will put this on the Police Department's web site; the Police Department's face book page and on the City's web site.

Member Chinn stated that the speeding from Kenton Lane to the roundabout and from Martha Layne Collins to the roundabout is very fast in these areas. He asked if something could be done. Lieutenant Fornash stated they would put the speed trailer in that area and will also have an officer from the City to run radar in that area. He also stated he would talk to the NKU captain about running radar in that area.

Member Ramler addressed his concerns about the traffic for events that use Nunn Drive to US 27. He asked if there was any way to control the light at Nunn Drive and US 27, and the light before getting on to 471. He also asked if another police car could be put in the area to deter cars from blocking the intersection. Lieutenant Fornash responded to his concerns and stated how they are currently handling the traffic situation. He said he would check on this matter.

Member Ball reported that someone contacted her about all the cars that are parking on Sunset. She reported the person felt it was dangerous and they had seen a number of accidents on some curves. Lieutenant Fornash stated the only accident he knows of was on US 27 and they turned on to Sunset. He also reported the only problems they have with Sunset are cars parking where there is a NO PARKING zone. He reported the rest of the street is approved parking.

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Member Ramler asked if a vehicle has to be parked in the same direction as the traffic flows. Lieutenant Fornash stated this is usually complaint driven, but he would check.

Member Sedmak stated he appreciates the Monthly Police Report, but would like to have something to compare it to, such as January 2015 compared to January 2014. Lieutenant Fornash will pass this request on to the Chief Birkenhauer.

CLERK TREASURER: Mrs. Rauf announced that Mr. Andy DeMoss the City's auditor will present the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 at the February 17th Council meeting.

FINANCE – HARRY BARLAGE: NO REPORT

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – DAVE WHITACRE: A copy of Mr. Whitiacre's report was previously distributed to the Mayor and Council members. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

Member Sedmak stated that in November there was discussion about sidewalks on the north end of the city, and a grant being written for the sidewalks. Mr. Whitacre stated he has not yet written the grant, but he will.

Member Sedmak asked how long has 303 Knollwood been a part of Mr. Whitacre's monthly report. Mr. Whitacre stated about 4 years and explained the problems they have had with this property.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR – STEVE LEHMAN: Mr. Lehman gave a report on the ongoing operations of the Maintenance Department. He stated they have received the snow plow and spreader.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Pettit stated at the last meeting, it was discussed about taking down the Alexandria Pike sign that is on Alexandria Way. She stated rather taking down the entire sign, could we take down the Alexandria Pike sign, replace it with the Alexandria Way sign and leave the street as they are listed.

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Member Pettit further stated that Google has not changed the name from Alexandria Pike to Alexandria Way. After discussion, Mayor Meyers asked Mrs. Rauf to check on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Meyers reported at the Caucus meeting, the following councilmembers agreed to serve on the following committees. He asked if any council members had a change to any committee and if they were satisfied with their committee. Hearing none, he announced the names of the following committees and the council members who agreed to serve on the committees.

SAFETY: Members Ramler and Ball.

FINANCE: Members Pettit and Sedmak.

DEVELOPMENT: Members Reincke and Pettit.

BEAUTIFICATION: Members Ball and Chinn

INFRASTRUCTURE: Members Ramler and Chinn

Mayor Meyers further announced that, at the Caucus meeting, it was the consensus of the councilmembers to eliminate the Communication Committee at this time.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEES AND THE MEMBERS SERVING ON THESE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED BY MAYOR MEYERS, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attorney Franzen stated he will prepare the Municipal Orders.

Member Sedmak reported there are ordinances that have University Park and Highland Heights Elementary Bellfield listed. He reported these parks have not been active for years. He suggested they should be deleted from the ordinance. He also mentioned that the list did not include park, space/playground/pavilion on the current City Building ground.

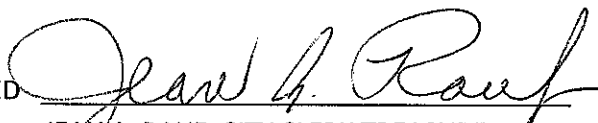
CITIZEN/STO ADDRESS COUNCIL: None.


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

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The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

SUBMITTED: 
JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK TREASURER

SIGNED: 
GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR

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