

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2015

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Mayor Meyers called the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road at 7:30pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Meyers and Councilmembers Deb Ball, Gary Chinn, Jeanne Pettit, David Ramler, Scott Reincke and Scott Sedmak. A quorum was present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Steve Franzen and Jean Rauf, Clerk Treasurer/ Recording Secretary, Police Chief William Birkenhauer and Public Works Supervisor Steve Lehman.

**ABSENT:** NONE.

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

The follow minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Staff for review:

**PRESENTATION OF THE MARF PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED ON MAY 5, 2015:**

**ACTION TAKEN:** MEMBER BALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015, SECONDED BY MEMBER PETTIT. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

**PRESENTATION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES CONDUCTED ON MAY 5, 2015:**

**ACTION TAKEN:** MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015, SECONDED BY MEMBER SEDMAK. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MOTION PASSED

**SCHEDULED GUEST/S:** Commonwealth Attorney Michelle Snodgrass. Attorney Snodgrass highly praised and complemented and was very appreciative to the Highland Heights Police Department. She expressed her views on the outstanding work done by Lieutenant David Fornash, Officer Nicholas Love, Lieutenant/Detective Greg Haigis and Police Chief William Birkenhauer for their excellent investigation work they did in helping with the recent murder trial that was recently held in Campbell County.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Meyers read a letter addressed to Police Chief Birkenhauer from Tom, Millie and Rachel Gindele. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:** Mr. Franzen read in full the following Municipal Order:

**MUNICIPAL ORDER # 12-2015: A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS IN CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY MAKING THE WRITTEN DETERMINATION REQUIRED BY KRS 82-0783 FOR THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY.**

**ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO SURPLUS THE PROPERTY LISTED IN THE MUNICIPAL ORDER, SECONDED BY MEMBER CHINN. DISCUSSION: NONE, AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

Attorney Franzen stated there is a matter that needs to be discussed in Executive Session. He announced that no action will be taken after we come out of Executive Session.

Mr. Franzen further stated this has to do with the development that we hope is going to occur here in Highland Heights at or near the old Thriftway property. He also stated we have some guests here this evening; the agent for the company and their attorney. He further stated we have also asked Campbell County Executive Judge Steve Pendery, and Laura Long. He stated they want to meet with the Council in Executive Session to give them information about what is being discussed about this development and what might be requested of the City.

Mr. Franzen explained the particular exemption KRS61.810 (1)(G) dealing with open meetings.

Mayor Meyers announced he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session.

**ACTION TAKEN: AT 7:50PM, MEMBER CHINN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING KRS 61.810, SECONDED BY MEMBER SEDMAK. DISCUSSION NONE. AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**AT 8:35PM, MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY MEMBER SEDMAK. AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**At this time the regular meeting convened.**

Finance Director Harry Barlage previously distributed to the Mayor, City-Council members copy of the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and the Budget for 2015-2016

Mr. Barlage gave a presentation on the amended budget changes for 2014-2015 HE also gave a presentation on the 2016 Budget. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes

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Mayor Meyers announced if anyone has any questions, they should call him or Mr. Barlage.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: FINANCE: MEMBERS JEANNE PETTIT AND SCOTT SEDMAK – NO REPORT.**

**SAFETY: MEMBERS DEB BALL AND DAVID RAMLER – NO REPORT.** Mayor Meyers announced he would like to schedule a meeting with this committee before the end of June.

**BEAUTIFICATION: MEMBERS DEB BALL AND GARY CHINN -** Member Chinn thanked the Public Works Department for their help in planting the flowers in the City and at the bus stops.

**DEVELOPMENT: MEMBERS REINCKE AND PETTIT –** Member Pettit announced that Planning and Zoning is finished with the updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Franzen stated that he would bring the amended ordinance at the next meeting. She stated she would like a copy so that she and Member Reincke could review. **OUTCOME:** Mr. Franzen stated he would get this for her.

**INFRASTRUCTURE: MEMBERS CHINN AND RAMLER –** Councilmember Ramler reported there are two panels behind Skyline Chili and the entrance to Callahan Hall. He said they have dropped. **OUTCOME:** Mayor Meyers asked Mrs. Rauf to contact the State Highway Department about this matter.

**REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION:** The Parks and Recreation minutes were previously e-mailed to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

The following event is scheduled:

Memorial Day ceremony and flag rising will be held at the City Building on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. After the ceremony coffee, juice and donuts will be available.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD: NO REPORT.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Lehman reported there were complaints about the recent street cleaning service. He stated they didn't do a good job. He stated he contacted the street sweep company. He reported they are coming back to the City to do the streets that were not done thoroughly.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Member Sedmak reported that a resident brought up a concern about the condition of white metal edging, graffiti, and swing sets in Carmack Park. **OUTCOME:** Mr. Lehman will check Carmack Park.

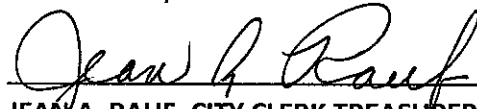
Member Ball reported there are still some garden spaces available

**CITIZEN/S TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: NONE.**


**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, **MEMBER SEDMAK MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY MEMBER PETTIT. AYE, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

SUBMITTED

  
JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK TREASURER

SIGNED:

  
GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR

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