

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2015

On Tuesday, October 20, 2015 Mayor Meyers called the Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Members: Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, Jean Pettit, Dave Ramler and Scott Reincke. A quorum was present.

Also present: Attorney Steve Franzen, Jean Rauf, City Clerk/Treasurer and Public Works Supervisor Steve Lehman.

ABSENT: Councilmember Scott Sedmak. Mayor Meyers announced that Member Sedmak informed him earlier today that his wife had given birth to their baby girl.

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: After Member Chinn delivered the prayer, there was the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENTATION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2015: These minutes had been previously distributed to the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Staff for review.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2015, SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. 5 - AYES: 0 - NAYS. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

GUESTS: Former Mayor Judson Daum. Mayor Daum announced he was Mayor of Highland Heights from 1968-1980. Mayor Daum reported he was only 25 years old when he was elected Mayor. He gave a brief overview of his career as Mayor of the City. He also gave a brief report about the projects that Council and he accomplished during that time. The projects he addressed ranged from building playgrounds, baseball fields to building the new City Building at 175 Johns Hill Road.

Mayor Daum also gave a brief history of the process that was involved in applying for the grant, how much paper work was involved, and the time constraints it entailed when applying for the grants for the new City Building. He stated they applied for the grant and the City of Highland Heights was the only City that received a federal grant for 100% funding. He reported the grant they received amounted to \$1,285,000.00

Mayor Daum stated the City Building at 175 Johns Hill Road was built and dedicated in 1978. He stated a time capsule was positioned in the monument in front of the City Building. He stated the reason the time capsule was placed in the monument was there was no cornerstone on the building.

Mayor Daum further stated that, to the best of his memory, there were some pictures, newspapers and advertisements that were placed in the capsule at that time. He also stated since time capsules are usually opened after 100 years, this capsule is only 38 years.
OUTCOME: It was determined by Mayor Meyers and Mayor Daum that the time capsule will not be opened at this time.

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Mayor Meyers announced after Mayor Daum was no longer Mayor, he served for many years on the Board of Adjustments and now continues to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Adjustments. Mayor Meyers thanked him for his continued service and dedication to the City.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE.

CITY ATTORNEY: NONE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: FINANCE: Member Pettit announced that as of October 16th, the City has collected \$200,766.57 of the combined real estate taxes and waste collection bills. She reported that is out of the total collection of \$630,000. She reported that \$180,000 was for waste and \$450,000 was for property taxes. She reported we have \$430,000 to collect before October 31st.

SAFETY: Member Ramler announced that he and Member Chinn attended a meeting that addressed body cameras for police officers. He gave an informative report.

Member Ball announced an application for a designated parking space was submitted. She reported that Police Chief Birkenhauer approved the parking space for Mr. Tom Kinman at 47 Bon Jan Lane. **OUTCOME:** Based on the approval from the Police Chief, the sign will be installed by the City's Maintenance Department.

BEAUTIFICATION: Member Ball reported there will be a Garden meeting on October 27, 2015 at 4:00pm.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Member Ramler reported he has heard that the people who live in the 100,200,300 blocks of Knollwood are happy with the precision cutting of the sidewalks.

FROM PARKS & RECREATION: It was reported that help is needed for the Halloween Party and the Senior Breakfast. Anyone interested should call the City Clerk's office. Member Pettit announced the following upcoming events.

OCTOBER 25, 2015 2:00PM – 4:00PM HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 31, 2015 6:00PM – 7:30PM TRICK OR TREAT

NOVEMBER 7, 2015 8:30AM – 12:30PM VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE AND SENIOR BREAKFAST.

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COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: SCOTT REINCKE & SCOTT SEDMAK. Mayor Meyers announced that he and council members Reincke and Sedmak are working on the Newsletter.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD: NONE.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Pettit thanked the Maintenance Department for having the tree limb removed that was hanging over onto Johns Hill Road.

There was a lengthy discussion about the striping on Alexandria Way. Member Ramler stated he would like to meet with Dave Whitacre about this matter. He stated he would like to eliminate the turn lane by the Animal Hospital. Member Pettit expressed her reasons why it is important to keep the turn lane by the Animal Hospital.

After more discussion ensued Mayor Meyers announced that the Public Works Supervisor Steve Lehman, City Engineer Dave Whitacre, Police Chief Birkenhauer and Safety Committee will meet at the City Building on October 21, 2015 at 4:30pm about this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Reincke reported that today the light poles have been installed on Hilltop Drive.

CITIZENS TO DISCUSS COUNCIL: NONE.

There being no further business **MEMBER PETTIT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER BALL. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYES: ALL. MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: 

JEAN RAUF, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

SIGNED: 

GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR

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