

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023
Approved: May 2, 2023

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Council Members Present: Mayor Gregory Meyers, Councilmembers Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, John Hoffert, John Braun, Alex Bramel. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Attorney, Michelle Eviston; City Administrator, Michael Giffen; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit.

Minutes for Approval

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2023.** These minutes had been previously e-mailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.
- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting held April 4, 2023. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Scheduled Guests:

- Smoking ban presentation. Stephanie Vogel, Breathe Easy NKU Coalition and Northern Kentucky Health Department; Michael Gieske, MD, St. Elizabeth Healthcare; and Brent Cooper, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce presented information and statistics addressing reasons the Coalition is encouraging cities to pass a smoke-free ordinance.

Correspondence

- **Resignation of Edward “Eddie” Fessler**
 - **Action Taken:** Member Ball made a motion to accept Edward “Eddie” Fessler’s resignation. Seconded by Member Braun. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Councilmember Braun, yes; Hoffert, yes; Ball, yes; Chinn, yes; Bramel, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Vacancy:** Council has 30 days to fill the seat. Any Highland Heights resident interested in filling the position needs to submit a letter of intent stating their reasons for wanting to sit on council with their contact information. Letters are due Friday, April 28, 2023 at noon, in a sealed envelope with “ATTN: City Council” written on the outside. Council will decide who will fill the seat at the May 2, 2023 council meeting.
- **Good Neighbor Award Nomination for Greg Halloran by Robert Gearding**
 - Mr. Gearding nominated Greg Halloran for clearing his driveway, and the driveway of several neighbors during the blizzard; cleaning the gutters for Mr. Gearding; and Mr. Halloran’s willingness to help his neighbors when they need him.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to accept the nomination of Greg Halloran for the Good Neighbor Award. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen
 - Mr. Giffen, Mayor Meyers, and Harry Barlage are meeting with councilmembers Hoffert and Bramel on Friday, April 21st, to discuss the proposed budget.

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- Attorney – Michelle Eviston
 - **Municipal Order**
 - **Municipal Order 06-2023:** A municipal order appointing Michael Vaught to a two-year term on the Highland Heights Tree Commission.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Hoffert made a motion to accept municipal order 06-2023. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- City Clean-Up – Signage needs to be placed at the entrance of Clean-Up locations stating it is for residents only and an ID is required.
- Arbor Day is Saturday, April 29th. 150 trees will be given away, 2 honor trees will be dedicated, and Mayor Meyers will read a proclamation.

New Business: None

Citizens to Address Council: None

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to adjourn the April 18, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Member Bramel. Discussion: None. Ayes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

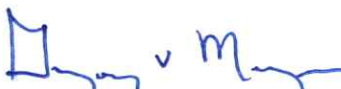
Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Submitted by:



Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor