

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS**  
**Public Hearing Minutes**  
**September 3, 2024**  
**Approved: September 17, 2024**

On September 3, 2024 at 6:47 p.m., Mayor Meyers called the Public Hearing to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Greg Meyers; Councilmembers Deborah Ball, Gary Chinn, John Braun, Rene Heinrich, Alex Bramel, John Hoffert. A quorum was present.

**Staff Present:** City Administrator, Michael Giffen; Attorney, Michelle Eviston; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit; Public Works Director, Steve Lehman.

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Meyers announced the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments from the public regarding the 2024 proposed tax rate.

**Notification Process:** City Clerk Pettit announced that notification of the property tax rate public hearing was published in LINKnky on August 20, 2024 and August 27, 2024 as required by the Kentucky General Assembly. Notices were also posted on the door of the City Building, the City's website and Facebook page.

**Comments from the Public:** No Comments

**Comments from the Mayor**

- Mayor Meyers discussed that the 4% increase will help keep up with inflation, and maintain city services and city parks.
- City Administrator Giffen discussed the city's tax rate over the years and how the compensating rate has dropped significantly, down \$0.23 per \$1,000 from 2022 to 2023. Highland Heights is the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest in the top 3 counties. At the current tax rate, only 12% of our revenue comes from property tax. The increase to a property valued at \$20,000 would see an additional \$10 in property tax if the 4% over the compensating rate is taken.

**Comments from Council**

- Council needs to take the compensating rate plus the 4% increase; this is a minimal tax increase on residents.
- From 2008 to now, we are down \$0.18 per \$1,000 on the tax rate and as inflation rises, our tax rates have gone down.


Mayor Meyers reported that the first reading of the tax rate will be taken at the regular council meeting immediately following the public hearing.

**Adjournment**

- **Action Taken:** Member Bramel made a motion to adjourn the September 3, 2024 public hearing. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Yes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:57 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Submitted by:   
Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:   
Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor