

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
City Council Public Hearing Minutes
September 2, 2025
Approved: September 16, 2025

On September 2, 2025 at 6:48 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, Jesse Hockenbury, Pat Hayley. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: City Administrator, Michael Giffen; Police Chief, Bill Birkenhauer; City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeanne Pettit; Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Fornash; Attorney, Michelle Eviston.

Staff Absent: 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 2025 proposed tax rate.

Notification Process: City Clerk Pettit announced that notification of the property tax rate public hearing was published in LINKnky on August 18, 2025 and August 25, 2025 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 one was present.

Comments from the Mayor

The 2025 compensating rate plus 4% is the same tax rate as the 2024 tax rate. The additional income helps the city improve services and maintain competitive salaries for police and staff.

City Administrator Giffen: Recommended keeping the rate at 1.47% per \$1000. The city's tax rate is competitive within the region.

Comments from Council

Councilmember Ball asked if county taxes were going up. No one was sure of the answer. Councilmember Chinn is against raising the tax rate.

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

A public hearing recess began at 6:54 p.m.

The public hearing was called back to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to close the September 2, 2025 public hearing. Seconded by Member Hockenbury. Discussion: None. Yes: All. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

The public hearing closed at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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

Signed: *D. - M.*
Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor