

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026
Approved: February 3, 2026

On Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Gregory Meyers. Councilmembers Deborah Ball, John Braun, Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, Jesse Hockenbury. A quorum was present.

Councilmember Absent: Patricia Hayley.

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

Staff Absent: Public Works Director, Steve Lehman.

Mayor Meyers held a moment of silence for Corinne Hagedorn, mother of Joseph Hagedorn who is a former council member and current Chair of the Code Enforcement Board.

Minutes for Approval

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2025.** These minutes were previously emailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.
- **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting held December 2, 2025. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Scheduled Guests

- Jennifer Wiehe and Tiesha Elmer, Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Ms. Wiehe discussed the need, requirements, and benefits for foster and adoptive parents.
- Ross VanBibber, Enterprise Fleet Management, gave an overview of the program.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen
 - Met with engineers and the only bidder for next phase of the Greenspace project. Discussion included the bid, which was higher than expected, and ways to potentially decrease cost.
 - Discussion with KYTC about the North 27 sidewalk project. Design funds will be released in July.
 - The limestone caps have been installed on the North 27 signs. Waiting for faceplates to be installed.
 - Christmas event was a huge success, over 100 people attended – adults and children. Thanks to volunteers and employees who assisted with the event.
- Assistant Police Chief – Nick Love
 - Several Campbell County police departments are teaming up with the 911 cell phone bank for the Ring in the New Year event. People are asked to donate used electronics – cell phones, tablets, etc. These are sent to be refurbished and then returned to social workers to help people in need.
- City Clerk/Treasurer – Jeanne Pettit
 - Update on tax receipts and records destruction.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Dave Fornash
 - Update on code enforcement incidents and reviewed Public Works snow events.

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- Public Works Director – Steve Lehman
- Attorney – Michelle Eviston
- **Ordinance – Second Reading**
 - **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to read ordinance 12-2025 in summary. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Ordinance 12-2025:** An ordinance annexing certain unincorporated territory adjacent to the present boundaries of the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to adopt ordinance 12-2025 annexing certain unincorporated territory adjacent to the present boundaries of the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky. Seconded by Member Braun. Discussion: None.
 - **Roll Call:** Councilmember Ball, yes; Braun, yes; Chinn, yes; Heinrich, yes; Hockenbury, yes. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
- **Municipal Order**
 - **Municipal Order 01-2026:** A municipal order appointing John Hoffert to the unexpired term of Meredith Leary on the Highland Heights Tree Commission.
 - **Action Taken:** Member Heinrich made a motion to accept municipal order 01-2026. Seconded by Member Hockenbury. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to cancel the January 20, 2026 council meeting due to lack of business. Seconded by Member Braun. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Citizens to Address Council: None

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Hockenbury made a motion to adjourn the January 6, 2026 council meeting. Seconded by Member Chinn. Discussion: None. Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Pettit

Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:

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Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor