

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026
Approved: September 22, 2026

On Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Meyers called the regular Council meeting to order at 176 Johns Hill Road.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Greg Meyers. Councilmembers Deborah Ball, John Braun, Gary Chinn, Patricia Hayley. A quorum was present.

Councilmembers Absent: Rene Heinrich, Jesse Hockenbury.

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.

Mayor Meyers requested a moment of silence for Eric Lehman, son of Steve Lehman, who passed away unexpectedly.

Announcement

Mayor Meyers announced there was a public hearing prior to the regular council meeting giving citizens an opportunity to provide input on the property tax rate. No action was taken at the public hearing.

Minutes for Approval

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2026:** These minutes were previously emailed to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for review.
- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting held August 4, 2026. Seconded by Member Hayley. Discussion: None. Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Scheduled Guests

- Joe Heil – Spoke about the constitutional amendment limiting the Governor's pardon and commutation powers. The amendment will be on the November 3rd ballot.

Correspondence

- City Administrator Giffen read Councilmember Jessy Hockenbury's letter of resignation from city council, effective October 1, 2026.
- Note of appreciation from Pastor Cambron Wright thanking everyone else for their assistance promoting Asbury's neighborhood block party.

Staff Reports

- City Administrator – Michael Giffen
 - Reviewed the history of the city's tax rate and recommended taking the compensating rate of \$1.44 per \$1,000.
- Police Chief – Bill Birkenhauer
 - Reminder to stop in all directions for school buses.
- City Clerk/Treasurer – Jeanne Pettit
 - Update on tax bills and collections.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Dave Fornash

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- Public Works Supervisor – Steve Lehman
 - City Administrator Giffen reviewed speed humps on Sunset Drive, the completion of the Honeytree cul-de-sac reconstruction, and the October 17 Halloween event.
- Attorney – Michelle Eviston
 - **Ordinance – First Reading**
 - **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to read ordinance 04-2026 designating the ad valorem tax rate at \$1.44 per \$1,000.00. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.
 - **Ordinance 04-2026:** An ordinance assessing and levying an ad valorem tax on the property within the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky and imposing interest and penalties thereon.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- **Action Taken:** Member Chinn made a motion to cancel the September 15, 2026 city council meeting due to lack of quorum. Seconded by Member Braun. Discussion: None. Yes:4, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Citizens to Address Council

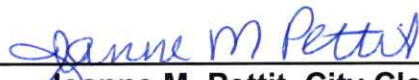
- Tom Sharp, Knollwood Drive: representing Betty Shelton, Knollwood Drive. Betty's side yard was damaged when the neighbors moved their shed. She wants to know who is responsible for repairing the damage. City Administrator Giffen stated the city is doing what it can to help get this done for Betty, but the city cannot pay to have the damage repaired. Code Enforcement Officer Fornash explained what he has done, and continues to do, to help resolve the issue.

Adjournment

- **Action Taken:** Member Hayley made a motion to adjourn the September 1, 2026 council meeting. Seconded by Member Ball. Discussion: None. Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 0. Mayor Meyers declared the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Submitted by:



Jeanne M. Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed:



Gregory V. Meyers, Mayor