

**CITY OF HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 6, 2008**

On May 6, 2008 Mayor Meyers opened the Council meeting at the Civic Center, 175 Johns Hill Road at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Council Members Gary Chinn, Rene Heinrich, Steve Lehman, Rose Pfaff, Sandra Shaw and Gene White. Also present: City Attorney Steve Franzen, Zoning Administrator/ Building Inspector Dave Whitacre and Police Chief Carl Mullen.

ABSENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT: None.

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: After Councilmember Chinn delivered the prayer; everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: The unofficial draft of the minutes of April 15, 2008 and the Special Council minutes of April 23, 2008 were previously distributed to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER HEINRICH MOVED, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2008 AND THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2008. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SCHEDULED GUESTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

STAFF REPORTS: POLICE CHIEF: No report.

CLERK TREASURER: Mrs. Rauf reminded everyone that the Municipal Aid Road Fund Public Hearing would be conducted on May 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: No report.

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Whitacre previously distributed his report dated May 6th, to Mayor Meyers and City Council members. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: No report.

CITY ATTORNEY: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE/S: None.

FIRST READING/S OF ORDINANCE/S: Attorney Franzen read the First Reading, in full, of the following ordinance:

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ORDINANCE 05-2008: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY ANNEXING A PORTION OF THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY CAMPUS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 251 ACRES, LYING NORTH OF JOHNS HILL ROAD AND WEST OF US 27; AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS.

RESOLUTION: At this time, Attorney Franzen read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION# 04-2008: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS TO EXECUTE AN INTER LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS AND NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY RELATING TO THE FINANCING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SOCCER COMPLEX.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER HEINRICH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AND THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE MAYOR MEYERS TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. **DISCUSSION:** NONE. **ROLL CALL:** WHITE, AYE; CHINN AYE; HEINRICH, AYE; PFAFF, NO; LEHMAN, AYE; SHAW, AYE. 5 – AYES; 1 - NAY. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Shaw thanked everyone who helped with Cleanup up the Parks.

Member Lehman read the announcement that stated the City of Highland Heights and the City of Southgate Police Departments have been discussing and studying the consolidation between the two police agencies. Mayor Meyers also announced that once the study is completed, the information would be brought back to council.

A copy of the announcement was previously distributed to the Mayor and Council members. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Dorothy Riley asked if someone would call the Northern Kentucky Water District about the two steel plates they placed on Sunset Drive. She expressed her concern for the safety of the people in this area.

OUTCOME: Mr. Whitacre will check with Northern Kentucky Water District about this matter.

Dr. Charles Voll expressed his opposition about the soccer field complex.

At this time, Mayor Meyers referred to the financial study that was completed by the firm

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of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister. He stated this study took months to complete. He announced the study indicates that within five years, if the City does nothing, it will be using the money from its Water Fund account.

Mayor Meyers also announced the study indicates, at today's assessed value, the amount of property value that has been taken off of the City's tax roll since 1981 amounts to \$32,961,000. He said this causes a large void in the ability to operate the City.

Mayor Meyers further announced that the rising cost in the retirement system is a hardship on our city. He stated the study indicates by the year 2013 the increase in retirement contributions will cause a profound hardship on our City.

Mayor Meyers stated the University could have purchased the City Building. He said if this would have happened the City would not have received any revenues from the University.

Mayor Meyers announced the City took measures to cooperate and work with N.K.U to bring revenues into the City.

Being no further business, **COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. AYE ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

SUBMITTED BY: _____


JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK TREASURER, CMC,

SIGNED: _____


GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR