

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2006**

On March 7, 2006, Mayor Pro Tem Meyers opened the Council meeting at the Civic Center, 175 Johns Hill Road, at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Harold Blocher, Steve Lehman, Greg Meyers, Jeanne Pettit, Rose Pfaff, and Gene White. **ALSO PRESENT:** Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Dave Whitacre.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Meyers announced that Mayor Roettger telephoned him and informed him that he would not be at the meeting due to a prior commitment. Mayor Pro Tem Meyers also stated that Attorney Franzen had telephoned him and informed him that he would not be at the meeting due to a prior commitment.

**PRAYER:** Mayor Pro Tem Meyers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2006:** The unofficial draft of the minutes of February 21, 2006 was previously submitted to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff.

**ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER PFAFF MOVED, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2006. DISCUSSION: NONE. 5 -- AYES; 1 -- ABSTENTION VOICED BY MEMBER PETTIT. MAYOR PRO TEM MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**SCHEDULED GUEST/S:** Mr. Bill Inlow, 102 Dogwood Drive. Mr. Inlow stated that he is not going to pursue the timing of the traffic lights on Martha Layne Collins Boulevard and US 27. He stated he talked with the Highway Department about the timing of the lights on US 27 and Martha Layne Collins Boulevard and was informed of the problems this would create on US 27 if the lights were timed differently. He said he is not in favor of allowing this to problem to continue.

Mr. Inlow stated he would like to now address the long range problem of getting one or two more lanes that would allow for a left turn from Martha Layne Collins Boulevard onto US 27. He said between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm, only 6 to 8 cars can get through this intersection. He stated he does not think Council is aware of how serious this problem is. He asked if Council is opposed to this project.

Member Blocher stated that Council is aware of the problem. He said, in 1993, Council was aware of this problem, when the Department of Transportation re-configured the highway and added more lanes and a center turn lane.

Member Blocher stated the highway was never designed to handle this amount of traffic. He stated before the project was completed; the Highway Department came back to the City and conducted a Public Hearing. He stated, following the Public Hearing, there was a public display that addressed the five alternatives that was prepared by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for handling the volume of traffic in Highland Heights. He stated they are still pursuing these alternatives.

He said there are service roads which are planned that will help take traffic off this area and re-route some of it to the AA Highway.

Member Blocher stated the City, the Highway Department and County have known about this problem since 1993. He stated there are other priority projects the Highway Department needs to address before this problem is addressed.

Member Pfaff informed Mr. Inlow that the Highway Department is getting ready to re-work Johns Hill Road from Knollwood to the 275 Bridge. She said the Highway department needs to siphon this traffic before Martha Layne Collins and US 27.

Mr. Inlow stated he found out from the Highway Department that nothing could be done at Martha Layne Collins Boulevard without the support of the City of Highland Heights and the City of Cold Spring.

Mr. Inlow stated he is requesting support, in the form of a letter, to the Kentucky Department of Transportation stating that the City would like something to be done about this problem.

Member Blocher informed Mr. Inlow that the first approach to take about this problem would be to address the City of Cold Spring.

Mr. Inlow stated he attended the City of Cold Spring Council meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Meyers asked Mr. Inlow what was the outcome of that meeting. Mr. Inlow stated he was invited to the City of Cold Spring's next Caucus meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Pro Tem Meyers read the following correspondence:

- A Thank you from Steve and Dawn Dehner (Vision Co-Ordinators Crescent of Springs Church of God) for allowing them to place a donation barrel in the City Building to collect "Toys for Katrina".

**STAFF REPORTS: POLICE CHIEF:** No report.

**CITY CLERK TREASURER:** No report.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR:** No report.

**CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** A copy of Mr. Whitacre's report was previously distributed to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

Councilmember Pettit asked if Mr. Whitacre would check the curbs along the entrance to Knollwood Drive. She said someone had called her and told her the curbs are in bad shape. **OUTCOME:** Mr. Whitacre stated he would check the area.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:** No report.

**CITY ATTORNEY: 2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE/S:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: CAMPBELL COUNTY CABLE BOARD:** Mayor Pro Tem Meyers asked if the addendum to the Agreement from the Cable Board had been received. Mrs. Rauf replied "no". **OUTCOME:** No Action was taken at this time.

**CITIZEN/S TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS: FIRST READING/S OF ORDINANCE/S:** None.

**RESOLUTION/S:** None.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Pro Tem Meyers reminded everyone there is a Municipal Aid Road Fund Public Hearing scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend this meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JEAN A. RAUF, CLERK TREASURER CMC**

**SIGNED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**GREG MEYERS, MAYOR PRO TEM**