

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

On September 2, 2008 Mayor Pro Tem Gene White 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, Police Chief Carl Mullen and Southgate Police Chief Hall.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem White announced that, due to a prior commitment, Mayor Meyers could not attend this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Pro Tem White announced that the City Attorney has a prior commitment and would need to leave the meeting early. He stated, due to this commitment, there is a slight change to the agenda. He stated that after the Presentation of the Minutes, the meeting would go into the New Business agenda item.

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: After mayor Pro Tem White delivered the prayer; everyone said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENTATION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2008. The unofficial draft of the regular Council meeting minutes of August 19, 2008 had been previously distributed to the Mayor, Council members and City Staff.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER LEHMAN MOVED, SECONDED BY MEMBER HEINRICH TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2008. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. VICE MAYOR PRO TEM WHITE DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ON WHETHER OR NOT A PUBLIC HEARING IS NECESSARY TO SET THE NEW TAX RATE FOR 2008.

A copy of the tax calculations was previously submitted to the Mayor, City Council members and City Attorney for review.

Attorney Franzen explained if the City accepts the compensating tax rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000.00. He further explained, based on the assessment on the residents' homes, the City would receive the same amount of real estate taxes that was received last year.

Attorney Franzen further explained if the City would propose to receive more money than it received last year, that any amount that exceeds the compensating tax rate requires the City to publish a legal notice two times in two consecutive weeks and to hold a public hearing.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL: Council members Pfaff, Shaw, Heinrich, Lehman, Chin and White agreed to accept the compensating tax rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER SHAW MOVED TO ADOPT THE COMPENSATING TAX RATE OF \$1.60 PER \$1,000, TO BRING IN THE SAME REVENUE THIS YEAR AS WAS BROUGHT IN LAST YEAR OFF OF THE REAL ESTATE AD VALOREM TAXES, SECONDED BY

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MEMBER PFAFF. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR PRO TEM WHITE DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE/S: Attorney Franzen read the First Reading of the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM
TAX ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
AND IMPOSING INTEREST AND PENALTIES THEREON.**

SECOND READING/S OF ORDINANCE/S: None

Mayor Pro Tem White asked if there were any questions from Council or any member of the audience for Attorney Franzen. Hearing none, Attorney Franzen was excused.

CORRESPONDENCE: An invitation from the Municipal Government League regarding a meeting on September 18, 2008. A copy of this correspondence was previously distributed to the Mayor and the City Council members. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

STAFF REPORTS: POLICE CHIEF: Chief Mullen announced the joint merger between the Highland Heights and Southgate Police Departments has begun. He said he expects the first Board Meeting to be conducted sometime this month.

CLERK TREASURER: Mrs. Rauf reminded everyone that the Board of Ethics Meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: No report.

CITY ENGINEER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Whitacre previously distributed his report dated September 2, 2008 to the Mayor and council members. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Whitacre reported that one bid was received for the Winkler Avenue Concrete Street Replacement. He stated the bid received from JPS Construction amounted to \$74, 245.80

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER HEINRICH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BID SUBMITTED BY JPS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74, 245.80 FOR THE WINKLER AVENUE CONCRETE STREET REPLACEMENT, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR PRO TEM WHITE DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: No report.

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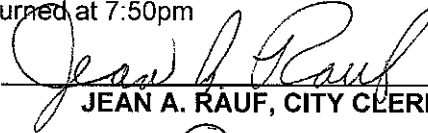
OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Dr. Charles Voll asked when the revenue from Northern Kentucky University is going to be reflected in the City's revenue. Council member Pfaff announced she talked with the City's Finance Director and was informed this should be reflected sometime in November.

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

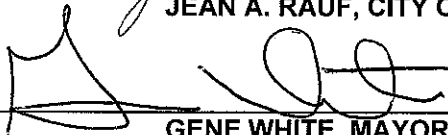
The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

SUBMITTED BY:



JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK TREASURER, CMC,

SIGNED:



GENE WHITE, MAYOR PRO TEM