

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

On September 16, 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, Sandy Shaw and Gene White.

ABSENT: Mayor Meyers announced he was previously informed, that Attorney Franzen and Council member Pfaff would be absent.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Meyers announced that prior to this meeting a Board of Ethics Meeting was held to go over the 2007-2008 Financial Disclosure statements submitted by the City Council members and the new candidates who are running for office in the upcoming election.

PRESENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008: The unofficial draft of these minutes had been previously distributed to the Mayor, City Council members and City Staff.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER LEHMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 COUNCIL MINUTES AS SUBMITTED, SECONDED BY MEMBER SHAW. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

SCHEDULED GUEST/S: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you from Rob and Rose Lotspeich for the use of the Community Center.

A letter from residents on Brandywine. These residents are requesting that a "SLOW DOWN" sign be put up on the street for the safety of the children in the area.

OUTCOME: This request was turned over to the Safety Committee.

An invitation from Northern Kentucky University inviting the residents of Highland Heights to an open house and a sneak preview of the new Kentucky Bank Arena facility on September 15th.

An invitation from the Municipal Government League of Northern Kentucky to its meeting on Thursday September 18, 2008.

Copies of the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing Minutes and the Regular Minutes of August 12, 2008.

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The 4th Quarter Financial Report submitted by Finance Director Benke.

FOR THE RECORD: Copies of the above correspondence were previously distributed to the Mayor and the City Council members.

CITY ATTORNEY: SECOND READING/S OF ORDINANCE/S: Mayor Meyers read the following ordinance in full:

ORDINANCE #12-2008: AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS AND IMPOSING INTEREST AND PENALTIES THEREON.

ACTION TAKEN: MEMBER LEHMAN MOVED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE, SECONDED BY MEMBER WHITE. DISCUSSION: NONE. ROLL CALL: CHINN, AYE; SHAW, AYE; LEHMAN, AYE; HEINRICH, AYE; WHITE, AYE. 5 -- AYES. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE ORDINANCE PASSED.

FOR THE RECORD. This ordinance is made a part of the City's Official Ordinance Book and is numbered as #12-2008.

FIRST READING/S OF ORDINANCE/S: None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: SAFETY: COUNCIL MEMBERS WHITE AND LEHMAN: Member White stated the first meeting of the Inter Local Agreement of the merger of the Highland Heights and Southgate Police Departments was held.

FINANCE: COUNCIL MEMBERS PFAFF AND SHAW: No report.

INFRASTRUCTURE: COUNCIL MEMBERS CHINN AND SHAW: Member Shaw announced they would combine this report with the Beautification Committee's report.

TECHNOLOGY: Member Lehman reported once the format for the web site is completed, there would be a presentation by the Web Master.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: COUNCIL MEMBERS LEHMAN AND HEINRICH: Member Heinrich stated that before the Council meeting is adjourned, the committee is requesting to go into Executive Session for the specific purpose to discuss property acquisition.

PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. COUNCIL MEMBERS HEINRICH AND PFAFF: Mayor Meyers stated this is in the process. He stated that he and Mrs. Rauf are continuing to work with the Northern Kentucky Area Development about drafting an Employees Handbook.

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BEAUTIFICATION: COUNCIL MEMBERS CHINN AND SHAW: Member Shaw expressed the committees gratitude to the Public Works for the work they are doing in cleaning up the city from the recent windstorm damages.

Mayor Meyers thanked the citizens for their understanding and patience during this time.

Member Shaw announced that October 4th is Clean Up Day in Highland Heights. She said students from N.K.U. have volunteered to help.

AD HOC: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Heinrich stated she was contacted by a person who is concerned about the University purchasing homes and renting homes to the students of the University. She stated he was concerned that this is going to lower the value of his property.

Member Shaw stated there is an ordinance that addresses single-family housing and a limit to how many non-relative residents could reside in the house. **OUTCOME:** This matter was turned over to the Infrastructure Committee to research.

Member Heinrich also asked if the City could get prices about having the wires put underground. She said this request is due to the last windstorm and the problems with the wires that were down through out the city and the neighboring committees. **OUTCOME:** This matter was turned over to the Infrastructure Committee to research.

There was discussion about the recent change to the lanes on US 27. **OUTCOME:** This matter was turned over to the Safety Committee.

Mayor Meyers announced a Work Shop was conducted on June 14, 2008. He said there is a report on this workshop. He encouraged the citizens to attend the October 7th Council meeting for a presentation of this workshop information.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: No report.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Dr. Charles Voll announced there are three street lights around the intersection of I-471 and Sunset Drive that are not working. **OUTCOME:** This matter will be brought to the attention of the Public Works Director.

Mayor Meyers announced he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the specific purpose to discuss property acquisition.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: MEMBER HEINRICH MOVED TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. DISCUSSION: NONE. AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

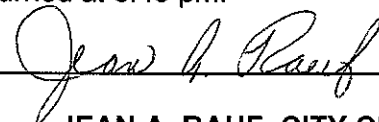
MEMBER WHITE MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECONDED BY MEMBER SHAW. DISCUSSION: NONE, AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

ACTION: MEMBER HEINRICH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE MAYOR TO DISCUSS PROPERTIES OF INTEREST WITH THE OWNERS AND FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO FOLLOW UP WITH AN OFFER LETTER REGARDING INTERESTED PROPERTIES, SECONDED BY MEMBER LEHMAN. DISCUSSION: NONE, AYE, ALL. MAYOR MEYERS DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:



JEAN A. RAUF, CITY CLERK TREASURER, CMC,

SIGNED:



GREGORY V. MEYERS, MAYOR