

**City of Lakeview Heights
385 Circle Drive
Morehead, KY 40351**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY, May 5, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the City Commission was held at the Robert Stivers Community Building with the following present:

Commissioner Members Present:

Tim Miller, Commissioner
Mark Blankenbuehler, Commissioner
Jim Fluty, Commissioner
James Hood, Commissioner
Sam Mason, Mayor

Guests:

Amanda Mason, Clerk
Dana Stinson

Members Absent

None

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Mason called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Public Comments

Dana Stinson wanted to comment that he was amazed that the commission got as much as we do accomplished with the tax base that is available.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The clerk presented the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 2022. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Fluty made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Mason presented March's Financial Report. Commissioner Fluty made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

City Directory Update

Approximately 40 residents have submitted information to be included in the City Directory. Clerk Mason is still working on getting the information entered into a spreadsheet.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt went really well. There was a good turnout of children from the neighborhood. Commissioner Hood and Mayor Mason spent about 35 minutes hiding eggs. It was nice to have everyone back and in person for the annual event.

Welcoming Committee

No residents have voiced interest in being involved in the Welcoming Committee as of yet. Clerk Mason has not yet created an information sheet since no interest has yet been voiced.

Mowing

Commissioner Miller mowed in front of the building, Mayor Mason mowed the side and back, and the main front hill. Carlos Marin volunteered to mow the park as a donation to the city.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Mason presented April's Financial Report. Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Commissioner Hood made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Budget

Clerk Mason provided the Commission with the 2020-2021 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements to look at and compare to the Budget (Ordinance 5).

Commissioner Blankenbuehler spoke with Roberta Early at the county clerk's office about how to increase the property tax rate to above the compensatory rate. If we only went up to the compensatory rate for 2022-2023, it would only bring in about \$550 of additional property tax income. At this time, the main expense that the city could not cover with the current budget would be road repairs and paving. With only having \$6,700 in the road account, the city cannot afford to pay for regular road/paving maintenance. The commission discussed the concern that at this time with the current funding, there is a good chance that the city could not even afford to patch certain areas in need. If the commission wanted to raise the tax rate above the compensatory rate, then the commission would have a specific timeline to meet and specific steps to take.

The commission discussed the process extensively. Commissioner Miller made a motion to call for a vote to move forward with increasing the property tax rate for 2022-2023.

Commissioner Fluty made a second to the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Fluty – Aye
Commissioner Hood – Aye
Commissioner Blankenbuehler – Aye
Commissioner Miller – Aye
Mayor Mason – Aye

Commissioner Blankenbuehler proposed that a letter be drafted and approved at the June meeting. Immediately following the meeting, the letter will be mailed and the public hearing be held within 7-10 days.

The budget discussion will be tabled until the June meeting.

KYTC Rural and Municipal Aid Update

Mayor Mason shared an update from The Department of Rural and Municipal Aid indicating that the amount of requested funding exceeded the amount budgeted by over 25 million dollars.

KYTC Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Agreement 2023

Mayor Mason shared the Resolution of Cooperative Agreement with the commission. Commissioner Hood made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Miller made a second to the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Fluty – Aye
Commissioner Hood – Aye
Commissioner Blankenbuehler - Aye
Commissioner Miller – Aye
Mayor Mason - Aye

Mayor ProTem

Mayor Mason discussed with the commission that due to his job-related travel requirements, he felt it necessary to have a Mayor ProTem to be named by the commission to be able to sign documents and be a stand-in Mayor in his absence. Commissioner Miller nominated Commissioner Hood to be the Mayor ProTem. The commission all voted in favor of Commissioner James Hood to be named ProTem.

Commissioner Roles, Responsibilities, Points of Contact, etc.

Commissioner Hood – Mayor ProTem, Parks and Rec
Commissioner Fluty – Legal Counsel point-of-contact, City Inspections/Set-Backs
Commissioner Miller – Building Permits, Set-Backs, Building Inspector
Commissioner Blankenbuehler – Taxes

Adjournment

With no further business pending and through unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Sam Mason, Mayor

Amanda Mason, City Clerk/Treasurer