

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council member Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Councilman Schwarz was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Harold Belsheim, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen, and Schoeck, Sergeant Sellers, Supervisor Limestall, EMS Captain Crosby, and City Staff Andrea Enright, Steve Ferguson, Tracey Robinson, and Ann Stoecklin; Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 11 citizens, and 1 member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2011 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming July 28, 2011 as Highland Garden Club Day in Highland in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the club. Nancy Hediger, Pat Stern, and Doris Meyer were present to receive the proclamation. On behalf of the City of Highland, Mayor Michaelis thanked the club for everything they do. Councilwoman Bellm expressed the town is a better place for having the Garden Club.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

HHS Building Trades Program – Fee Waiver Request – Bruce Deibert, 13408 Michael Road, and HHS Building Trades Program instructor requested all permit and utility tap on fees be waived for the sixth Building Trades House. The waiving of these fees helps tremendously with the success of the program. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve a fee waiver of the building permit and utility hook-up fees for the sixth Highland High School Building Trades Program Home for 2011-2012 School Year as requested; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Highland High School Homecoming Parade Request – Jody Becker and Kerri Reilson, representing the homecoming committee, were present to request permission for the Highland High School Homecoming Parade to be held Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:30pm. Mrs. Becker reported the parade would begin at the Lindenthal Campus and proceed east to Washington Street, then north to the Square where it will end and a pep assembly and other activities would follow. Events at

the Square will end at about 11pm. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the Highland High School Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:30pm as requested; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

None presented.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported we only received two bids for trash services. Staff will meet with the bidders tomorrow and come to the council with information at the next meeting. The community would really like to see household waste, yard waste and recycling all picked up on the same day. Neither company has offered that.

The Troxler Avenue Rehabilitation project has been delayed by almost a week for several reasons. The main reason was the contractor was having issues with the mortar not meeting engineering specifications. They finally got to the right specs on Thursday. The contractor was on site today; however, because of the heat, the mortar mix was setting up faster than it should. They have requested to do the work during the evening hours, due to the heat. Since this is not in a residential area, we do not see any issues with allowing this.

Since we have not met since July 4, City Manager Latham provided a follow-up on the fireworks display, which turned out really well. The feedback from the community was very positive. Director Rosen added that while the final numbers are not in yet; we do expect to end up "in the black". City Manager Latham informed the council they should be prepared for the group to come back and request a deposit towards next year's display, in the near future.

City Manager Latham introduced Andrea Enright, recently hired as the Business Recruitment & Retention Coordinator for the City of Highland. She will still be handling marketing for HCS as well. As far as the status of HCS, City Manager Latham pointed out a map hung in the Council Chambers, which shows the status of the system's service area. The area shaded "blue" is still under engineering. Councilwoman Bellm stated everyone she has spoken to, whom is currently using the service, is delighted.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #11-62/RESOLUTION Authorizing Execution of Contract with Taylor Studios, Inc. for Conceptual Plan for Multi-Use Trail Signage – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-62/Resolution #11-07-1978 authorizing execution of contract with Taylor Studios, Inc. for conceptual plan for Multi-Use Trail signage as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-63/RESOLUTION Approving Preliminary Plat - Shimer Subdivision - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-63/Resolution #11-07-1979 approving Preliminary Plat - Shimer Subdivision as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-64/RESOLUTION Approving Final Plat - Shimer Subdivision - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-64/Resolution #11-07-1980 approving Final Plat – Shimer Subdivision as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-65/RESOLUTION Requesting Road Closure for Homecoming Parade - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-65/Resolution #11-07-1981 requesting road closure for Homecoming Parade as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-66/RESOLUTION Stating the City's Intent to Designate a Portion of the City of Highland as a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-66/Resolution #11-07-1982 stating the city's intent to designate a portion of the City of Highland as a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilwoman Bellm expressed I just want to make sure I get to see the map before it is finalized and “blessed”. Attorney Belsheim stated this does not finalize anything, it just allows us to move forward with establishing the area. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-67/ORDINANCE Vacating Right-of-Way and Dedicating Easement to the City of Highland – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-67/Ordinance #2475 vacating right-of-way and dedicating easement to the City of Highland as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #11-68/ORDINANCE Declaring Surplus Property - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-68/Ordinance #2476 declaring two Monster Medic Ambulance Cots as surplus property as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approving Change Order Submitted by Quality Saw & Seal, Inc., for the Troxler Avenue Rehabilitation Project - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve change order submitted by Quality Saw & Seal, Inc., for the Troxler Avenue Rehabilitation Project, in the amount of \$21,860.84 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approving Purchase of Two Dump Trucks from State Bid – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to waive normal and customary bid procedure and approve purchase of two 2012 International 7400 dump trucks chassis from Prairie Archway International Trucks, of Springfield, IL and American Made Western Understructure Body (dump bodies) from Woody's Municipal Supply Co., of Edwardsville, IL, for a total amount of \$238,036.00 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrants #847 & #848 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Warrants #847 & #848 as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Councilwoman Bellm abstained due to payments to Farmers' Market on one of the warrants. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to temporarily adjourn, to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(21) for discussion of executive session minutes, 2(c)(11) to discuss potential litigation; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:20pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 7:53pm. Council members Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Councilman Schwarz was absent. Others in attendance: City Manager

Latham, City Attorney Belsheim, Directors Schoeck and Gillespie, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, and City Clerk Bellm.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk