

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRAURY 19, 2013**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides were present. Councilwoman Bellm was absent. Others in attendance: City Manager Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Kennedy, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck; Sergeant Steinbeck, Fire Chief Bloemker, Supervisor Limestall, EMT Captain Crosby, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; Library Director Kim, Council Candidates Rick Frey, Bradford Hood and Wayne Markus, 4 FFA Members, 8 other citizens and 1 member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION**

Four representatives of the Highland High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) were present as Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming the week of February 16 – 23, 2013 as FFA Week in the City of Highland.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*Kyle Deatheridge 5K Fundraiser Request* – Jennifer Dunham, 111 East Fifth St., South Roxana, as Race Coordinator was present to request permission for use of city streets for a 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Trooper Kyle Deatheridge Memorial Fund on Saturday, April 13, 2013. This will be the first time for this event, which we hope to make an annual event to raise funds for the memorial fund established in his name, for the education of his children, and in the future, we hope to help others affected by such tragedies. The event will start at 10:00am at Lindenthal Park. The race would start and finish at Lindendale Park and go through some of the residential area. I have been working with Director Rosen to coordinate the event. Mayor Michaelis asked if assistance from the police department would be needed. Ms. Dunham responded we will have some volunteers with Madison County Sheriff's Department assisting; however, we will probably need some assistance from Highland. I was waiting for approval of the event, prior to making those contacts. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the request for use of city streets to hold the Kyle Deatheridge Memorial 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 13, 2013 as requested; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*2013 Art in the Park Funding Request – Highland Arts Council* – Lynnette Schuepbach, 105 N Harvest Crest Court, Vice President of Highland Arts Council and Chairperson for the Art in the Park

Event, thanked the council and mayor for the city's support over the past years. She stated this is the tenth anniversary for this event. Any extra money that you can give us this year, we would appreciate. We would use the additional donation for another piece of artwork that we would donate back to the city for public appreciation or towards additional entertainment at the event. We are asking for support at two different levels of sponsorship from the hotel/motel tax fund for this year's Art in the Park, which will be held October 11-13, 2013 – either \$8,000 or \$10,000. Mayor Michaelis asked Director of Finance Kelly Korte how much money is budgeted for this event. Director Korte responded there is \$8,000 budgeted. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve \$8,000 of hotel/motel tax funding for the 2013 Art in the Park as requested; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*2013 Schweizerfest Request – Highland Jaycees* – Stephanie Rakers, of 27<sup>th</sup> Street, and Joe Horstmann, 608 Cypress St., Highland, representing the Highland Jaycees, requested permission and assistance from the city for the 2013 Schweizerfest to be held June 7, 8, & 9, 2013. Miss Rakers stated we are requesting to start the event earlier on Friday night, at 7:00pm. We would be requesting earlier closure of parking on the inside of the streets of Laurel, Washington and Main at 2:00pm, with full closure at 5:00pm, to assist with setup on the Square. Additionally, we have added a Glow-Run to the event on Friday evening on Frank Watson Parkway. The run will start and end at the Park & Ride. We have been working with Police Chief Bell to coordinate this event. The only assistance we would need for this is police assistance with blocking off Frank Watson Parkway during the run. We hope this event will bring people out and encourage them to come up to the Schweizerfest.

Miss Rakers noted we are moving the parade on Sunday back to 5:00pm. Last year, we moved it up to the middle of the afternoon, on Sunday, hoping to bring a crowd in earlier; however, we did not feel it was successful.

Mayor Michaelis asked if anyone had checked with the businesses around the Square about their feelings on closing off the parking earlier on that Friday. Miss Rakers stated they had not. Councilman Nicolaides stated he checked with several businesses on the Square. Of the thirteen businesses, all but two were opposed to full closure earlier on Friday. However, if it is only the parking on the inside of the Square and with the condition that the workers for the Jaycees agree to park at least a block away, they would agree to it, because those setting up for the event tend to take up a lot of the businesses' parking. Miss Rakers stated she would be up there and see to it that was enforced. We would be able to do that. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the Highland Jaycees' 2013 Schweizerfest and parade request for June 7, 8 & 9, 2013 as requested; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

#### Requests of Council:

No comments or requests made.

#### Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported we finally got a hearing date with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for easement of the railroad overpass for the planned the Northeast Peripheral Route.

Staff is finishing the proposed budget for next fiscal year and copies should be distributed to the council with the next council meeting's council packet.

City Manager Latham stated Mayor Michaelis asked him to mention to everyone that we received notice from by IDOT that the Federal Highway Commission has denied the request for the Interstate 70 Interchange at Route 160. IDOT does realize, with the traffic studies done, that something will need to be done with intersection of Route 143 and Troxler Avenue. City Manager Latham stated I am sure IDOT will revisit the interchange proposal within the next 5-10 years, though.

## NEW BUSINESS

Approve Date of Special Session of the City Council to Discuss the FY 2013-2014 Annual Budget – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve March 25, 2013 at 6:00pm for a Special Session of the City Council for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Budget; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz asked if this date can be changed. Attorney Long advised with a motion on the floor, this would have to vote down or approved. Councilman Schwarz suggested other dates of March 19, April 2 or April 8. Deputy City Clerk Hediger stated this does need to be in March, because of all the things that need to be done prior to May 1, to get it into place. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted nay, none voted aye. Motion failed.

Approve Mayor's Re-appointments to the Silver Lake Advisory Commission - Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the mayor's re-appointments of Sally Raeber and David Frey to serve additional three-year terms on the Silver Lake Advisory Commission as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-08/RESOLUTION Establishing the Type of Service to be Rendered, the Area to be Served and the Charges to be made for the Highland Ambulance Service – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #13-08/Resolution #13-02-2107 establishing the type of service to be rendered, the area to be served and the charges to be made for the Highland Ambulance Service as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-09/RESOLUTION Approving Application to the Madison County Parks and Recreation Commission for a 2013 Park and Recreation Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #13-09/Resolution #13-02-2108 approving application to the Madison County Parks and Recreation Commission for a 2013 Park and Recreation Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-10/RESOLUTION Authorizing Purchase of Street Lights and Light Standards from Graybar Electric Company, Inc. – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #13-10/Resolution #13-02-2109 authorizing purchase of street lights and light standards from Graybar Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$74,696.00 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #13-11/RESOLUTION Authorizing Purchase of 50 LED Street Lights from Graybar Electric Company, Inc. – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #13-11/Resolution #13-02-2110 authorizing purchase of 50 LED Street Lights from Graybar Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$26,055.50 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Reject All Bids Received for Purchase of Three 3-Phase Reclosers – Councilman Bardill made a motion to reject all bids received for purchase of three 3-Phase Reclosers; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve a Notice of Municipal Letting to Fence the Street and Alley Salt Storage Property – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve a Notice of Municipal Letting to fence the Street and Alley Salt Storage Property as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrants #904 & #905 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Warrants #904 & #905 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk