

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck; Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Bloemker, Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 3 citizens, and one member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No requests or comments made.

Requests of Council:

No requests or comments brought forth by the council.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reminded everyone of the special meeting next Monday night to review the feasibility study of the proposed arts center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill #14-01/ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 2550's Exhibit A – and the Text of Section 18-28 of the Code of Ordinances, as Previously Amended and Set Forth in Ordinance 2550's Exhibit A – to Change Certain Passages Under "I. Building Permit Fee Schedule" in that Section 18-28 to Reduce, in Some Instances, the Fees to be Charged – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-01/Ordinance #2604 amending Ordinance No. 2550's Exhibit A – and the Text of Section 18-28 of the Code of Ordinances, as previously amended and set forth in Ordinance 2550's Exhibit A – to change certain passages under "I. Building Permit Fee Schedule" in that Section 18-28 to reduce, in some instances, the fees to be charged as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilman Schwarz asked, when we made these changes, what changed and where. Are we saying this is our basic costs that we are trying to cover? City Manager Latham explained these are the costs of the outside licensed inspectors and covering those

costs. We are reducing the amount we pass along for our costs. Councilman Schwarz pointed out what we have found out is other communities are, taking these costs on the chin. City Manager Latham concurred. Councilman Schwarz asked, for a typical remodel project, like with the case brought to us by The Rehbergers', how would that break down. Does that include electrical inspections at \$60 and plumbing at \$56 times two? City Manager Latham noted if there are no outlets moved or any changes to wiring, then electrical would not be required. Councilman Schwarz calculated a cost of \$172. City Manager Latham added there would be a work permit. Director Cook clarified if rough in, panel and meter base were combined, plus a final inspection there would be two trips, so there would be two charges. Councilman Schwarz recalculated and estimated \$372 for this type of project. What were other communities charging? City Manager Latham responded about half of that. He pointed out that most of those communities are using in-house staff. We are going to evaluate our options; however, plumbing requires a state licensed inspector. Councilman Schwarz expressed concerned that we provide incentives for first-time homebuyers to build homes in the city limits, yet we charge permit fees to homeowners for these projects. I think that money would be better spent covering some of these costs. Roll Call Vote: Bellm voted aye; Schwarz, Frey, and Nicolaides voted nay. Motion failed.

Bill #14-02/ORDINANCE Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property – 20 Scott Breathing Apparatuses – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-02/Ordinance #2604 authorizing and directing the sale of certain surplus personal property – 20 Scott Breathing Apparatuses as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-03/RESOLUTION Approving Services Agreement with St. Joseph's Hospital, of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, an Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-03/Resolution #14-01-2171 approving services agreement with St. Joseph's Hospital, of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, an Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz inquired we are establishing an agreement for reduced rates for employees that use the services of the hospital. City Manager Latham replied yes. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-04/RESOLUTION Approving Agreement to Amend Portion of the "Contract for Sale of Real Estate to the City of Highland, Illinois" Previously Approved on December 6, 2010 – Ottensmeier – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-04/Resolution #14-01-2172 approving agreement to amend a portion of the "Contract for Sale of Real Estate to the City of Highland, Illinois" previously approved on December 6, 2010 – Ottensmeier – as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz inquired this is just shrinking the amount of riprap we have to lay down. City Manager Latham replied yes; it saves us some money. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-05/RESOLUTION Approving Contract for the Sale of a Surplus Parcel of Real Estate Located at 1316 Broadway – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-05/Resolution #14-01-2173 approving Contract for the Sale of a surplus parcel of real estate located at 1316 Broadway as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-06/RESOLUTION Approving Customer Service Agreement, for Bandwidth and Data Transport Services, Between Cogent Communications, Inc., and City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communications Services – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-06/Resolution #14-01-2174 approving Customer Service Agreement, for bandwidth and data transport services, between Cogent Communications, Inc., and City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communications Services as

attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-07/RESOLUTION Approving *Master Services Agreement with Attachments, for Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) Services, Between Bluebird Network, LLC, and City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services* – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-07/Resolution #14-01-2175 approving Master Services Agreement with attachments, for Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) Services, between Bluebird Network, LLC, and City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilwoman Bellm asked why. Tracey Robinson explained our services with Cogent, presently, are month to month with internet service. Bluebird will provide redundancy and additional bandwidth for internet and telephone transport, providing expanded service and reliability. Councilwoman Bellm asked how we found them. Mr. Robinson responded we are contracting through Illinois Century Network, which is the only available service in the area. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-08/RESOLUTION Approving *Member Guarantee for City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services with Respect to Master Affiliation Agreement Between the MLB Network, LLC, on One Side, and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, on the Other Side* – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-08/Resolution #14-01-2176 approving Member Guarantee for City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services with respect to Master Affiliation Agreement between the MLB Network, LLC, on one side, and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, on the other side as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-09/RESOLUTION Approving *Affiliate Assumption and Guarantee for City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services with Respect to Affiliation Agreement Between AMC Network Entertainment LLC, WE: Women’s Entertainment LLC, IFC TV LLC, and Sundance Channel LLC, on One Side, and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, on the Other Side* – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-09/Resolution #14-01-2177 approving Affiliate Assumption and Guarantee for City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services with respect to affiliation agreement between AMC Network Entertainment LLC, WE: Women’s Entertainment LLC, IFC TV LLC, and Sundance Channel LLC, on one side, and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, on the other side as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-10/RESOLUTION Approving *Retransmission Consent Binding Term Sheet with Tribune Broadcasting Company, with Respect to Television Signal Feeds from Station KPLR(TV) in St. Louis, MO* - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-10/Resolution #14-01-2178 approving Retransmission Consent Binding Term Sheet with Tribune Broadcasting Company, with respect to television signal feeds from station KPLR(TV) in St. Louis, MO as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #E-01-14 for Suppiger Lane Electric Underground Primary Cable Replacement – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #E-01-14 for Suppiger Lane electric underground primary cable replacement as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrants #936 & #937 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #936 & #937 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk