

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:08pm. Council members Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Gillespie, Korte, Peck, and Rosen; Supervisor Stram, Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Bloemker, Library Director Kim, Lt. Conrad, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; Highland Chamber of Commerce: Director Jami Jansen, Assistant Director Hillary Holzinger, Board President Mike Sutton, Members: Howard Held, Rob Bowman, Tom Hill, Jay Boulanger, Tina Frank; Senator Kyle McCarter, Pastor Chris Hill; two representatives of American Legion Auxiliary Post #439; six citizens, and one member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Michaelis opened the public hearing to receive comments concerning final adoption of the Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Hearing no comments brought forward, Mayor Michaelis closed the hearing.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day in Highland. Parks and Recreation Director Mark Rosen accepted the proclamation.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*American Legion Post & Auxiliary Post #439 – Announcement of 2015 Poppy Days* – Soundra Rinderer, President, American Legion Auxiliary, told Mayor Michaelis it is such a blessing to see the great progress you are making. Memorial Day is day that recognizes and remembers those that have served. The members of the auxiliary will stand in front of area businesses and distribute poppies during the Memorial Day weekend. All funds raised from donations of poppies purchased will go towards veterans' programs.

*Chamber of Commerce Annual Funding Request* – Mike Sutton, President of the Highland Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the Mayor Michaelis back. On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, we are requesting the usual amount, as received in past years, from the hotel/motel tax fund. While the Chamber represents and supports the local businesses, it also acts as the visitor/tourism center, and provides many community activities throughout the year. Mayor Michaelis inquired what the amount is

that they are requesting. Mr. Sutton responded \$24,000. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request for annual funding, in the amount of \$24,000 as requested; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Highland Splash Swim Team – Road Closure Request* – Michael McGinley, President of the Highland Splash Swim Team, stated he would like to request closure of the 1900 block of Spruce Street, which is between Lindenthal and Park Street, on July 18, to host the conference swim meet. We would need the morning to set everything up and the evening to tear everything down, but this would provide safe crossing for pedestrians between the park pool area and Four Diamonds. Councilman Frey inquired what the date was, and if that was a Saturday. Mr. McGinley stated it is July 18, which is a Saturday. Councilman Frey noted there would be races at the speedway that night and semitrailers would need access through there for the car haulers. Mr. McGinley explained the conference consists of ten teams, with 35-50 swimmers per team, which brings 3-4 spectators per team member. Therefore, we estimate about 1,000 people at the event. We want closure of the roadway or have assistance with traffic control to provide safe crossing for swimmers and spectators. Lt. Conrad stated he would be at the event and could assist with traffic control. Councilman Schwarz proposed full closure of that section until 2:30pm; after 2:30pm closing if for all traffic except for semi-trailers coming in to the racetrack. Mr. McGinley stated that would be acceptable. Councilman Frey agreed. Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve road closure of Spruce Street, between Lindenthal and Park Street, on July 18 until 2:30pm and then limited to semitrailers going to race track only, at which time traffic control will be provided with assistance from the city, swim team and Madison County Fair Board, until the event is over; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Senator Kyle McCarter stated he came, not to get involved in the city's budget, tonight; however, he wanted to acknowledge Mayor Michaelis comeback. It is an example of the fight and tenuousness of the citizens of this community.

#### Requests of Council:

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve New Business Items E and F from the agenda; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Michaelis thanked the council for doing a great job in my absence.

#### Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported the citywide annual cleanup will be May 4-8. Information will be published starting this next week to inform residents.

City Manager Latham reported he and Public Works Director Joe Gillespie met with the contractor on the peripheral route to confirm that the majority of the project, including the park area, will be complete by Memorial Day weekend.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Mayor's Reappointment to the Police Pension Board – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the mayor's re-appointment of Donald Lohman to the Police Pension Board for another two-year term, to expire May 1, 2017, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #15-43/ORDINANCE Amending FY 2014-2015 Budget – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #15-43/Ordinance #2677 amending Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz noted there are some sizeable changes in here, such as \$100,000 under General Administration. Director of Finance Kelly Korte explained that is a split between the different departments and funds for the IT position salary. Councilman Schwarz inquired about the \$130,000 in the Fire Department’s budget. Director Korte explained that is reclassification of accounts. Each SCBA, based on their individual value, falls into minor equipment versus capital expenditures. Primarily, these things changed throughout the year or reclassification. The changes in salary were because when we came with estimates for the budget, last year, we anticipated some reductions; however, with contracts we were unable to achieve that. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #15-44/ORDINANCE Adopting Budget for FY 2015-2016 – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #15-44/Ordinance #2678 adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #15-45/RESOLUTION Approving Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with IL Dept. of Transportation for Shared-Use Path on Troxler Avenue, from IL SR 143 to IL SR 160 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #15-45/Resolution #15-04-2319 approving *Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation* with Illinois Department of Transportation for shared-use path on Troxler Avenue, from IL SR 143 to IL SR 160 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrants #982 & #983 – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Warrant #982 & #983 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to temporarily adjourn this regular session to enter into executive session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act under 2(c)(1) to discuss collective negotiating matters; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm, Nicolaides and Frey voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 8:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Bellm, Nicolaides and Frey were present. Also present were City Manager Latham, City Attorney Long, Police Chief Bell, Deputy City Clerk Hediger and City Clerk Bellm.

## **NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

Bill #15-48/RESOLUTION Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police—Sergeants’ Bargaining Unit, for a Three-Year Period Beginning on May 1, 2015, and Ending on April 30, 2018, and a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Buying Back of Employee Sick Leave - Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #15-48/Resolution #15-04-2320 approving a collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police—Sergeants’ Bargaining Unit, for a three-year period beginning on May 1, 2015, and ending on April 30, 2018, and a Memorandum

of Understanding regarding buying back of employee sick leave as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. 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 8:01pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk