

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

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, Imming, Korte, Peck, and Rosen; Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Bloemker, Water Treatment Supervisor Mike Buss, Library Director Kim, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 3 Representatives of Plains All American Pipeline; Coach Hawkins, Coach Sam Weber, and 12 HHS Varsity Baseball Players; 16 citizens and two members of the news media.

MINUTES

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

MAYOR RECOGNITION

Mayor Michaelis recognized HHS Boys' Track & Field Team on their recent outstanding season. Coach Bob Vance reported this team won the conference at Eastern Illinois University for the first time in thirteen years. They set seven school records: 100m, 200m, & 400m by Tyler Higgins; long jump by Logan Geiger; and, 100-, 200- and 400-meter relays. At the state meet, they qualified in nine of eighteen events. On championship days, the 4x800 took 4th place in State Class 2A, with five guys on that group: Trevor White (4x state qualifier), Hayden Smart, Ben Menke, Brode Portell, and Grant Riggs. The 4x100 Meter Relay Team, made up of Brendan Sands, Logan Geiger, Gage Geiger, and Sam Titen placed 7th at State Class 2A, with a record time of 42.85 record. Sophomore Tyler Higgins is State Champion of 400 Meter, Class 2A. Mayor Michaelis thanked the team for representing Highland well.

Mayor Michaelis recognized the 2015 HHS Baseball Team on winning the 2015 IHSA Class 3A State Championship. Coach Joel Hawkins reported the St. Louis Post Dispatch recognized Highland High School as one of their small school to watch for sports. It has been the first time in history that football, softball, baseball and track teams achieved these levels in the same year. He recognized Tyler Powell for leading the "Bench Mob". This is a team of twenty-one members, and some of these teammates are in supporting roles and are responsible for the spirit of the team. Tyler Kimmle, pitcher, presented Mayor Michaelis with a signed photo of the 2015 Championship Team for all of his years of support. Coach Hawkins stated there is a great deal of pride in the community and in representing the community.

Mayor Michaelis reported that on the US Highway 160 coming into Highland, there is a sign acknowledging Tyler Higgins as State Champion in Track. On eastbound Route 40, entering Highland from St. Jacob, there is a sign recognizing Highland as home to the 2015 Class 2A State Baseball Champions.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No requests or comments presented.

Requests of Council:

No requests made by council.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported we received notification around 1:00pm on Friday, July 10 of a possible oil spill at Silver Creek. The fire department deployed the buoy system under Interstate 70 almost immediately. He recognized Chief Bell, Joe Gillespie and Fire Chief Bloemker for their quick response. A quick command was set up with Mike Buss, Water Superintendent, at every meeting coordinating efforts between departments and all parties involved. Congressman Shimkus was here on Friday and toured via helicopter. By US EPA protocol, Plains All American Pipeline does not do anything without their approval. City Manager Latham reported he spoke with Congressman Shimkus regarding the silting in of Silver Lake and that we had talked, at one time, of building a coffer. Congressman Shimkus stated he would see about federal assistance with such a project. Senator Dick Durbin was in this morning. We are working with Plains to identify another place for putting in another response area. They have also agreed to pay engineering costs to identify location of the lines and establish another access on the north end of the lake. We are hoping to get some rain, so they can adequately test their cleanup procedures.

Phil Smith, VP Operations, Jason Levens, Director of Eastern Region Operations, and Kirsten Candy, Director of Environmental Operations were present. Mr. Smith stated we intend to be here until everything is returned to original state. He commended the City of Highland on their involvement in assisting us. Jason Levens, Director of Eastern Regions, explained we have a pump station near Pocahontas, on the transport line between Wood River and Patoka refineries. We did get a sheen at the north end of the lake; however, we believe there is nothing in the water supply portion of the lake. As of today, there are sheen areas that remain in portions of the creek. We have been working with US EPA and Illinois EPA, meeting on a daily basis, at minimum. There is a big change in how the area looks from the first day to where we are today, and we committed to continue to remain here until the area is fully cleaned up and restored. Councilman Schwarz asked if chemicals are used in the cleanup. Mr. Levens stated there are no chemicals used. We use highly absorbent materials to capture the oil.

Mayor Michaelis expressed apologies for not being more involved in this, since his wife passed away that same day; however, City Manager Latham has kept me informed, and he expressed gratitude for your quick response. Councilwoman Bellm reported she attended the morning public meeting, held at City Hall, which managed to curtail rumors that were out there. She expressed she was happy to see Mike Buss on the panel to address questions regarding the water supply. It is very reassuring to receive the updates on the cleanup process.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Reappointments to the Library Board of Trustees – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's reappointment of LeeAnn Landmann, Sharon Rinderer, and Joyce Zerban to the Library Board of Trustees, all for three-year terms, to expire June 30, 2018 as attached;

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

Bill #15-67/ORDINANCE Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement – Windows on Broadway, LLC – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #15-67/Ordinance #2687 approving and authorizing execution of a redevelopment agreement – Windows on Broadway, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz inquired if this was one building, it could be considered double dipping. Project cost is based upon the total project of both buildings. Director Peck explained there are two separate agreements because the building and property taxes are in the trust, while the sales tax is with the business of Windows on Broadway, LLC. Councilman Schwarz expressed he feels ten years is an excessively long time on these agreements, since most businesses fail within three years. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #15-68/ORDINANCE Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement – Cyril Korte Trust – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #15-68/Ordinance #2688 approving and authorizing execution of a redevelopment agreement with Cyril Korte Trust as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #15-69/ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 78, Article VII, Division 3, Section 78-732, of the Municipal Code Regarding the Schedule of FTTP Rates and Charges, to Delete the “Digital Ultimate Technology Fee,” to Add the “Local Access Channel fee,” and to Increase the Monthly Rates for the Movie Channels Known as HBO, Cinemax, and Showtime – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #15-69/Ordinance #2689 amending Chapter 78, Article VII, Division 3, Section 78-732, of the municipal code regarding the Schedule of FTTP Rates and Charges, to delete the “Digital Ultimate Technology Fee,” to add the “Local Access Channel Fee,” and to increase the monthly rates for the movie channels known as HBO, Cinemax, and Showtime as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz noted I know we are trying to match rates. Has consideration been given to what this is going to do to our rates compared to our competitors’ rates? City Manager Latham pointed out this is the first increase in rates in three years. There is a trade off on some of the fees versus others. We will continue to monitor the rates with those of our competitors for the different packages.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #992 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant 992 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. 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 7:42pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk