

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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 Bell, Gillespie, Korte, Peck and Schoeck; Police Chief Bell, EMS Chief Wilson, Fire Chief Bloemker, Supervisor Gramlich, Library Director Kim, Treasurer Foechner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 5 citizens, and one member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 Regular Session as attached; seconded by

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

2016 Optimist Shootout Funding Request – Rick Ringwald, Representative for Optimist Shootout, stated we are requesting police protection at the event, to be held January 9, 2016, and a Silver Level Sponsorship (\$1,000) from the HCS (Highland Communication Services) as done last year. The event line-up consists of six games. We have the HHS Girls playing Triad and HHS Boys going against Vianney. Premiere game is Chaminade versus Belleville Althoff, which will feature five Division I players. Father Tolton, out of Columbia, MO has the #2 high school player and they will face off against Peoria Manual, which has D'Amonte Williams and Frankie Youngmann, who are Top 150 Juniors in the country. Also, Breese Central versus Okawville and Hazelwood Central versus Springfield Lanphier. We are changing things up this year, because of the press that is out there already. We will feature two ticket options: First Session, \$6 and Full Day Session, \$10. We are limiting to 10,000 tickets total for the day, due to fire code. Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve a Silver Level Sponsorship and provide police protection as requested; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

2016 National Road Association of Illinois Membership/Funding Request – Mayor Michaelis noted there is no representative here tonight for this, so it will not be discussed.

Requests of Council:

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to postpone Item E under New Business, until such time that the wording can be clarified for better understanding; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Item postponed.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported we received notice that Governor Rauner has signed the Senate Bill that will release MFT and video gaming funds, along with 911 funds to local municipalities.

There was a really good turnout for the public hearing on Oak Street Reconstruction options. City Manager Latham asked Director Gillespie to have the board available for the council members to view.

Mayor Michaelis commended the Chamber of Commerce on a wonderful Santa Parade, Friday night. It was a wonderful event with a large crowd. He noted the Chamber does a lot of good work in the community and should be acknowledged.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve mayor's appointment of Christina Harisberg to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, for a term to expire July 31, 2017 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Proposal for Banking Depository Services – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to award proposal for banking depository services to FCB Highland as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Discussion - 2015 Estimated Tax Levy Specifically Regarding Police Pension - Kelly Korte referred to the memo prepared for the council explaining the options. Exhibit 3 is the one that I am recommending. An updated actuary has been attached; that is the only change since information was provided to the council at an early time. The Police Pension Board gave another recommendation. There were no questions or comments from the council.

Bill #15-117/RESOLUTION Approving Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for Evaluation of Water Reclamation Facility and Three Main Trunk Sewers, and Completion of a Comprehensive Wastewater Facility Plan for the Wastewater System – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #15-117/Resolution #15-12-2354 approving Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for evaluation of Water Reclamation Facility and three main trunk sewers, and completion of a Comprehensive Wastewater Facility Plan for the Wastewater System as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bellm stated that Finance Director Korte would like guidance from the council as to how they would like to proceed on the Estimated Tax Levy regarding Police Pension. City Attorney Long asked Director Korte if that option would put us over the 105%. Director Korte reported Exhibit 1 would. Exhibits 2 & 3 would be fine and would not. Attorney Long advised that any option that would put us over the 105% would require a public hearing. Director Korte stated that is why we need to know how to proceed. Councilwoman Bellm and Councilman Schwarz stated their support of Option 3. Councilman Nicolaides and Councilman Frey concurred.

REPORTS

Approve Warrants #1005 & #1006 – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Warrant #1005 & #1006 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. 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)(21) to discuss approval of executive session minutes; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 7:21pm. Council members Nicolaides, Bellm, Frey and Schwarz were present. Also present were City Manager Latham, City Attorney Long, Deputy City Clerk Hediger and City Clerk Bellm.

Mayor Michaelis stated that nothing discussed in the executive session would be acted upon in this open session.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk