

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Councilmembers present were Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John P. Long, Directors Gillespie, Rosen and Schoeck, Supervisors Stram and Limestall, Police Sergeant Arik Steinbeck, EMS Captain Crosby, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 19 citizens, and 1 member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming September 17 – 23, 2009 as Constitution Week in the City of Highland.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*St. Jude Wheels for Life* – Diane Compton, wife of Mike Compton, Event Chairman, requested permission for the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual St. Jude's "Wheels for Life" Bike Ride on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The event will begin at that VFW Grounds at 11:30am and include a forty-mile ride and an eight-mile ride. Councilman Bardill motioned to approve the request for use of streets for the Knights of Columbus annual St. Jude's Wheels for Life Bike Ride to be held on Sunday, October 11, 2009, starting at the VFW Grounds, as requested; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Boy Scouts Troop #1043 – Silver Lake Park Use Request* – Kevin McConville requested permission for Boy Scout Troop #1043 to use Silver Lake Park and archery range for a camp out October 23-24, 2009. The group will also be assisting with the Parks & Recreations' Haunted Hayride this year. Councilman Bardill made a motion to grant the request of Boy Scouts Troop #1043 to use Silver Lake Park, October 23 and 24, 2009 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Knights of Columbus – Soccer Challenge Request* – Chris Durbin requested permission for the Knights of Columbus to hold a soccer challenge at Glik Park on Thursday, September 17, 2009, 6pm –

7:00pm, with registration starting at 5:30pm. This will be a penalty kick soccer contest for boys and girls, ages 10-14 years old. This is not a fundraiser. It is an event to get kids interested in soccer and promote goodwill. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the request of the Knights of Columbus to hold a soccer challenge at Glik Park on September 17, 2009 as requested; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference – Optimist Baseball Field Use Request* –Director Rosen, on behalf of Mr. Wolper, Commissioner of the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, to request permission for them to reserve Glik Park’s Optimist Field for May 13-16, 2010 for this event. Mayor Michaelis inquired this is the second year for the event; how did it go last year? Director Rosen reported the first year was rather wet; however, everything went well. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to grant the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference’s request to use Optimist Ball Field and other facilities at Glik Park, May 13-16, 2009 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Quail Drive West – Block Party Request* – Brian Friederich 20 Quail Drive West, requested permission to hold a neighborhood block party on Saturday, September 26, 2009, starting at 6:30pm. We are asking to do what we did last year, which was to have driveways blocked off and allow the kids to play, off to the side of the roadway. Nothing would be set in the streets. Access for emergency vehicles would be allowed through. We would just like to have some type of barriers put up to protect the children’s safety. Mayor Michaelis asked if there would be a band. Mr. Brian Friederich responded no. We will do what we did last year, which was to put a television screen up in one of the yards to show movies. Mayor Michaelis asked Sergeant Steinbeck if there are any issues with this request. Sergeant Steinbeck noted that Quail, since the extension, is a rather long stretch of roadway, with several homes. He would propose signage, notifying drivers of the closure, at the corner of Quail and Meadowlark and at Quail and Iberg Road. Mr. Brian Friederich explained the area they are requesting to be blocked off would encompass an area of three-homes, on both sides of Quail, at the corner of Meadowlark and Quail Drive. Mayor Michaelis suggested notifying everyone who lives on Quail Drive East. Councilman Bardill made a motion to grant permission for the residents of Quail Drive West to hold a neighborhood block party on Saturday, September 26, 2009 as requested; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Marilyn Warner, representing the Highland Animal Shelter Board of Directors, stated we are here to answer any questions the council may have about how funds are spent. Councilman Rickher asked what percentage of the annual budget for the shelter comes from the City of Highland. Ms. Warner responded about one-fifth. Mayor Michaelis noted the balance of your money comes in from fundraisers. Ms. Warner replied yes, we are a non-for-profit no-kill shelter. So far this month, we have taken in five animals brought in by the City. The average cost to keep one animal is \$150; that does not include any medical care, beyond maintenance vaccinations.

Requests of Council:

Councilman Rickher stated I noticed the property on Fourth Street that we purchased for a park still has the trailer on it and it appears a tenant still in the trailer. When is the trailer being removed and the tenant moving out? City Attorney Long reported the purchase agreement allowed the renter to live there until some time in September, if I remember correctly. The trailer will be removed shortly after they move out.

Councilwoman Zobrist stated she would like to have City Manager Latham and staff look at getting the budget billing set up. With the new software, we lost the ability to provide that to residents. City Manager Latham stated he would provide an update by the next meeting.

Staff Reports:

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Mayor's Appointment to the Tree Commission – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Mr. Josh Hetley to the Tree Commission, with a term to expire July 2010, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #09-105/ORDINANCE Naming Newly Constructed Road "Frank Watson Parkway" – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #09-105/Ordinance #2376 naming the newly constructed road "Frank Watson Parkway" as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #09-106/RESOLUTION Approving Agreement with the Highland Animal Shelter – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #09-106/Resolution #09-09-1811 approving the agreement with Highland Animal Shelter, for a one-year period, to expire on August 1, 2010, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Rickher stated we are trying to keep our standards with improving the roadways and other infrastructure items going with a revenue shortfall due to the economy. I just wonder when we draw the line on our expenses. Councilwoman Zobrist stated it is my understanding that the Highland Animal Shelter came to us twenty-some years ago. The police department has to pick up stray animals. The shelter provides a place for the police department to take them. Madison County's shelter is not open 24/7. Our options are to drive them to Edwardsville when they are open, and house and care for them until the Madison County shelter opens, or take them to directly to the Highland Animal Shelter. Councilman Rickher expressed I believe that the taxpayers feel they are paying for the Madison County Shelter, on Route 143, and they are paying for this also. Councilwoman Zobrist contended Madison County Animal Shelter does not come out and pick them up. We would have to drive them over there when they are open. That shelter does not open 24/7. Mayor Michaelis asked Sergeant Steinbeck, how many animals, approximately are they charged with picking up. Sergeant Steinbeck reported almost one a day, for approximately 30-50 per month. Ms. Warner reported, this past month, August to today, we took in 55 animals (32 cats, 15 dogs). Six animals were brought in by private citizens. A total of approximately 600 animals brought in to the shelter this past year. We had a cat that was hit and found, severely injured on the roadway. The cat was taken to the veterinarian, but could not be saved and was euthanized. The Highland Animal Shelter received the bill from the veterinarian. Mayor Michaelis asked what the costs are for rabies vaccinations. Ms. Warner replied \$15 for rabies vaccinations. The average food cost per animal, without any special needs diet is \$15 per month; cat litter per cat, \$15 per month; and, Heartgard™ for heart worm prevention, \$10. The veterinarian bill to treat two dogs brought to the shelter with heart worms will cost about \$3,000 for full treatment. The Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, Rickher voted nay. Motion carried.

Bill #09-107/RESOLUTION Setting Public Hearing Dates for the Establishment of Business District #1 in the City of Highland – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #09-107/Resolution #09-09-1812 setting a public hearing dates of October 5, 2009 and October 7, 2009 for the establishment of Business District #1 in the City of Highland as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilwoman Bellm noted we are just establishing hearing dates with this. She requested the council have some discussion prior to the public hearings on this. City Manager Latham reported we just received the plan on Friday. He suggested a presentation on it at the next council meeting. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #09-108/RESOLUTION Accepting Platted Improvements—Independence Drive in Liberty Hills Subdivision – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #09-108/Resolution #09-09-1813 accepting platted improvements of Independence Drive in Liberty Hills Subdivision as attached;

seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #09-109/RESOLUTION Waiving Normal and Customary Bidding Procedures and Approving the Purchase of One Canvas Arched Salt Storage Building – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #09-109/Resolution #09-09-1814 waiving normal and customary bidding procedures and approving the purchase of one canvas arched salt storage building from E A H C, Inc, of Effingham, Illinois, in the amount of \$43,667.50 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Councilman Rickher abstained. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Award Bid #PR-06-09 Spindler Park Asphalt Trail and Parking Surface – Councilman Bardill made a motion to award Bid #PR-06-09 Spindler Park Asphalt Trail and Parking Surface project to Rickey Brothers, Inc., of Edwardsville, Illinois, in the amount of \$29,500 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Councilman Rickher abstained. Motion carried.

Award Bid #PW-13-04 Iberg Road Re-Construction - Broadway to Coventry – Councilman Bardill made a motion to award Bid #PW-13-04 Iberg Road Re-Construction – Broadway to Coventry to Cox and Sons Contracting Co., Inc., of O’Fallon, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,348,814.65 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Councilman Rickher abstained. Motion carried.

Approve Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Oates Associates for the Iberg Road Re-Construction Project [PW-13-04] – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve a construction engineering services agreement with Oates Associates, in the amount of \$78,000, for the Iberg Road Re-Construction Project #PW-13-04 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilwoman Zobrist asked City Manager Latham about the memo on this project stating that amount could be less. City Manager Latham stated this agreement is for the services of the staking aspect of this project, which is not our staff’s expertise. Director Gillespie explained what would be limited are any site inspections, which would be for clarification of engineering plans and specifications. This would be on an “as needed” basis. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Oates Associates for Water Main Relocation on the Iberg Road Re-Construction Project – Councilwoman Bellm motioned to approve a preliminary engineering services agreement with Oates Associates, in the amount of \$6,000, for water main relocation on the Iberg Road Re-Construction Project as attached; seconded by Councilman Rickher. Councilman Rickher asked, depending on what they find out, how quickly will this project move along. Will this get done this year or drag out until next spring? Director Gillespie responded this could go into next spring. The weather conditions we have the next few months will determine that. Councilman Rickher stated I like the concrete road surface, which we have been using on the peripheral route. I would hope that we stay with concrete. Councilwoman Bellm concurred. The last time we discussed asphalt versus concrete, I recall concrete was more cost effective. Director Gillespie reported concrete is more cost-effective. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Cornerstone Insurance Group as Broker of Record for the City’s Health Insurance – Councilman Bardill motioned to approve Cornerstone Insurance Group, St. Louis, MO, as Broker of Record, for the City of Highland’s health insurance as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Approve Warrants #780 & #781 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrants #780 and #781 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist 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 Section 2(c)(21) for discussion of executive session minutes and 2(c)(2) to discuss collective negotiating matters; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. 7:42pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 8:17pm. Council members Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Latham, City Attorney Long, Director Schoeck, Deputy City Clerk Hediger and City Clerk Bellm.

Bill #09-110/RESOLUTION Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police – Patrol Officers’ Union - Councilwoman Bellm motioned to approve Bill #09-110/Resolution #09-09-1815 approving the collective bargaining agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police – Patrol Officers’ Union as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Rickher, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Bardill made a motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Rickher. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk