

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Harold Belsheim; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck; Chief Bell, Supervisor Limestall, City Staff: Steve Ferguson and Tracy Robinson; Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 18 citizens and 1 member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2012 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Bill Burke, of Oates Associates, Inc., presented the City's new Streetscape Plan. The focus is to give the area a uniform, crisp look with more of a pedestrian feel. In first viewing the existing area, we noticed the signage, overhead traffic signals and electrical wires that all come together. The initial idea was to look at the acorn fixtures that already exist near parks and along Walnut Street north of the railroad tracks and bring that into a single unified package that extends from the roundabout down towards the Michael's Restaurant area end of town with standardize benches, trash receptacles, light fixtures and signage. It was about this time, that we started asking about the link to the acorn light fixture. We noticed that Highland's sister city, Sursee, had a collection of old gas light lamps. We felt that would have a more meaningful symbolism to bring into the city. In all fairness, there are other types of light fixtures throughout Sursee. We looked at the different options, including doing a mixture or retrofit of some. We felt that the black metal pole light fixtures that would allow banners to be hung in different areas would be a good spot to start. Our recommendation is for standardized poles for lighting, signalization and signage that bring everything together. We want the "Main Street USA" feel with trees lining the streets. We recommend replacing cobra-head lights with twenty-three-foot poles that have lantern fixtures, at eighty-five foot spacing on center along the street, which meets IDOT standards for proper lighting. This would allow for various different trees between the lights. In areas where there are businesses, we would choose smaller variety trees to allow for signage. No Parking and other street signage would be incorporated on these poles. We would propose curb bump-outs in different areas to frame parking areas, to make the street have more of a pedestrian appeal.

Councilwoman Bellm asked when to do we start. Mr. Burke explained there are grant opportunities coming up with IDOT over the next few months; this is why we felt it was important to go to IDOT early on, to get their input and be in accordance. Councilman Schwarz asked are these lights more efficient than the cobra-head lights that we presently have. Mr. Burke stated, I am not a lighting expert, but I would believe they would be more efficient. Most fixtures designed today are

more efficient than older models. Councilman Schwarz asked if there a price difference. Mr. Burke acknowledged these are more expensive. Director of Light & Power Dan Cook stated I am not sure how old the current poles are; however, the poles out there are concrete, which is a more expensive pole than the standard metal fixtures. They are getting some age on them and nearing the end of their lifespan. Councilwoman Bellm expressed this plan is very nice. I particularly like the lampshades. Mr. Burke added we wanted something that was ascetically pleasing, but practical at the same time.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*Highland Automotive Swap Meet Funding Request* – Dick Conner, President of Misfit Motorsports Productions, out of Pocahontas, stated he and his business partner, Carl Hills, of Carl's Four-Wheel Drive, in Bartelso, will be hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Automotive Swap Meet, on March 4, 2012 at the Madison County Fair Grounds. We host events in two other communities – Pinckneyville and Marion - annually. We have a modest request for the council to increase the advertising for the event. This event brings 75-100 vendors from Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and other states. We estimate 1,000 -1,500 customers. The event brings people in to the community and creates bookings for the local motels and hotels. In promoting the event, we are also promoting the City of Highland. The people that come to this event are looking for custom parts for their antique, custom or racing cars. One of the things provided to the council is a flyer used for advertising the event. We are asking for a \$500 grant from the hotel/motel fund to place ads in two different advertising zones. We feel this is a good partnering effort between the city and us. Councilman Schwarz asked do the other communities that you hold similar events provide funds for advertising. Mr. Conner replied yes. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to award the swap meet \$500 of hotel/motel tax funds to be used towards marketing the automotive swap meet that is going to be held in Highland on March 4, 2012 as requested; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Highland Jaycees' 2012 Schweizerfest Event and Parade Requests* – Stephanie Rakers, 2012 Schweizerfest Chairperson, requested permission and assistance from the city with the 2012 Schweizerfest to be held June 8, 9 & 10, 2012. We are asking to have all the streets around the Square blocked off Friday evening through Sunday night, as in past years. Along with this, we ask for permission to hold a parade on Saturday and Sunday. The parade on Saturday will begin at 5:00pm; the parade on Sunday will begin at 3:00pm. We hoping holding the parade earlier on Sunday will bring the crowd in earlier. The parade will follow the same route as in years past. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the Highland Jaycees' 2012 Schweizerfest and parade request for June 8, 9 & 10, 2012 as requested; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Cub Scout Day Camp at Silver Lake Park and Shooting Range Use Request* – Gary Miller, Scout Master, requested permission to hold Cahokia Mounds Day Camp, which benefits the Lewis & Clark Council of Boy Cub Scouts of America, at Silver Lake Park on June 11, 12 and 13, 2012. We request permission to use the archery range for BB gun instruction and practice. There will be plenty of supervision for all the activities. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the use of Silver Lake Park for Lewis & Clark Council of Boy Scouts of America Cub Scout Day camp on June 11, 12 & 13 as requested per attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*H.C.W.C. 2012 Child Abuse Prevention Walk Request* – Jennifer Baker, 813 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Event Chairman, on behalf of the Highland Civic Women Club, requested road closure for the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Event on Sunday, April 15, 2012. The free family event will begin at the Square with a walk down Broadway to Spindler Park on Sunday, April 15, 2012. There will be games, rides and other family activities for all ages at Spindler Park from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of child abuse. Councilman Schwarz made a motion to grant the request of

the Highland Civic Woman's Club to hold Child Abuse Prevention Walk on Sunday, April 15, 2012, from 1-3pm, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Highland Lions' Club Memorial Day Biathlon Request* – Kim Newton, Race Director for the Highland Lions' Club Biathlon, requested permission for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Highland Lions' Club to use city streets on Monday, May 28, 2012 to hold their annual Memorial Day Biathlon. Every intersection will be covered with volunteers. However, at Poplar and Lindenthal Avenue intersection, we ask for police traffic assistance. This is a high traffic intersection; the bikers' average speed was clocked at 47mph in this area. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to grant the request of the Highland Lion's Club to hold the annual Memorial Day Biathlon on city streets from 8am – 10:30am on May 28, 2012 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Apostolic Revival Church Rock-A-Block Square Use Request* – Del Scott, of the Apostolic Revival Church, stated we have come to the council the last two years asking to use the Square for this event. Rock-A-Block is a community outreach event that involves bounce houses, Christian music, family games and giveaways. We are requesting use of the Square on Sunday, July 21, from 9am to about 6pm, to allow for set-up and clean up. The event will be held from 11am - 4pm. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the request of the Apostolic Revival Church for Rock-A-Block for use of the downtown square on July 21, 2012 from 11am – 4pm as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

None presented.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham informed the council that the City of Highland has received confirmation from IDOT that they will be contributing \$900,000 for the Northeast Quadrant of the peripheral route, specifically for the intersection of Troxler and Route 40. Additional information has been sent to IDOT regarding the impact of the hospital development on the project and the need for the project, in order to obtain additional funding. We hope to start construction some time this year. A lot of it will depend on the release of funds from the State of Illinois.

City Manager Latham noted the City of Highland and Oates Associate, Inc. received engineering recognition for the Koepfli Lane project.

## NEW BUSINESS

Approve Dates of Special Session of the City Council to Discuss the FY 2012-2013 Annual Budget – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve March 15, 2012 and March 26, 2012 as dates for Special Sessions of the City Council to discuss FY 2012-2013 Annual Budget as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. City Clerk Bellm noted these meetings will start at 6:00pm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-03/ORDINANCE Declaring Two City-Owned Vehicles as Surplus Property and Authorizing Their Sale - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-03/Ordinance #2511 declaring two city-owned vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their sale as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-04/RESOLUTION Approving Terms of Engagement Set Forth in Bond Counsel's Engagement Letter Concerning Specialized Legal Services for the Issuance and Sale of Electric System Revenue Bonds - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-04/Resolution #12-02-2014

approving terms of engagement set forth in Bond Counsel's engagement letter concerning specialized legal services for the issuance and sale of Electric System Revenue Bonds as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-05/RESOLUTION Approving Financial Advisory Agreement Concerning Services for the Issuance and Sale of Second Series of Revenue Bonds with Respect to the Fiber-To-The-Premises Project - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-05/Resolution #12-02-2015 approving financial advisory agreement concerning services for the issuance and sale of second series of revenue bonds with respect to the Fiber-To-The-Premises Project as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-06/RESOLUTION Approving National Telco Television Consortium Membership Agreement for Highland Communication Services – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-06/Resolution #12-02-2016 National Telco Television Consortium Membership Agreement for Highland Communication Services as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-07/RESOLUTION Approving Transport-Only Services Agreement with Avail Media, Inc. – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-07/Resolution #12-02-2017 a transport-only services agreement with Avail Media, Inc. as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-08/RESOLUTION Approving Retransmission Consent Agreement with KSDK - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-08/Resolution #12-02-2018 Retransmission Consent Agreement with KSDS as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-09/RESOLUTION Approving Retransmission Consent Agreement with Viacom/MTV - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-09/Resolution #12-02-2019 Retransmission Consent Agreement with Viacom/MTV as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-10/RESOLUTION Approve Balancing Change Order #1 and Final as Amended for the Walnut and Main Street Resurfacing Project, PW-07-10 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-10/Resolution #12-02-2020 Balancing Change Order #1 and Final as amended for the Walnut and Main Street Resurfacing Project, PW-07-10 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Joint Funding Agreement with the IL Dept. of Transportation for Construction of Sportsman Trail – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve a joint funding agreement with the IL Dept. of Transportation for construction of Sportsman Trail as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Sursee Trail Sponsorship Program as Recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Sursee Trail Sponsorship Program as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrants #867 & #868 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Warrants #867 and #868 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to temporarily adjourn, to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(21) for discussion of executive session minutes and 2(c)(2) for discussion of collective negotiating matters; seconded Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:42pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 7:55pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Also present were City Attorney Bruckert, City Manager Latham, Director Schoeck, Deputy City Clerk Hediger and City Clerk Bellm.

Bill #12-11/RESOLUTION Approving Labor Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police – Patrol Officers – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-11/Resolution #12-02-2021 Labor Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police – Patrol Officers as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Bardill made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk