

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Nicolaides, Bellm, Bardill and Schwarz were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Doug Gruenke; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte and Rosen; Chief Bell, Supervisor Limestall, and City Staff: Steve Ferguson, Tracy Robinson, Tim Rusteberg and Gary Crosby; City Clerk Bellm; five citizens and one member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 Special Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming the week of February 18 – 25, 2012 as FFA Week in the City of Highland. Kaleb Brink, President of Highland FFA Chapter, and Amy Raymond, Chapter Secretary, were present. Caleb stated the reason we wanted this proclamation is to get the community more involved and aware of FFA.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Highland Arts Council 2012 Art in the Park Funding Request – Lynnette Schuepbach, 105 N Harvest Crest Court, Vice President of Highland Arts Council and chair of Art in the Park, thanked the council and mayor for the city's support over the past eight years. We are asking for support at two different levels of sponsorship from the hotel/motel tax fund for this year's Art in the Park, which will be held October 12 – 14, 2012. An \$8,000 grant would put the City at Sponsorship Level; at \$10,000, Patron Level. Mayor Michaelis noted this event has grown over the past few years. Ms. Schuepbach noted we started with about sixty-five exhibitors our first year, and we had seventy exhibitors at the event this past year. We want a balance of having enough artists that people see a selection; however, allow for those artists exhibiting to make it worth their time. The artists reported about \$5,000 of sales this year; however, we are not sure that every artist reports all their sales. We are doing more public relations with the St. Louis media. We plan to have "Dueling Desserts" again this year, because that was a unique attraction that drew media attention; and we have either a large-scale artist or sculpture

project going on. Last year, we had television coverage by four different stations. Councilman Schwarz asked do you know how many rooms were actually booked with overnight stays for this event. Ms. Schuepbach responded we asked for ten rooms last year; however, we do not know how many more were booked. Councilman Schwarz noted that the state tax is paid, does the city receive sales tax. Ms. Schuepbach responded they are given the tax rates and are reported to the state as vendors; however, so a portion of the tax should come back to the city. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve \$8,000 of hotel/motel tax funding for the 2012 Art in the Park as requested; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, Councilman Schwarz voted nay. Councilwoman Bellm abstained, stating she will be applying and hopes to get to participate. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

None presented.

Staff Reports:

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Revised Joint Funding Agreement with the IL Dept. of Transportation for Construction of Sportsman Trail, Such Revised Agreement Shall Supersede the Original Agreement Approved by Council February 6, 2012 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve revised Joint Funding Agreement with the IL Dept. of Transportation for construction of Sportsman Trail; such revised agreement shall supersede the original agreement approved by Council February 6, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Change Order Associated with the Generator Relocation Project Bid #E-02-11 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Change Order associated with the Generator Relocation Project Bid #E-02-11 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid #E-09-11 for the Purchase of One Digger Derrick from Altec Industries – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to award Bid #E-09-11 for the purchase of one Digger Derrick from Altec Industries in the amount of \$187,130.00 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilman Schwarz asked City Manager Latham how many bids we received. Director Cook replied one. Councilman Schwarz asked any idea why so few. Director Cook believed it is because there are only two providers in the area for Digger Derrick. The one vendor is so far outside our area, it could be they did not wish to seek being a provider or maybe they did not see the bid request. Councilman Schwarz asked since there was only one bidder, did we try to improve the price, being that they may have presented a higher price since they knew they may be the only one submitting. Director Cook responded I have never been involved in the purchase of a Digger Derrick before. It did not occur to me to negotiate the price submitted on the bid. If it is the direction of the council and we have the ability to do so, I would be willing to explore that. Councilman Schwarz asked Attorney Gruenke if we would be able to improve the price. Attorney Gruenke responded we would have to reject the bid. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. .

Award Bid #EMS-08-11 for the Purchase of One Type 1 Medium Duty Ambulance – Councilman Bardill made a motion to award Bid #EMS-08-11 for the purchase of One Type 1 Medium Duty Ambulance from American Response Vehicles in the amount of \$193,721 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-12/RESOLUTION Establishing the Type of Service to be Rendered, the Area to be Served and the Charges to be Made for the Highland Ambulance Service – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-12/Resolution #12-02-2022 establishing the type of service to be rendered, the area to be served and the charges to be made for the Highland Ambulance Service as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-13/RESOLUTION Requesting Road Closure for H.C.W.C. Child Abuse Prevention Walk – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-13/Resolution #12-02-2023 requesting road closure for Highland Civic Women’s Club Child Abuse Prevention Walk as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-14/RESOLUTION Requesting Road Closure for Highland Jaycees Schweizerfest Event – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-13/Resolution #12-02-2024 requesting road closure for Highland Jaycees Schweizerfest Event as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-15/RESOLUTION Requesting Road Closure for Highland Jaycees Schweizerfest Parades – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-13/Resolution #12-02-2025 requesting road closure for Highland Jaycees Schweizerfest Parades as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-16/RESOLUTION Approving a One-Year Extension of Contract for Excavation of Grave Sites in the Highland City Cemetery with Hediger’s Backhoe & Trucking, Inc. – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-16/Resolution #12-02-2026 approving a one-year extension of contract for excavation of gravesites in the Highland City Cemetery with Hediger’s Backhoe & Trucking, Inc. as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilman Schwarz inquired is it the same rates, terms and conditions. City Manager Latham reported this is entering into a third year and everything has stayed the same, including the rates. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-17/ORDINANCE Declaring That it is Necessary or Convenient for the City to Use, Occupy, or Improve Certain Real Estate Held by Highland Community Unit School District 5, for the Construction of a Bike Trail and the Reconfiguration of Part of Park Hill Drive – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-17/Ordinance #2512 declaring that it is necessary or convenient for the City to use, occupy, or improve certain real estate held by Highland Community Unit School District 5, for the construction of a bike trail and the reconfiguration of part of Park Hill Drive as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilwoman Bellm asked is this along the west side of the Lindendale parking lot, used as overflow parking for the fair. Director Rosen reported it is the grass area more by the entrance along the maintenance sheds for the school district. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-18/RESOLUTION Making Separate Statement of Finding of Facts in Connection with an Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit to KN Properties, LLC to Allow a Two-Family Dwelling in the R1D Zoning District at 1815 Papin Street – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-18/Resolution #12-02-2027 making separate statement of finding of facts in connection with an Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit to KN Properties, LLC to allow a two-family dwelling in the R1D Zoning District at 1815 Papin Street as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-19/ORDINANCE Granting Special Use Permit to KN Properties, LLC to Allow a Two-Family Dwelling in the R1D Zoning District at 1815 Papin Street – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-19/Ordinance #2513 granting Special Use Permit to KN Properties, LLC to allow a two-family dwelling in the R1D Zoning District at 1815 Papin Street as attached; seconded by

Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #869 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #869; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk