

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Councilman Frey was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Bell, Cook, Gillespie, Imming, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck; Fire Chief Bloemker, EMS Chief Wilson, Supervisor Limestall, Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 6 citizens and one member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION**

Pat Noe, Coordinator, Barb Zaloga, and Barbara Barr, Nurse Coordinator from Cardiac Rehab at St. Joseph's Hospital-Highland were present as Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming the month of February as Heart Health Awareness Month.

Pat Noe stated this is our fifth year doing this awareness program. Tonight, they are lighting the heart on the outside of the hospital. February 9, is the ribbon cutting celebrating the helicopter; Friday, February 12, is the Poker Walk at the Korte Rec Center, 6-9pm, with activities downstairs for kids; February 14-20, we will be celebrating cardiac rehab at the hospital; and, on February 29, we will host a CPR class for anyone who wants to attend.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*Highland Automotive Swap Meet Funding Request* – Dick Conner, President of Misfit Motorsports Productions stated his company, along with and Carl's Four-Wheel Drive, out of Bartelso, have been hosting this event for the past twenty years. This year the event will be on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at the Madison County Fair Grounds. The event runs 7:00am – 1:00pm. Vendors start arriving between 5:00am-7:00am. Some vendors set up on Friday afternoon and then stay overnight in Highland, filling up the overnight stay places. We need your assistance with spreading the word about this event. The request is for a \$500 grant from your hotel/motel tax fund to advertise this event in the metro area. Councilman Schwarz asked what type of business are these vendors in. Mr. Conner stated most of the vendors come from the stock car community. My partner and I are more into the drag racing community. Most of the drag racers are in the 50-60-year old range. We have about 1500-2000 people come out for this event. The last few years, we have been allowing women in free of charge. The drag racing community has more women. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve \$500 of hotel/motel tax funds to be used towards marketing the automotive swap meet as attached; seconded

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

Requests of Council:

No requests or comments.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham handed out an article regarding the green initiatives that Highland has put into place over the recent years, which covered in an article in the St. Louis Business Journal. Highland was one of two communities in Illinois that received this award. City Manager Latham gave recognition to members of The Green Team – Directors Kelly Korte, Mark Rose, Dan Cook and Natural Resources Officer Ryan Hubert.

City Manager Latham reported we received notification from Madison County that they will contribute \$115,000 towards construction of Bulldog Trail and \$222,000 for a portion of Sharpshooters' Trail.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill #16-06/ORDINANCE Vacating the Portion of Madison Street Lying Southwesterly of the Westerly Line of Deal Street – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #16-06/Ordinance #2717 vacating the portion of Madison Street lying southwesterly of the westerly line of Deal Street as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #16-07/ORDINANCE Regulating Special Events and Enacting Chapter 64 of the Code of Ordinances – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #16-07/Ordinance #2718 regulating special events and enacting Chapter 64 of the Code of Ordinances as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz asked, with this implemented, will you cover those request in your staff report. City Manager Latham responded the council will know publicly when a request has been made. Councilwoman Bellm stated that she previously saw the form. There is liable to be a bit of a learning curve with this process. People may be resistant; however, this is something that needs to be done. I think this is a very good idea. It seems pretty clear and easy to follow. We are doing this for the safety of the community. Chief Bell reported we are meeting with the Jaycees and others involved in Schweizerfest this next week. Councilwoman Bellm pointed out this makes a group that has not put together an event up there before think about what is needed. Chief Bell added all the department heads were involved in this process. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-08/ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 78, Article VII, Division 3, Section 78-732, of the Code of Ordinances (Schedule of FTTP Rates and Charges) to Add Expedited Service Option and After-Hours Call-Out Fee for Residential Customers Only – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #16-08/Ordinance #2719 amending Chapter 78, Article VII, Division 3, Section 78-732, of the Code of Ordinances (Schedule of FTTP Rates and Charges) to add expedited service option and after-hours call-out fee for residential customers only as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz asked if this will only be for people who do not want to wait. City Manager Latham reported we are almost three weeks out for a wait. This provides for, if they want our service, over another provider, to possibly shorten that connection time. If residents are having a service issue, they select Option 2, which will state that there will be charges associated with that assistance. If they chose to continue are going to get a service technician that is on call.

Councilwoman Bellm stated it appears there are two issues. I have a little problem with the expedited option. If I have the extra money and willing to pay additional costs, I can get faster service. I think it is how it is used. If someone is moving and has medical equipment that needs the internet

service for that equipment and cannot wait the three weeks, then I am okay with that. However, if we are doing it to create expediting because they want it and can afford it, then I am uncomfortable with that. City Manager Latham pointed out that installations are a two-person job. The technical issue is one staff member. Councilwoman Bellm expressed something about it just does not feel right. Would we advertise that there is a three-week waiting list, but if you want to be moved to the front of the list you can pay extra? Director Imming explained this is not so much for that. There would only be this additional charge for evening or weekend appointments for install. Some people want the install in the evening or weekend, because it fits into their schedule to have someone there. Councilwoman Bellm stated that makes it more palatable. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz and Nicolaides voted aye, Councilwoman Bellm voted nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #16-09/RESOLUTION Rejecting All Bids Submitted for Bid #E-11-15 for the Poplar Street Fiber Innerduct Installation Project – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #16-09/Resolution #16-02-2363 rejecting all bids submitted for Bid #E-11-15 for the Poplar Street Fiber Innerduct Installation Project as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #PW-06-14 for Construction of New Clarifier at the Water Treatment Plant – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #PW-06-14 for construction of new clarifier at the Water Treatment Plant as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrant #1011 – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Warrant #1011 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Schwarz 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 and Section 2(c)(5) to discuss purchase of real property; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 7:58pm. Council members Nicolaides, Bellm, and Schwarz were present. Also present were City Attorney Long, City Manager Latham, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, Director Peck and City Clerk Bellm.

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

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk