

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 18, 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; Assistant City Manager Peck, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck; Lt. Bloemker, Latzer Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; Ed Cobau, with IMUA; 4 Team Members and 2 Coaches of HHS Fishing Team; HHS Baseball Coaches Hawkins and Weber; 5 citizens; and, one member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Councilman Schwarz abstained. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

**MAYORAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor Michaelis recognized the Highland High School Fishing Teams for their recent accomplishments in the State Fishing Tournament. He stated Coach Rinderer does so well teaching and guiding our students at the high school level. So many of the students go on to have success at the collegiate level and beyond. Coach Rinderer explained there are 400 teams throughout the State of Illinois, with 24 Sectionals throughout the State with 24-28 teams in each. There are twenty-six teams in our Sectional. The top three teams get to move onto the next level. Alex Rebi and Shane Freeman teamed up; Blake Schumaker and Camden DeFrain; and Colton Brown with Scott Stockman, These tournaments are eight hours of really hard work. After two days of a tournament, the guys are exhausted. I have a lot of cross athletes that say they are more exhausted after a fishing tournament than any other sport. Councilwoman Bellm asked how do you win a tournament. Coach Rinderer explained you catch five “keepers”, which length must be at least twelve-inches long. The weight of all five fish is the how the team wins. So, once you catch five fish, you keep trying to catch larger fish to increase your weight. Councilwoman Bellm asked if they keep and eat any of the fish caught. Mr. Rinderer replied no we have to turn them back in.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Ed Cobau, of the IL Municipal Utilities Association, thanked the council for the opportunity to be here tonight to present this to Miss Laine Hendrix, one of four finalist in the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association’s 2016 Scholarship Program essay competition. Miss Hendrix is the third winner from the City of Highland in the sixteen years. Her essay had the second highest votes. Mr. Cobau presented a \$500 Scholarship Check to Miss Laine Hendrix, a 2016 graduate of Highland High School.

## PUBLIC FORUM

### Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*2016 Homecoming Parade Street Closure Request* – Kim Etter, HHS Homecoming Parade Committee Chairperson, presented to the council information on the plans for this year's high school homecoming parade. She explained the first page provides my contact information, and general information about the event, which is planned for Wednesday, September 28, 2016, with a parade starting at 6:30pm, from the Highland Elementary Facilities on Lindenthal and heads west on Lindenthal to Washington Street, and ends at the Downtown Square. The second page details our line up. We use signage, barricades and volunteers to direct the flow of traffic. After the parade, we request the use of the Downtown Square and facilities. Director Bell contacted me, while I was on vacation, so I will be contacting him. Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the request to hold the Highland High School Homecoming Parade, on September 28, 2016, and use of the area around Four Diamonds and the elementary school for line up, and use of the Downtown Square facilities, as request; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*2016 Kirchenfest Request* – Blake Kohlbrecher, 2016 Kirchenfest Chairman, requested permission for St. Paul's Church to host the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Kirchenfest. This year, we will begin the event on Friday evening. The event is one of the largest in southern Illinois and attended by people from all over the metro area. This year's event will feature a 10K, 5K, and 2K run/walk; mega flea market; live auction; family-style chicken dinner; a 25-mile timed bike ride; and, several bands to compliment the food, drinks and other entertainment options. We will provide proof of insurance, with the City of Highland listed as additional insured. Mr. Kohlbrecher requested permission for use do the streets, support from the fire, EMS, electric and water departments, as in past years, to support the event. Councilman Schwarz motioned to approve the request to hold the St. Paul's Kirchenfest, on August 26-28, 2016, including shutting down the streets for the runs, and assistance as provided in the past, per request; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilwoman Bellm asked if all the forms have been turned in. City Manager Latham replied yes. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

### Requests of Council:

Councilwoman Bellm stated she read an article in "8-Count Audio", which is a dance magazine, that has an article in it raving about Highland's High School Dance Team. It is wonderful to see the publicity, and it is a fantastic article.

### Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham recognized the police, electric and street departments for all their work and the long hours put in during the recent storms and clean-up efforts.

## NEW BUSINESS

Bill 16-72/ORDINANCE Approving Assignment of Second Renewed Lease of Land Between the City and Ronald Law and Nina Law to Peggy Price - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill 16-72/Ordinance #2745 approving assignment of second renewed lease of land between the City and Ronald Law and Nina Law to Peggy Price as attached; seconded Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #16-73/ORDINANCE Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with the HCUSD #5 Board of Education Concerning the City's Donation of Existing Baseball Scoreboard on Optimist Field in Glik Park to the School District for Use on the HHS Junior Varsity Field - Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #16-73/Ordinance #2746 approving Intergovernmental Agreement with the HCUSD #5 Board of Education concerning the city's donation of existing baseball scoreboard on Optimist Field in Glik Park to the School District for use on the HHS Junior Varsity Field as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Mayor Michaelis noted we are very honored to have several of the HHS ball coaches here tonight with us. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-74/RESOLUTION Accepting Public Utilities Easements Deed from Matthew T. Haar – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #16-74/Resolution #16-07-2401 accepting Public Utilities Easements Deed from Matthew T. Haar as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #E-05-16 for the Purchase of Lighting for the HHS Tennis Courts – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #E-05-16 for the purchase of lighting for the HHS Tennis Courts as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrants #1027 & #1028 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrants #1027 & #1028 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. 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; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 7:37pm. Council members Nicolaides, Bellm and Schwarz were present. Councilman Frey was absent. Also present were City Attorney Long, City Manager Latham, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, and City Clerk Bellm.

Mayor Michaelis stated 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 councilmembers voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk