

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Councilman Schwarz was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Directors Conrad, Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Slover; EMS/Fire Chief Wilson, Coordinator Hubbard, B&Z Administrator Speraneo, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, Library Director Kim, and 36 citizens.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2019 Special Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Michaelis opened the public hearing to receive comments on final adoption of the Budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Hearing no one wishing to comment. Mayor Michaelis closed the public hearing.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Michaelis recognized Rick Ringwald for his service on the Police and Fire Commission. Police & Fire Commission Chairman Terry Remelius stated Rick came on the commission at the same time in 2013. He was a little apprehensive as me and the other members of the board had some background in law enforcement, but he input was very valuable to us. Rick will be moving outside the city limits. I am sure with some gerrymandering we could get that in, but I am not going to advocate that.

PINNING CEREMONY

Interim Chief Brian Wilson called forth the following recently promoted members of Highland Fire Department to receive their new badges: Captain Chris Durbin, 24-year member was

promoted from Lieutenant, and his badge pinned on by his wife, Tracy; Lieutenant Dan Tollman, 16-years, pinned by wife, Tiffany; Lieutenant Steve Durbin, 29-years, pinned by Mary Hammond; Lieutenant Ty Barr, 13 years, pinned by his wife Erin; and Lieutenant Travis Knebel, 13-years, pinned by his wife Amy.

Chief Wilson reported first of two new trucks is parked outside in front of Fire Station #1. We will be moving it around to the alley, behind City Hall, in a few minutes for everyone to take a closer look.

Public Safety Director Chris Conrad reported that Brian Wilson has been serving as interim EMS & Fire Chief for some time. We are changing that. Effective May 1, Brian Wilson will be Emergency Services Chief for City of Highland.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming April 19, 2019 Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day. Those accepting the proclamation were Rachel and Bill VonHatten, along with Tucker, a CDH survivor and his big brother, and Amanda Korte, with her son, Barrett, a CDH survivor.

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Highland. Jules Branger, representing A.B.A.T.E., stated A.B.A.T.E. stands for A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education. Our goal as a group is to keep an eye on motorcycle laws and get the word out for motorists to watch out for autonomous vehicles, whether motorcycles or bicycles.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Mayor Michaelis reported, Mark, Mallord and I attended a very large banquet at the Ritz Carlton, last Friday, to receive The Shining Light Award from Paraquad. Only three cities received awards; Highland was one. Next month, in the Highland Highlights, we share an article together regarding the All Abilities Playground. Be with us on June 1, at Rinderer Park, as we have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the playground. If it rains, we will have this held the next day, Sunday, June 2. He asked Mallord to work to help promote this event area-wide with the media. He asked Director Rosen to reflect on last Friday evening. Director Rosen reported I had the pleasure of sitting next the wife of Paraquad's founder. The six-degrees of separation came into play, as she had done her clinicals at St. Joseph Hospital. It was a very emotional evening. Mayor Michaelis asked when the playground would be completely finished. Director Rosen reported the roundabout/merry-go-round would be in place by this fall. The goal is to have all the other features in place by June 1. Mayor Michaelis asked how the fundraiser is going. Director Rosen stated the Disney Grant was a feather in our cap. Then there was the individual \$100-\$200 donations and even the \$2 donations sent in anonymously, from as far away as Indiana, plus the organizations that did fundraisers. We are around \$125,000 raised to date. In speaking with different ones at the Paraquad event, they were very impressed that we had adopted a citywide ADA comprehensive plan.

Memorial Day Parade and Band Funding Request – Kate Broadhurst, Chairperson for the Memorial Day Parade requested permission for VFW Post 5694 and American Legion Post 439

requested On May 26, 12:00pm-12:30pm we do a salute at Rinderer Park. We would like to invite the public to attend. We are asking for permission for the Memorial Day Parade, which will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019. We would like to ask for assistance in paying for the high school band for the parade and event. Additionally, we ask for the Chief and police department's assistance with traffic control. Ms. Broadhurst invited Mayor Michaelis and Chief Conrad to participate in the parade and the ceremony at the VFW Hall, which will begin at 2:00pm. Councilwoman Bellm asked what time the parade begins. Ms. Broadhurst replied 1:00pm. Mayor Michaelis asked if they are still accepting donations for bricks at the Veterans' Memorial. Ms. Broadhurst stated we are. We have plenty of places to put bricks and we will be working towards a bench to honor POWs. Mayor Michaelis asked Ms. Broadhurst to explain the brick program. Kate reported there are three price levels for bricks: 12x12 grey granite, \$300; 8x8 brick, \$135; and, 4x8 bricks, \$100. I have a beautiful picture of the memorial from atop, thanks to a camera located atop a bucket truck. It really is impressive. Mayor Michaelis asked, if someone wants to purchase a brick, what they would put on it. Kate stated I put my family's name, which was Haisler, and their first name, division and dates served. A few from the churches just say, "Thank you Veterans". Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the request to hold the Memorial Day Parade and a donation of \$200 to offset the cost of the high school band as requested; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Ainad Shriners' Circus Request – Mayor Michaelis noted since they are requesting services, someone should be here to make that request. Deputy City Clerk Hediger noted she did not meet with them, but did notify them this would be on the agenda for this evening. Mayor Michaelis stated since there is no financial requests, but only services; and this is being held the same as last year's event, we can go forward with it. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the Ainad Shriners' request to host a circus on June 3, 2019, at the Madison County Fairgrounds as per Special Event requested; seconded by Councilman Frey. Mayor Michaelis noted they have requested an ambulance onsite, 220 electric hookups, and traffic control for this event. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Tom Friedrich, 5 Quail Drive, spoke on behalf of his neighborhood. He stated that ever since closure of Veterans' Honor Parkway at Broadway, it has created a problem for our neighborhood. People have learned they can cut down Meadowlark to Quail to get to the north side of Iberg. The signs originally stated for local traffic and there were barricades. With those moved, it has opened up the subdivision for through traffic. It is making it very busy and unsafe. We have 20-25 kids playing out along the streets when the weather is nice. Just today, we had several dump trucks, a propane truck, and construction trucks cutting through the neighborhood. Can someone please look at this? This is something the engineering firm did not realize was going to happen. If the barricades could be put back up at Michael Road and Veterans' Honor Parkway, I think it would help a lot.

Mayor Michaelis asked Director Gillespie how long you anticipate the north side closed. Public Works Director Joe Gillespie reported we anticipate sometime middle of summer before they switch sides. Mayor Michaelis asked Chief Conrad to look into this. Mr. Friedrich stated we do not expect it to be totally blocked off. I do not know what the speed limit for residential streets are, but if we could lower that also. It just seems like the traffic is too fast. Mayor Michaelis reported the lowest is 30mp by state statue. We cannot go lower than that. Public Safety Director Conrad stated, in addition to signage, we should be able to put a data collector to see if the signage and other things we do are working. Mayor Michaelis asked that they get Mr. Friedrich's information and take a sergeant out there to look at the situation.

Requests of Council:

No further requests or comments were made.

Staff Reports:

No reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Appointment of Lee Rinderer to the Police and Fire Commission – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Lee Rinderer to the Police and Fire Commission, to fill the remainder of Rick Ringwald's term, to expire June 2021 as requested; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Mayor Michaelis swore in Lee Rinderer to the Police and Fire Commission, as Chairman Remelius and Director Conrad witnessed.

Approve Mayor's Appointments to the Industrial Development Commission – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's re-appointments of Jon Greve, Diane Korte-Lindsey, Ryan Goodwin, and the appointments of Marshall Rinderer and James Meridith to the Industrial Development Commission, for one-year terms, as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Mayor's Reappointment of Darren Twyford to the Police Pension Board – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the mayor's reappointment of Darren Twyford to the Police Pension Board for a two-year term, to expire May 1, 2021 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #19-43/ORDINANCE Amending Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #19-43/Ordinance #2926 amending Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #19-44/ORDINANCE Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #19-44/Ordinance #2927 adopting budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #19-45/ORDINANCE Declaring Modular Office Partitions and Attachments Surplus Property and Authorizing Their Sale or Disposal – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #19-45/Ordinance #2928 declaring modular office partitions and attachments surplus property and authorizing their sale or disposal as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #19-46/ORDINANCE Repealing and Replacing Chapter 20, Public Rights-of-Way, Article III – Regulation of and Application For Attachments to City of Highland Utility Poles – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #19-46/Ordinance #2929 repealing and replacing Chapter 20, Public Rights-of-Way, Article III – Regulation of and Application for Attachments to City of Highland Utility Poles as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilwoman Bellm asked for clarification. Light & Power Director Dan Cook reported we made the pole attachment ordinance not too long ago. Our first applicant was Ameren. Their legal team scoured it and we allowed them some liberties. Basically, there were only clerical changes for everyone to understand. Councilwoman Bellm questioned this applies to anyone that wants to attach something to our poles.

Director Cook replied that is correct. Even if you want to put a security camera on a pole in your backyard, you must comply with this ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. .

Bill #19-47/RESOLUTION Authorizing City to Enter Proposal for Professional Architectural Services with FGM Architects for Facility Audit of Existing Aquatic Facility – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #19-47/Resolution #19-04-2612 authorizing City to enter proposal for professional architectural services with FGM Architects for facility audit of existing aquatic facility as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Mayor Michaelis asked Director Rosen to come up and speak on this. A short time back, this proposal was brought before the council and this was turned down. We have a very, very, great organization in this community with the Highland Splash Swim Team, which swims competitively against other communities. We have a lot of people that come to Highland for those meets. I have asked Director Rosen to discuss what we lose if we just keep continuing to repair the existing pool. City Manager Latham added the council should consider us moving forward on this. What it is going to cost us to continue to repair the existing pool and what happens if we are unable to open the pool or keep it operating through the summer. Director Rosen reported we had Randy Rinderer and his crew down there, last year. The fact is the pipes are shot. We have to have an idea of what to do next. Eventually, it will come to the point where the state health department is not going to allow us to open it up. We have to figure out what the cost is going to be to construction a new pool facility. The 1980 was the last renovation done. If we do not leave the water on, the water level is down about eight-inches each morning.

Councilwoman Bellm stated I have no problem with this. I think this should have been the first step before presenting \$38,000 for a feasibility study. I think it is wise to look at what the cost is going to be. What I objected to was designing something that we do not know how we are going to pay for. I am not opposed to this, if we have a means to pay for. I do not know where the money is going to come from, at this point. The other thing objected to was paying to look at where to put it. One place talked about was putting it out by the hospital. If you talk to nine out of ten people, they will say ‘not out there.’ Look at putting a new pool at the current location. I think looking at this based upon cost versus location. Mayor Michaelis noted Councilman Schwarz spoke his objection, at that time, because he felt this was something we should look at doing in-house. That is not something we can do in-house, because we are not qualified to do it in-house. Mayor Michaelis asked Finance Director Kelly Korte when the bonds for the Korte Rec Center (KRC) will be paid off. Director Korte replied October 2020. This will be the last full budget year. Councilwoman Bellm expressed I would like to see some of the funds used towards new pool; however, the KRC needs some attention, so funds need to stay there. Councilman Frey stated I agree with everything that has been said. \$38,000 for a feasibility was my objection. I think this audit is money better spent to tell us where to place it and the costs we are looking at. I agree that when the KRC bond is paid off, the money needs to be used on the KRC. If there are additional funds available, we can use it towards this. Director Rosen stated if any improvements are going to be made to the pool, the Illinois Health Department is going to have to give their blessing. Councilman Frey expressed I do not know how to say build it, but not have the funding for it. Councilwoman Bellm stated we need to look at improvements to keep it going for this year and next year, and at the same time, look at where to locate a new pool. We also have to find funding for this. Councilman Frey agreed I think we have to do this, put some money into a new pool, and continue to look at ways to fund a new pool while we determine where to build the pool.

City Manager Latham stated I am continually asked what we are trying to do to get the community to grow. Saying that we have a swimming pool with slides and zero-depth entry, along with the All Abilities Playground are things that attract growth. Do you want to invest money into a pool that is not what fits the desires of families? I was fortunate to build the first aquatic center in

Arkansas. While we had to move it from the downtown parks area, it was and still is a facility that people take pride in. What we have out there right now is a babysitting place. When people come in, they go through the bath house/locker to enter the pool. They look around and say how atrocious it is. You want a family pool. This is a good start to figure out what we have to work with. We know what we had to deal with, last year. With the bad winter, who knows what we have. Mayor Michaelis agreed this should have been done the first time. I want everyone to be aware of what the swim team brings to the community. He asked Chief Conrad what that means to the community, as his daughter participates. Chief Conrad reported it means 150 kids for five days a week for eight weeks. With five swim meets hosted there per year, there is a lot of families coming in for the meets for different communities. Conference meets have about 1,500 people in attendance. Mayor Michaelis inquired kids that participate are not just Highland citizens. Chief Conrad reported that is correct and we advertise in Triad's school district, as well, with kids also from Edwardsville. The Splash program have YMCA national swimmers to kids that never swam competitive before. Director Rosen added we also have six full weeks of swim lessons, with people as far away as Collinsville coming in. Councilman Frey stated no doubt that this is a worthwhile cause. I will support building one when we can figure out where to find the funds to do so. Councilwoman Bellm agreed. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #19-48/RESOLUTION Approving Change Order #1, Submitted by Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc., for PW-02-18 the Water Main Improvements 2018 project – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #19-48/Resolution #19-04-2613 approving Change Order #1, submitted by Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc., for PW-02-18 the Water Main Improvements 2018 project, for an addition of \$77,743.93 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Frey noted this is considerably more than what we first approved. Do we have the money? Director Gillespie replied we do. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Approve Warrant #1127 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #1127 as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Michaelis introduced newly elected Councilman-Elect John Hipskin.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to temporarily adjourn this regular session to enter into executive session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) to discuss approval of executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 8:31pm. Council members Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Councilman Schwarz was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, and City Clerk Bellm.

Mayor Michaelis stated that nothing discussed in Executive Session would be acted upon tonight.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Frey. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Joseph R. Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk