

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Due to the City's COVID-19 Response, Mayor Michaelis and Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm were present via phone. Councilman Hipskind was absent. Others present via phone: City Attorney McGinley, Directors Conrad, Cook, Gillespie, Imming, Rosen, and Speraneo, Chief Wilson, Coordinator Hubbard, Deputy City Clerk Von Hatten, and City Clerk Bellm. City Manager Latham and Deputy City Clerk Hediger were present in Council Chambers.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

BID OPENING

Mayor Michaelis noted that sealed bids for the sale of property located at 1213 13th Street were to be received up until 3:00pm today. City Manager Latham reported no bids were received. Mayor Michaelis asked what we do next. City Manager Latham stated we might come back in another sixty days and advertise it again. Some people expressed interest, but felt the price was too high. City Manager Latham it must be sold for eighty-percent of the appraised value.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Deputy City Clerk Hediger reported there were no requests, comments called in, or emails submitted via the website.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported there has been a little bit of change to the Governor's Executive Order. Based on that, we have been working through the guidance of City Attorney McGinley, getting approval of insurance and moving forward with Fourth of July fireworks, which will begin at 9:15pm, on July 4. Our highest priority is the safety of our citizens. We are going to be closing Glik Park and the restrooms at the park, so that there is no congregating. They will shoot the fireworks off a little higher so people can see them from other areas, be it in their car or outside their car in different areas. We are excited about having that. Councilwoman Bellm asked we would not handle parking. City Manager Latham replied no, Glik Park will not be open for parking. Councilwoman Bellm questioned they will not taking donations as in years past. City Manager Latham replied that is correct.

The pool is being allowed to be opened. At the outdoor pool, right now, we are allowing the swim team in, as it has to be in certain groups and for lap swimming. We really believe we will go into Phase 4 on June 26, so we will be allowed to open up to groups of fifty. The KRC pool opened up today, under some strict guidelines. Primarily lap swimming and walking in water for therapy, and aquarobics for groups of 10 or less. The good thing about outdoor pool, with the swim team, they purchase a season pass and it does not require a lot of lifeguard expenses.

IDOT opened bids for Broadway Streetscape. Stutz Contracting, the same one that did the last roundabout project, will be the contractor. We would like to see them move forward with that and are hopeful they can do it while we have a lot of dry weather.

The Daley Discovery Playground is completed now. Director Rosen has done a wonderful job at finding financing for the project. Director Rosen reported not knowing when Phase 4 will allow it to open, we are hopeful to have it 100% as far as apparatuses at that time.

City Manager Latham reported Megan Von Hatten was sworn in on May 29, 2020 as Deputy City Clerk. She will be assisting Deputy City Clerk Lana Hediger.

Mayor Michaelis inquired with Glik Park closed for the fireworks; we keep Koepfli up to the city cemetery open to allow for parking in city cemetery. City Manager Latham expressed I am not sure we want anyone parking in the cemetery. We typically close off Frank Watson Parkway just before the cemetery for safety reasons. Will advertise closing of Glik Park in The Pioneer and other social media with details of the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Potential Sale of 1213 13th Street – Mayor Michaelis stated as just discussed we did not receive any bids. Bids for sale of property must be at eighty-percent of appraisal price. In talking with Chief Conrad, years ago, the building trades program for the high school would build a home. We may be able to utilize the lots for that program. City Manager Latham reported Breann sent info on three properties that they could utilize for the program, but they have not responded. Director Speraneo stated I have been notifying the school district on each of these projects. Councilwoman Bellm expressed if we cannot sell it, is it possible to donate it to the school. City Attorney McGinley advised I am not sure how we can give property away. We must advertise and take bids for at least three times before we can sell in another manner. It may be a matter of sitting on it for a little bit. This property is tapped up with sewer and water ready to go. We could draft another resolution and go a different route after some time.

Approve Mayor's Reappointment of Linda Montayne to the Tree Commission – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's reappointment of Linda Montayne to the Tree Commission, for an additional two-year term, to expire June 15, 2022 as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Mayor's Reappointment of Joshua Short, Nancy Genteman, and Marshall Rinderer to the Library Board of Trustees – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the mayor's reappointment of Joshua Short, Nancy Genteman, and Marshall Rinderer to the Library Board of Trustees, for terms to expire June 30, 2022 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #20-77/RESOLUTION Declaring End Date of July 1, 2020 for Proclamation of Emergency Pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-299, of The City Of Highland Code of Ordinances, Emergency Management Authority Pursuant to 20 ILCS 3305 *Et Seq.* of The Emergency Management Agency Act, and Authority Granted by 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5 of The Illinois Municipal Code, in Response to COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Pandemic – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #20-77/Resolution #20-06-2721 declaring end date of July 1, 2020 for Proclamation of Emergency Pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-299, of The City of Highland Code of Ordinances, Emergency Management Authority pursuant to 20 ILCS 3305 *Et Seq.* of The Emergency Management Agency Act, and authority granted by 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5 of The Illinois Municipal Code, in response to COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Pandemic as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #20-78/RESOLUTION Accepting and Approving City of Highland Temporary Outdoor Space Application for Ninth Street Café During COVID-19 Executive Order Period – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #20-78/Resolution #20-06-2722 accepting and approving City of Highland Temporary Outdoor Space Application for Ninth Street Café during COVID-19 Executive Order Period as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #20-79/ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 3015 and Other Related Matters Concerning the Borrowing of Funds from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Program – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #20-79/Ordinance #3022 amending Ordinance No. 3015 and other related matters concerning the borrowing of funds from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Program as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #20-80/ORDINANCE Authorizing and Directing The Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property of The City of Highland, Illinois (Refuse Dumpsters) – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #20-80/Ordinance #3023 authorizing and directing the sale of certain surplus personal property of The City of Highland, Illinois (Refuse Dumpsters) as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #20-81/RESOLUTION Accepting Completed Dedicated Subdivision Improvements for Carbay Crest Subdivision, Phase 2 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #20-81/Resolution #20-06-2723 accepting completed dedicated subdivision improvements for Carbay Crest Subdivision, Phase 2 as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #20-82/RESOLUTION Approving the Final Plat of Carbay Crest Subdivision, Phase 2 – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #20-82/Resolution #20-06-2724 approving the Final Plat of Carbay Crest Subdivision, Phase 2 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid # BZ-04-20, Asbestos Abatement of 1201 Broadway – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid # BZ-04-20, Asbestos Abatement of 1201 Broadway as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Mayor Michaelis asked City Manager Latham to discuss this. Director Breann Speraneo explained any time we have a commercial or residential property that will be used for commercial property it must be tested for asbestos. Quality Testing performed the testing and showed it does have asbestos. There is not a lot of asbestos, it is

primarily around the windows and some other areas, which needs to be abated before we demo the structure. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Approve Warrants #1168 & 1169 – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Warrants #1168 & #1169 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Frey. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Joseph R. Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk