

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021**

Mayor Hemann called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Frey, Bellm, and Hipskind were present. Councilwoman Sloan was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Directors Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Vazquez, Police Chief Becherer, EMS/Fire Chief Wilson, Coordinator Hubbard, Treasurer Nicolaides, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 5 citizens, and 1 member of news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

St. Paul Catholic School Back – To – School Night –Special Event Application – Stephanie Goodwin requested permission for closure of the 1400 block of Main Street, on Monday, August 14, 2021. Councilman Frey made a motion to approve St. Paul Catholic School's request for the closure of 1400 block of Main Street, on Monday August 14, 2021, from 5pm to 9pm, as requested. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm.

Mary Ottis thanked the City for continued support of the Muny Band. I love it and many of us citizens appreciate it. Last month, the council approved the Sanders' Waste contract. At that meeting, Councilman Frey mentioned they had gotten sloppy in their work. Ms. Ottis stated they provide a very important and difficult service for the community. In 2017, I gave a presentation to a group of Madison County women's groups about recycling. She showed a copy of the flyer she used to show what is allowed and what is not allowed. She noted it is important that people keep items, loose, clean and dry, and flatten cardboard. I am 75 years old; if I can use a box cutter, so can a lot of other people. However, people just throw out their boxes and do not cut them down. In Edwardsville, trash is one time per week and one container; and, recycling is every other week. If it does not fit into the container, it is not picked up. Yard waste is an extra charge. This type of service is becoming more popular. We are fortunate that we can have additional recycle bins allowed for free. I do not have to need to drive down alleys to see that people just through their stuff out to the curb. People need to take some responsibility. The Sanders' employees have a manual and very physical job. They are doing us a service. Ms. Ottis stated my personal thing is that I like to tip them and remember them at Christmas. We need to be more considerate and responsible. Don't put your trash out four days before the pickup date.

Mayor Hemann agreed the Muny Band and the addition of the Thursday night concerts have been a great. He added the information about the trash and recycling is very informative. Mrs. Ottis emphasized we need to help educate the community. Councilwoman Bellm suggested putting a flyer of what can and cannot go into the recycling and how it should be, in with the monthly utility billings.

John Kapp expressed what a week we had at the fair. The weather was great. Seeing all the people was great. People were coming up complimenting on what a beautiful park and community we have. I collected the aluminum cans at the fair; I am going to do this at Schweizerfest. Councilwoman Bellm asked how the crowds was. Mr. Kapp stated they were great. Hard to get around the people sometimes. It was a little hot those first few days, but still good crowds. Friday night, the traffic backed up through the roundabout. I was wondering if there was a Christmas parade again. Mr. Kapp expressed this going out is really fun. It is exciting to see everyone again.

Requests & Comments of Council:

No requests or comments presented by the council.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Conrad reported the Combined Planning & Zoning CP&Z meeting has been cancelled. The applicant removed the only item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Award Bids #22-00000-00-GM, for MFT Maintenance Materials – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to award Bids #22-00000-00-GM for MFT Maintenance Materials as follows: CA-6 Aggregate, to Mike A. Maedge Trucking, Inc., in the amount of \$8,350.00; CA-7 Aggregate, to Mike A. Maedge Trucking, Inc., in the amount of \$4,996.00; Grit (CM-13 Slag), Beelman Logistics, LLC, \$288.00; Seal Coat Furnished & Delivered to Beelman Logistics, LLC, \$33,250.00; MC-800 Prime, Furnished & Applied, Don Anderson Co., Inc., \$28,905.20; HFRS-2 – Emulsion, Furnished & Applied, Don Anderson Co., Inc., \$55,200.00; and, Seal Coat Aggregate Hauled and Spread awarded to DeLaurent Construction Co., Inc., \$36,050.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-129/RESOLUTION Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirement and Authorizing Purchase of Itron Electric Meters from Anixter Power Solutions, LLC – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #21-129/Resolution #21-08-2859 waiving competitive bidding requirement and authorizing purchase of Itron Electric Meters from Anixter Power Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$27,820.00 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Mayor Hemann voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #21-130/RESOLUTION Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirement and Authorizing the Purchase of an Altec Forestry Truck for the Light and Power Department – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #21-130/Resolution #21-08-2860 waiving competitive bidding requirement and authorizing the purchase of an Altec Forestry Truck for the Light and Power Department, in the amount of \$163,324.00 from Altec Industries as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Mayor Hemann voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #21-131/RESOLUTION Approving Owner Change Order Number Eleven for the Highland Public Safety Building, and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirement – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #21-131/Resolution #21-08-2861 approving Owner Change Order Number Eleven for the Highland Public Safety Building, and waiving competitive bidding requirement as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Mayor Hemann voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #21-132/RESOLUTION Approving Owner Change Order Number Twelve for the Highland Public Safety Building, and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirement – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #21-132/Resolution #21-08-2862 approving Owner Change Order Number Twelve, in the amount of \$47,403.63 for the Highland Public Safety Building, and waiving competitive bidding requirement as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Mayor Hemann voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #21-133/ RESOLUTION Approving Request for Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act – Mayor Hemann asked for this item be tabled. City Attorney McGinley advised this should be pulled from the table so that it may be re-drafted. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to remove Bill #21-133 from the agenda; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Accepting Expenditures Report #1200 for July 17, 2021 through July 30, 2021 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to accept Expenditures Report #1200 for July 17, 2021 through July 30, 2021 as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to temporarily adjourn this regular session to enter into executive session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) for discussion the approval of executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Open Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:20pm.

Mayor Hemann reconvened the Regular Session at 7:26pm. Council members Hipskind, Bellm, and Frey were present. Councilwoman Sloan was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney McGinley, Deputy City Clerk Hediger and City Clerk Bellm.

Mayor Hemann stated nothing discussed in Executive Session would be acted upon in Open Session this evening.

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

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk