

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021**

Mayor Hemann called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Sloan, Bellm, and Hipskind were present. Councilman Frey was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Imming, and Korte, Police Chief Becherer, Coordinator Hubbard, Treasurer Nicolaides, Deputy City Clerks Hediger and VonHatten, City Clerk Bellm, 52 citizens and two members of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Deputy City Clerk Lana Hediger read into record Public Comments received via email:

From Cheryl Mueller: 'The telecommunicators are essential to the health and safety for the citizens of Highland and the surrounding fire protection districts they serve.'

Veterans Day Parade – Special Event Application – Lenny Gall, along with Kenny Kapp and John Kapp who were present representing Moose Lodge #2479 requested permission for the Veterans' Day Parade and ceremony in coordination with V.F.W. Post #5694 and American Legion Post #439 on Sunday, November 14, 2021. The parade will start at 1:30pm, beginning at the intersection of Olive Street and Main Street, then proceeding west on Main Street to the Square. The parade will be followed by a brief ceremony on the Square. We have asked the mayor to participate and to read proclamation at the ceremony. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Moose Lodge #2479 request to sponsor the Veterans' Day Parade and use of the Square on Sunday, November 14, 2021 as requested; seconded by Councilman Hipskind. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Veterans Day Honor Run – Special Event Application – Jesse Johnson, Representative, requesting special running for Madison County Sheriff – looking for ways to get the word out and meet people. He is a veteran. So, I suggested holding a 5K or 10K run with food vendors at Lindenthal Park. We estimate about 150 people at the event. Councilwoman Bellm noted it is my understanding we may need to do some tweaking on the run route. Police Chief Becherer responded yes, we do not have enough manpower for the route that is proposed. We will work with them to get a workable route. Councilwoman Bellm proposed tabling this request until the next meeting when the route is established.

Highland Police Department Telecommunicators – Courtney Yearian, Representative, stated while it has taken nearly eight months, only one conversation has taken place before the council with us and before a new chief has been put into place. I am really wondering is that how you want to operate as a council. As state the city's website, 'the heart of the police department is the communication center.'

‘Our mission is to serve the community for the good of the community’ and our vision is ‘to create the “area’s best community” whereby a safe, small town atmosphere is preserved and quality of life is sustained by a financially sound and efficient government for all the people.’ This does not have to happen. State law only governs the 911 dispatch services. We are talking about only non-emergency services. We will not be forced to consolidate if we do not make this decision now. The decision to base it with Madison County has not been thoroughly discussed. No one at the police department was involved in this process. It was stated that the average calls were down to two calls per hour. We are not a call center. The number of calls should not matter. It is about quality not quantity.

It was also depicted that we would be incapable of handling two dispatch centers. It has never caused liability issues as alluded to in staff report. We have this scenario with Grantfork Fire District; it depends on where the incident is located. The case of Coleman v East Joliet reference is irrelevant. East Joliet is a Chicago suburb with a population that exceeds us. The call in the case involved a blind transfer, which is a transferred to another dispatch without providing information. A footnote in that case is that four EF2 tornadoes had just rolled through area, so things had become chaotic. The case has been referenced as single deciding factor for not having a dispatch center. Not having someone in the police department provides more liability than two dispatch centers. It has been called a second point of failure; I argue it provides strength.

Mrs. Yearian stated there might be an initial cost saving, but long-term savings is not guaranteed. Reconsider what the \$475,000 saves, if you factor in the work and costs taken on by other departments and positions. Money has been carelessly spent on the public safety facility. The cost of wages and projected salary increases used in the cost analysis does not provide a true picture. Factor that gains the salary of the city manager and increases they have received. To reiterate a question posed at the last meeting: The two telecommunicators added to the list of employees receiving compensation over \$75,000 per year was due to the cost of insurance. Is saving the costs of two telecommunicators justification for the health and safety of first responders and the community? There will be no one at the public safety facility 24/7. The only coverage for our area will be lumped with the county. The long-term consolidation effect will create unpredictable costs. With no one at police department 24/7, it is no longer a safe haven for custody exchanges and online transaction exchanges. After-hour services for JULIE locates provides more work.

The fact is 911 Consolidation is not happening any time soon. Right now, the deadline is 12/31/2022. Other communities will be keeping dispatchers following 911 Consolidation. \$476,000 puts a value on the lives of those needing our help in our community and our first responders. Most importantly, no one in police department supports this. I am not so naive that I cannot see when hard decisions need to be made. As you make your decision tonight, think about what is the heart of the Highland police department and community. You can waste money on how many things or support the community. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Councilman Hipskind expressed I take issue with the fact that you save we have not done our research. Just because we have only had it on the open agenda, one time prior, does not mean we take this lightly. I have researched this and I have had many conversations with people on this issue.

Mayor Hemann pointed out that 911 Consolidation is state mandated. The issue remaining is what to do with the non-emergency calls. City Manager Conrad reported us, Troy and Madison are the only ones left to consolidate and I do not know what their plans are. I have not talked to those departments or agencies. I have been focused on ours. Of those that I spoke with, the only one that has kept their dispatch is Chatham. I have contacted lawyers, police chiefs, and the State 911 Coordinator to find out what their experiences have been in the process. The new public safety facility was intended to service police, fire and EMS and it is set up to serve those agencies for 50-60 years. The space for the

dispatch area was shrunk to 312 sq. ft., in knowing that 911 Consolidate was coming. It will have a public facing service area. We are planning to model how we handle the needs of the community like other communities are doing it.

Councilwoman Sloan asked what have other communities done to handle their non-emergency calls. City Manager Conrad reported when someone calls 911 they talk to trained 911 dispatcher, by county-trained dispatchers. They will have contact with our police, fire, and EMS departments. We are looking at options in the communications area, which are technology-based for non-emergency calls. I do want to point out that we are not denigrating the services provided by these employees. This is a decision that has not come lightly. It is a very difficult thing to do it. However, I cannot make a recommendation to lose officers in order to keep some dispatch.

Mayor Hemann noted that on the agenda, for the council to approve, is a memorandum authorizing you to work with Madison County for the 911 emergency dispatching services. What are we going to do to help those dispatchers if we do not have a non-emergency dispatch center? City Manager Conrad reported we have reached out the PSAP and we have asked to refer our trained employees over to them. That means, Greenville (Bond County), O'Fallon, or Glen Carbon (Madison County). We are looking at a civilian police agent, to assist with tasks and additional requirements in reporting that will be needed under the criminal justice reform, and we are working on consolidation of purchasing for citywide purchases, as well as receptionist positions. Councilwoman Sloan asked if someone walks into the police department, there would still be someone there. City Manager Conrad responded during daytime hours. The Memorandum of Understanding that is on the agenda authorizes me to work out details with another governmental agency towards an agreement. Councilman Hipskind clarified while we are making decision that tonight this is not the agreement to move it to Madison County. Additionally, there is 911 Consolidation of emergency calls, which state mandated. By taking away 911 emergency calls, they would be left with clerical and receptionist positions. That combined with the court case decision makes it untenable to keep non-emergency dispatch. Even though state law does not regulate what we do with the non-emergency calls, it leaves behind enough not make it worth keeping non-emergency dispatch and a liability.

Courtney Yearian pointed out that losing 911 means not enough to sustain dispatch. Based upon calls non-emergency to emergency, to say 97% of our workload remaining after 911 goes away. Other agencies have not been contacted. You should be reaching out to those that have not consolidated to find out their position. While calls going to Madison County, which are handled by trained professional, there is the value we have, as people who live in this community. We have knowledge of the city which is far beyond the service that they can provide. They are providing to areas as far away as Alton and Granite City. Those are points I want to clarify from our side. While you have done research, you do not understand all the things that go into these positions to support what we provide to this community. It took me a year to feel comfortable in this position.

Paula Lawson stated I worked for the city in 1990s as a volunteer EMT. I have also worked in Greenville. Do not do this to them. Currently at Barnes, they outsource their IT. In 2011, my husband had a heart attack. If you had 911 go to Collinsville, they would not have known where to go. Dispatchers help your police, fire and EMS responders. I cannot tell you how often I have to call support, which is located in India. It takes them so much time to just gather the basic information with each call, because they don't know us personally. Mayor Hemann pointed out 911 is being consolidated by State of Illinois. We are trying to follow the law. 911 Consolidation is going to happen. The question remains how we handle non-emergency dispatch. Other communities may decide to wait until 2023. What we are going tonight is to make a decision regarding working with other agencies. I wish I could say there is a better way to do this. This is not going to be an easy decision. I feel for every one of these jobs. Mrs. Lawson stated if you kept the group here, they could help.

Tara Rottmann stated I spoke at the last meeting. So, much to say. I want to speak from experience as 911 dispatcher and telecommunicator. I accepted a position with another department. I don't know the area like this community. When the call comes in, it shows a location on a map. The time it took me to give the info to the first responder is longer, because I do not know the area. Is it an alley or what is all around it? Eighteen years ago, 911 Consolidation was on the table then. '911 may go away, but dispatch never will', is what I was told. We are doing a huge disservice to the fire districts we service. The citizens of Highland are first hearing about it now. I have a family member that is dispatched by Madison County. He is just a number. So, as my love one is supposed to be dispatched, there is no status check after fifteen minutes. Do you know what it is like that your love one is just a number? Madison County has a lot of entities they are tending to and we are just adding to that. We monitor our local first responders, even when they are assisting another community or department dispatched by Madison County. What happens when a suicidal person decides they want to try to take their life in front of the police department? How is that going to be handled when no one is there? The City of Highland is moving backwards, yet at the same time we are growing. The need for EMS and dispatch is there. I encourage people to come to the city council meetings to find out what is going on, because this was in the works long before citizens were told.

Councilwoman Bellm pointed out the mayor made it clear that we have no option with 911 calls. It is mandated by the state. Do I like it? No. May I have to make an emergency call? Yep. Officer, fire, EMS, it does not matter where it is dispatched from. I am concerned with getting the help I need as quickly as I can get it. We are talking about non-emergency calls such as people in my backyard, dog running around, or reporting a power outage. We are the public too. I get calls from people that think we are hiding things. I had a call today from someone saying they heard our 911 was being consolidated with Chicago. Someone at the Korte Rec Center heard that with consolidation and police reform, if you call Madison County and report a break-in they will tell you they can't help with burglary in progress, but rather wait until it over and then we will file report and help. How absurd to believe those things? We are trying to work on a solution while looking at the financial, practicability, and liability aspects all together. No one likes change. In Highland, we are little bit stubborn. We do not like it. We are accustom to doing our own things and taking care of ourselves. However the fact is, 911 is being taken away from us. We have to figure out how to do non-emergency calls.

Shane Zobrist stated he has been a police officer for three years. Let me explain what it means to us: They are our life point. We have had situations where an officer gets out and gets hit by car, or does a routine stop and guns are in the car. Just because it is not 911 does not mean that it is not critical. If I get out and say I am at "so and so's" house. The decision you make is who is going to call 911 when I need help.

Mike Yearian stated as far as the dispatchers here in Highland, you keep talking that you are trying to find them jobs. The sign out front that says you support the police officers. I don't get it. No one here cares about this community. I think this is bullshit.

Councilwoman Sloan addressed Mike Yearian, saying, it is not that we do not care. We do not have a choice of keeping 911 dispatch here. We have to deal with 911. Mr. Yearian responded let's just say there are consequences if you sneak out on certain matters. Councilwoman Sloan stated to say we are hiding things is wrong. This has been talked about. Mike Yearian contended there is no transparency. There is a slight transition of power, but there is all the shady stuff in the background and only one meeting with the dispatchers. Should there have not been more? Give all the power to the city manager. Do you not see that? Everyone here does.

Ann Wilson stated I understand we cannot do something about 911. To say if you did not want 911 consolidated, then you should have said something to the legislators when they proposed this is difficult. If more people were aware, there would have been more people contacting their representatives at that time. Councilwoman Bellm pointed out this goes back to 2015. Chief Bell and then Chief Conrad both worked at the state level with legislators to fight it. Mrs. Wilson reported we have had to call 911 on several occasions because of my husband's health problems. I only have to give address and they know they are going to Gary's. It is because they care.

Requests & Comments of Council:

No requests or comments presented.

Staff Reports:

Scheffel Boyle – Presentation of Combined Annual Financial Report – Mark Korte, Principal of Scheffel Boyle's Highland Office, presented the Combined Annual Financial Report and Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2021. The statements were prepared in accordance with GASB 34 standards. There are no substantive changes to the city's financial statements. Once again, Statement No. 75, "Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions" was prepared. In doing this the city looks, forecasts and uses actuarial data of retirement funds and postemployment benefits.

In the first tab, you will find the Management Discussion & Analysis, which provides a big picture overview. The second tab is the financial statements with the the auditor's opinion. We are providing an unmodified or clean opinion, which is the highest opinion we can provide. The audit is done in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. In our report, on Pages 14 & 15 we state that no material weakness were found, which would be a deficiency or combination of. Statements follow GASBY 34 model, which are presented similar to private corporations.

Required disclosures are Exhibit 1, "Statement of Net Position" and Exhibit 2, "Statement of Activities". These are similar to a business' balance sheet and income statements, respectively. Reporting is done on an accrual basis method. Expenses and revenues are reported as they are incurred. It includes all funds except police pension fund, which is a fiduciary fund. Since the city is only an agent and cannot make any decisions on those funds, I am not going to talk on that. Business-type activities is the electric, water, sewer, solid waste, and fiber-to-the-premise. These activities are meant to support themselves based upon their revenues. Total assets, for fiscal year end (FYE), April 30, 2021 was \$139,569,832 compared to FYE 2020 of \$134,128,232 for an increase of \$5.5M. Liabilities were \$52,844,856 for an decrease of \$852,254, which results in a change of about \$500,000 Net Position from the previous year.

Exhibit 2 is Statement of Activities. It shows revenues from taxes and interest income at the bottom of the page, which are used to pay for expenses in business activities at the top of Page 17. Governmental Activities increased by \$2,822,795, while Business Activities increased by \$2,144,365. This is a \$4.9M increase in assets for Business Activities. Exhibits 7, 8 & 9 provide details on these business activities. Exhibits 3-6 detail the Governmental Activities. Mr. Korte pointed out, for Business Activities, on Exhibit 8 (page 27), Electric (Light & Power) reported a net loss before transfers of \$421,952; Water, net income of \$361,102; Sewer, 2,306,440; while Solid Waste also had a net loss of \$31,225. The Net Income for Sewer was due in part to a \$3.2M grant fund received. Overall, it is about the same fiscal shape as the previous year.

Behind that, you will find required supplemental information including comparisons of budget versus what actually is happening, including pension payouts versus budgeted. The last section is the ten-year comparative data. That back section is very useful in looking at different trends. Table 1 on Page 88, shows a comparison of various governmental revenues for the past ten years, showing 3.1% growth. Table 2 is the comparisons of intergovernmental tax revenues, including sales tax and Non-Home Rule sales tax. Sales Tax Revenues increased 6.1%, Business District Sales Taxes, 6.4%. Table 3 shows an overall increase in governmental expenditures by \$5.2M, which the construction of the new Public Safety Facility is the primary factor. Table 4 shows ten-year history for property assessed evaluations within the city. It is a good barometer of the health of the community. Assessed evaluations increase by 2.9% last year. The city incurred debt last year of \$9.7M with improvements in water department and debt for senior center lease. This leaves the city's legal debt margin at \$7.9M. The city was able to refinance TIF District #2 bonds, this past year, for a significant savings.

Mr. Korte again thanked the city staff for providing the necessary information in a timely fashion to complete the audit. He commended City Manager Conrad and Director of Finance Kelly Korte. Mr. Korte introduced the audit team present: Jason Dempsey, Heather Clugston, and Taylor Jarvis. Mayor Hemann asked how many years Scheffel-Boyle has been doing this for the city. Mr. Korte responded at least 28 years, because that is how many years I have participated in it. Mayor Hemann stated I spent the weekend going through it. I feel that we have survived a year of COVID, fairly well. Mr. Korte agreed, yes, we work with other communities and the status of city's finance shows everyone within the city did well.

Presentation regarding HCS' Victory TV – Director of Technology & Innovation Angela Imming provided a presentation on HCS's new product, which is the Victory TV app. She reported, about 3-4 years ago it came to us that we had a lot of money we were going to need to spend to replace expiring equipment, in order to continue to provide television services. Our engineering team and I began looking for way out. MobiTV is what we found. It is the type of technology that we have all become well versed in using in our homes. The licensing costs we cannot control with the content providers. There is a table in the presentation provided that shows the content costs we pay by provider based on the different contracts with Vivicast, local (KSDK, KMOV, KTVI), NBC, and others like FoxSports Midwest, WGN, etc. Based on what we charge by package we lose monthly \$3.86 for basic package; \$5.69, family package; or \$4.63 for the plus service package. We have joined a consolidation warehouse to negotiate as a consortium with the different providers. As far as software, we spend \$25,000 annually. Each set top box was at a cost of \$350.00. In order to recover the costs we would have to keep a set top box in someone's house for 5 years, but they were only lasting about 2.5 years. The MobiTV hardware costs are minimal.

We have been criticized for rushing into this. In 2019, we started working on a contract with MobiTV. In March 2020, COVID hit and everything stopped. In March 2021, MobiTV filed bankruptcy. We have everything ready – artwork, contract, and marketing. Everything went on hold with that bankruptcy. When the purchase by TiVo, in July 2021 was complete, we were able to start going forward again. We have a deadline of December, due to contracts that will be expiring. We currently still support the set top boxes. We have 2646 customers. 871 are video customers; 455 have converted to VTV, with 447 left to convert. We are working with Rosalie Aschbacher to host some Lunch and Learns at KRC. The last page is some questions we have received in the past and the answers to them. Councilwoman Bellm asked do I have to have a SmartTV. Director Imming replied no, just need an HDMI port. Councilwoman Bellm noted there is a little difference in the screen. Mary Ottis expressed concern that the size of the remote and ability to use it. She pointed out that when you have dexterity problems, it can be an issue. Director Imming responded we had several complaints about how big our old remotes were. We try to get the best solution. Mrs. Ottis inquired you intend to convert everyone by end of the year, so

how much notice will you give us of when we will be switched. Because we have a lot of other commitments and things going on. Director Imming responded you can call in at any time to schedule it. Mrs. Ottis asked we have to call in. Director Imming stated we are reaching out, but people can call in and set up the appointment. Mayor Hemann reported we were set up last week. The technician was very helpful and it is nice it uses Alexa response to change channels and do different things. Director Imming reported we provide a Fire Stick for each stream you are signed up for. Mrs. Ottis asked if you can you put that in the Pioneer, because others and I are not on social media.

City Manager Conrad reported Madison County Health Department is planning COVID vaccination clinics at the Korte Rec Center and the Weinheimer Community Center. The booster shot will be available at the clinic held at the Weinheimer.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #21-157/ORDINANCE Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison County, Illinois for Emergency Services Dispatching Services – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #21-157/Resolution #3133 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison County, Illinois for Emergency Services Dispatching Services as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Councilwoman Sloan expressed this is not easy. I cannot express that enough. This is to work out the details of 911 dispatch, so we can move forward with a plan for handling non-emergency calls. City Manager Conrad stated we have looked at as many alternatives. I have spent eight months trying to find a solution. I have not found one community that allows for the status quo. The one that maintained a dispatch has lost officers. Fire, EMS, and PD have to be handled by 911 dispatch. You pay me to look at long-term solutions. From an operational and liability standpoint, I cannot chose non-emergency dispatch over officers and increase the potential liability to the city. That case was provided by one chief when their community looked at this. We looked at this from labor concerns and community concerns. Unfortunately, I have not found an alternative. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Accept Combined Annual Financial Report – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to accept the Combined Annual Financial Report, for fiscal year ending April 31, 2021 as attached as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-158/ORDINANCE Abating Taxes Levied for the General Obligation Sewerage System Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2021 Bond and Interest for the 2021 Taxes Payable in 2022 – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #21-158/Ordinance #3134 abating taxes levied for the General Obligation Sewerage System Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2021 Bond and Interest for the 2021 Taxes payable in 2022 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-159/ORDINANCE Abating Taxes Levied for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2020 Bond and Interest for the 2021 Taxes Payable in 2022 – Councilman Hipskind made a motion to approve Bill #21-159/Ordinance #3135 abating taxes levied for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2020 Bond and Interest for the 2021 Taxes payable in 2022 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-160/ORDINANCE Abating Taxes Levied for the 2010 General Obligation Street Bond Alternate Revenue Bond and Interest for the 2021 Taxes Payable in 2022 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #21-160/Ordinance #3136 Abating Taxes Levied for the 2010 General Obligation Street Bond Alternate Revenue Bond and Interest for the 2021 Taxes Payable in 2022 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Health Insurance Renewal for 11/01/2021 through 10/31/2022 – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Health Insurance Renewal for 11/01/2021 through 10/31/2022 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-161/ORDINANCE Designating Depositories for the Funds and Money of the City – Councilman Hipskind made a motion to approve Bill #21-161/Ordinance #3137 designating depositories for the funds and money of the City as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-162/RESOLUTION Approving Owner Change Order Number Fourteen for the Public Safety Building and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirement – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #21-162/Resolution #21-10-2875 approving Owner Change Order Number Fourteen for the Public Safety Building and waiving competitive bidding requirement as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Mayor Hemann voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #21-163/RESOLUTION Approving Owner Change Order Number Fifteen for the Public Safety Building and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirement – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #21-163/Resolution #21-10-2876 approving Owner Change Order Number Fifteen for the Public Safety Building and waiving competitive bidding requirement as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Mayor Hemann voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #21-164/ORDINANCE Authorizing the City's Acceptance of Real Estate as a Donation From St. Joseph's Hospital, of The Hospital Sisters of The Third Order of St. Francis, for use as a Future Road, or Another Public Purpose – Councilman Hipskind made a motion to approve Bill #21-164/Ordinance #3138 authorizing the city's acceptance of real estate as a donation from St. Joseph's Hospital, of The Hospital Sisters of The Third Order of St. Francis, for use as a future road, or another public purpose as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Mayor Hemann asked City Manager Conrad to explain what this is. City Manager Conrad explained at the south end of the property line, near the intersection of Route 160/Sycamore and Highway 40, the hospital kept a boot-heel piece of land for future access to Highway 40. We approached the hospital about acquiring that for future roadway development, which would allow for a more squared up intersection with the current intersection. This 4-5 foot strip of property makes that intersection feasible in the future. Mayor Hemann clarified this does not cost us anything but benefits both parties. City Manager Conrad replied yes. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-165/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services with Oates Associates, Inc. for the Proposed Broadway Resurfacing Project – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #21-165/Resolution #21-10-2877 approving and authorizing the execution of a proposal for professional engineering services with Oates Associates, Inc. for the proposed Broadway Resurfacing Project as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-166/ORDINANCE Declaring Personal Property of the City Surplus and Authorizing its Sale and/or Disposal, Including Street and Alley Division Equipment, and other Personal Property – Councilman Hipskind made a motion to approve Bill #21-166/Ordinance #3139 declaring personal property of the city surplus and authorizing its sale and/or disposal, including Street and Alley Division Equipment, and other personal property as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #21-167/ORDINANCE Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property of the City, Including Refuse Dumpsters – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #21-167/Ordinance #3140 authorizing and directing the sale of certain surplus personal property of the city, including refuse dumpsters as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Accepting Expenditures Report #1204 for September 18, 2021 through October 10, 2021 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to accept Expenditures Report #1204 for September 18, 2021 through October 10, 2021 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Hipskind. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk