

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021**

Mayor Hemann called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Sloan and Frey were present. Councilman Hipskind was absent. Others in attendance were Acting City Manager Vazquez, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Directors Gillespie and Korte, Police Chief Becherer, Treasurer Nicolaides, Deputy City Clerks Hediger and VonHatten, City Clerk Bellm, and 5 citizens.

Councilwoman Bellm is attending via telephone.

Mayor Hemann asked for a motion to allow Councilwoman Bellm to participate and vote remote, electronically, tonight. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan and Frey voted aye, none nay. Mayor Hemann voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Mary Otis expressed gratitude to the city manager, mayor, and council for all the work that you have done to research the 911 consolidation and make us compliant with state regulations. I realize it was a difficult decision. I spoke with a college friend of mine, who lives in the Chicago suburbs. They consolidated a few years back. They have found that the response times were faster. I realize it is Chicago area, but if they can do it, we can.

Mrs. Otis stated, every three years, I take an AARP eight-hour driver's safety program. I do this so that I know what the most current state and federal regulations are. On Tuesday, October 12, I was going through the roundabout at Poplar and Broadway, heading east. On Lucerne Street there was a red sedan pulled over, along with three police cars. No one was out of the cars with guns drawn. However, it required three police officers. Why I don't know. Anyone turning into Lucerne Street would have rear ended the police car or the red sedan. I know from the course, when a police officer pulls you over, you are to put your flashers on, then proceed to the nearest street that you can turn off onto. Do we not give police this type of training? Do we not give police the training that they should not pull people over so close to an intersection? Can we get them more training on how to stop a car? Mayor Hemann responded, obviously we do not know the circumstances regarding that stop. Chief Becherer is here and listening and I am sure he will check into it. Mrs. Otis expressed she feels there is not a lot of community involvement with the police. I see them along the roadways. However, on Friday nights, when I am at the Munny Band concerts on the Square, there is always a college student or teenager revving their engine as they drive by, almost every evening. Why is there not a police officer up there? If there was a police officer present, then they would be deterred from doing that.

Mrs. Otis stated I always appreciated the Sanders Waste Services and the services they provide to the city. During the pandemic, I cleaned out and I tipped them generously for them to pick up all the stuff I had put out. On Friday, October 15, I put out three chairs and table for pick up. When my trash was picked up, it did not. So, I called City Hall. Lisa was very nice. She said those items have to be called in as an appointment. When I asked how we should know this, she said that it is on our trash pickup website. My point, there are a number of residents that do not have internet. Can the city not put a notice on the bottom of the monthly utility bill, to tell people to call City Hall for additional pickup of large items? Mayor Hemann responded I am not sure what our software allows. Director Kelly Korte acknowledged they do pick up anything, unlimited. If there truck is full, the may not get those large items ore need to send an additional truck. It is not a requirement to schedule those things; however, it is a request. If they have two or three couches or oversized items it fills the truck and requires another truck to come through.

Requests & Comments of Council:

No requests or comments presented.

Staff Reports:

Acting City Manager Breann Vazquez reported we will have an open house for new Public Safety Facility on October 31, 2021, 1:00pm – 4:30pm.

Citywide Trick-or-Treating will be from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on October 31, 2021.

Congratulations to Megan VonHatten for receiving the Rookie of The Year at the Illinois Municipal Clerks Association, last week. She is completing her first year in the three-year program.

Mayor Hemann thanked the city staff and all those that came out to work at the Flugel Fest. Several of us got a tour of the new Schlafly, which is close to opening.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #21-168/ORDINANCE Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Amended Development Agreement for a Project in TIF #2 Project Area with Surjit Tut d/b/a Tut Properties, Inc. and Other Actions Related Thereto – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #21-168/Ordinance #3141 approving and authorizing execution of an Amended Development Agreement for a Project in TIF #2 Project Area with Surjit Tut d/b/a Tut Properties, Inc. and Other Actions Related Thereto as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Acting City Manager Breann Vazquez explained this is an amendment to the original agreement, which involved the Krispy Krunchy Chicken. The two parcels have since been combined into one parcel for the food establishment, laundromat, and liquor store. Mayor Hemann summarized this is just updating the parcel numbers and description in the agreement. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve 2021 Treasurer's Report – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve 2021 Treasurer's Report as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Accepting Expenditures Report #1205 for October 2, 2021 through October 8, 2021 – Councilman Frey made a motion to accept Expenditures Report #1205 for October 2, 2021 through

October 8, 2021 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Frey made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk