

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022**

Mayor Hemann called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Sloan, Frey, Bellm, and Hipskind were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Heimbürger, Imming, Ohren, Rosen, and Vazquez, Police Chief Presson, Fire Chief Federer, EMS Chief Wilson, Treasurer Nicolaidēs, Deputy City Clerks Hediger and Von Hatten, City Clerk Bellm, and 29 citizens.

MINUTES

Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 Regular Session as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

EMS Chief Brian Wilson stated we are here this evening to honor Paramedic Steven Clayton, who as of 7am this morning has retired from service after 26 years. On May 20, 1996, he began this journey. It is a career of emotional highs and lows. The highs come from saving and extending the life of others. Each was treated with dignity and respect, regardless of the outcome. We know that Steve tended to over 5,000 patients since 2003. Since initial paramedic training, he has spent thousands of hours renewing his certifications up to six times. He served the community at public safety events and installing smoke detectors. I appreciate all he has done. A huge thank you to Steve's wife, Denise, for supporting and tolerating Steve's career. I offer heartfelt congratulations and wish nothing but the best to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clayton.

Mayor Hemann recognized Paramedic Steven Clayton on the occasion of his retirement and asked Steve to say a few words. Steve said he did not prepare anything, but expressed he is honored. I started in 1988 as a volunteer firefighter, as a hobby, and it blossomed into this. The patients we serve are the best. The community supports us and we have good equipment. I often have contact with those citizens, when out in the community. I want to thank my comrades. As a paramedic, I have not saved one life. It is a team effort. My partners have been good support to me. I hope that those coming up have a rewarding career and always go home safe.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No comments or requests presented.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests presented.

Staff Report:

City Manager Conrad reported staff will be doing a lot of parking, crosswalk, and lane striping around town this next couple of weeks. HCS construction has started on the last three subdivisions.

Staff has received a lot of complaints about the sound blasters. The owner of the filed that abuts the Korte Rec Center and Glik Park to deter the geese from damaging the crops in the fields is using them. This is done through an Illinois Department of Natural Resources permit with sonic blasts in morning and afternoons. It is out actually occurring out in the county, outside of city limits, so there is little that we can do. The IL DNR does coordinate with us. Mayor Hemann pointed out the issue is that it starts at 6am and goes quite regularly until after 6pm. City Conrad reported we have contacted IL DRN to find out the parameters and are awaiting their response.

City Manager Conrad reported we received several calls and emails regarding the public restrooms at Plaza Park. We close them only three-days of the summer, which are the days of the Schweizerfest. The hardware does not tend to get treated very well at such events, so often the festival organizer ask for them to be closed so that people utilize the portable units. St. Paul's Church does the same thing during Kirchenfest, to maintain their permanent facilities. There was a lot of feedback on it this year, although this was how things were handled with the previous restrooms. City Manager Conrad asked for the council's thoughts or discussion, otherwise we can have the discussion with the Jaycees next year, prior to the event. Councilwoman Sloan stated I was working at the event, and no one asked or complained during the event. When it later came up, I gave that same explanation and for the most part, people understood. In years past, when restrooms were open, we had toilets overflowing, trash inside, etc., and it was a mess for everyone to clean up. She added the Jaycees would have to expand their insurance coverage to Plaza Park as well, if they were open, plus we would need someone to monitor them. Councilwoman Bellm stated I got bombarded. I have mixed feelings. If the city decides to monitor and maintain them, we should not charge to event organizers. I understand why an organization would not what them open. I got a lot of blow back of the appearance of it though. If we do keep them locked, we need to have a signs stating that 'For safety and security reasons, these restrooms are closed.' I realize it is hard to monitor what comes in and out and how long people are in there. Councilman Hipskind stated I think they should be open. We are asking people to invest in the Square. Our job is to provide facilities and services. I think we should give it a shot. I am not sure whether the festival should pay or not. Councilwoman Sloan expressed from an organizational standpoint, of the Jaycees, if the city takes the responsibility, then its fine. Mayor Hemann pointed out that Parks & Recreation Director Mark Rosen is not here this evening, and he should probably be a part of this conversation.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Reappointment of Susan Martz, William Wagner, and Justin McLaughlin to the Library Board of Trustees – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's reappointment of Susan Martz, William Wagner, and Justin McLaughlin to the Library Board of Trustees, for additional three-year terms, to expire June 2025 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-93/RESOLUTION Authorizing Allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for Madison County Fair Association – 2022 Madison County Fair - Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #22-93/Resolution #22-06-2944 authorizing allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for Madison County Fair Association – 2022 Madison County Fair, in the amount of \$12,000 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Mayor Hemann noted that David Ammann is here this evening, representing the fair association, if anyone has any questions. Councilwoman Bellm expressed \$12,000 is a lot of money. It is the amount that we are giving to the fireworks. My concern is when we give this much to

one organization it precludes us from giving it to several others. Mr. Ammann reported these are straight marketing dollars. \$19,000 for fair books and radio advertisement. Radio stations are Greenville and a couple major stations in St Louis market, like 92.3 FM. We have done a magazine style fair book, this year, which Highland Printers is doing for us. Ads in papers have gone up 25-30%. This event runs from Tuesday to Sunday, with people staying in campers, RVs, and hotels in the area, as we have people from all over the state, Missouri, and other outlying states for the grandstand events and other shows. Councilwoman Sloan asked what our amount was for Art in the Park. Finance Director Ohren reported \$8,000. Councilwoman Sloan pointed out this event brings in more than three times the people than that event. Mayor Hemann noted this meets the purpose of the hotel/motel tax funding. Is there sufficient funds in the budget for this and the other events yet? Director Ohren reported we have budgeted \$50,000 for the year. So far, we have \$24,400 committed already. Councilwoman Bellm noted I have looked at the list of what we have given in the past and there are some organizations out there, yet, to request funds. Director Ohren concurred there are 9-10 events. If they request the same amount, we will be okay. Councilwoman Bellm stated I do like the fair, but it sets a precedence. I do not think we have ever exceed \$10,000. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to amend the amount to \$10,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Hipskind. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion amended. On the Roll Call Vote to approve as amended: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried as amended.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting for MFT Section 23-00000-00-GM Maintenance Materials
– Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting for MFT Section 23-00000-00-GM Maintenance Materials as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid #PW-02-22, for CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation – Councilman Frey made a motion to award Bid #PW-02-22 for CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation to Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC, of East St. Louis, IL in the amount of \$286,831.50 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-94/RESOLUTION Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirement and Authorizing Purchase of Mechanical Screening Unit for Influent Screen Building – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-94/Resolution #22-06-2945 waiving competitive bidding requirement and authorizing purchase of mechanical screening unit for influent screen building, from JWC Environmental, in Santa Ana, CA, in the amount of \$58,228.00, as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-95/ RESOLUTION Waiving Normal and Customary Bidding Procedures and Authorizing Purchase of One New Police Interceptor/Canine Vehicle from Morrow Bros. from Greenfield, IL, Utilizing the State Bid Pricing – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #22-95/Resolution #22-06-2946 waiving normal and customary bidding procedures and authorizing purchase of one new Police Interceptor/Canine Vehicle from Morrow Bros. from Greenfield, IL, utilizing the state bid pricing, for the amount of \$38,440.00 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-96/ORDINANCE Declaring Personal Property of the City Surplus and Authorizing its Sale and/or Disposal, Specifically a Jon Boat, 2005 Dodge Durango, and Miscellaneous Obsolete Parts – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-96/Ordinance #3200 declaring personal property of the City surplus and authorizing its sale and/or disposal, specifically a Jon Boat, 2005 Dodge Durango, and miscellaneous obsolete parts as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-97/RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sole Source Purchase of Gymnasium Rooftop HVAC Unit for Korte Recreation Center and Waiving Customary Bidding Procedures - Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #22-97/Resolution #22-06-2947 authorizing the sole source purchase of Gymnasium Rooftop HVAC Unit for Korte Recreation Center from Energy Wise, in the amount of \$27,921.00, and waiving customary bidding procedures as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Accepting Expenditures Report #1221 for June 4, 2022 through June 17, 2022 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to accept Expenditures Report #1221 for June 4, 2022 through June 17, 2022 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, 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 under the following exemption: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss collective negotiating matters and 120/2(c)(5) to discuss possible purchase or lease of real property. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Open Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:37pm.

Mayor Hemann reconvened the Regular Session at 8:22pm. Council members Hipskind, Bellm, Frey and Sloan were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney McGinley, Deputy City Clerks Hediger and Von Hatten, and City Clerk Bellm.

Bill #22-98/RESOLUTION Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #22-98/Resolution #22-06-2948 approving a collective bargaining agreement between City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Hipskind, Bellm, Frey, and Sloan voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk