

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 18, 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 Lt. Feeney, Fire Chief Federer, Treasurer Nicolaidēs, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 4 Highland Firefighters and 5 citizens.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 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.

BID OPENING

City Attorney Mike McGinley opened sealed bids submitted by parties interested in purchasing the Old Police Station at 820 Mulberry Street. Said property was declared surplus by Ordinance No. 3194 and offered for sale by advertising in The Pioneer on June 15, June 22, and June 29, 2022. City Attorney McGinley stated the one bid submitted July 18, 2022, from Scott Kuhn and Steven Stephenson, 2194 Jamestown Road, Breese, Illinois. Bid date July 12, 2022, for a bid of \$51,000. Attorney McGinley stated the bid will be considered as an item on the agenda for the sale of the property, at the next meeting, August 8, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hemann opened the public hearing to receive comments on vacating public right-of-way at 916 6th Street and 608 and 620 Washington Street. City Clerk Hediger stated she received no comments via email or phone regarding this matter. With no one on the phone, at the time, to comment, and no one in person coming forward, Mayor Hemann adjourned the hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Highland Fire Department–Firefighters Picnic – Special Event Application - Kerry Federer, Chief of the Highland Fire Department, stated they want to hold an event in conjunction with the Rusty Rodz Car Cruise, on September 24, 2022, with the addition of some food trucks, a beer and soda stand, live band, and some games for the kids. We will be putting some raffles on as well, to raise funds, as well. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the Highland Fire Department's request to hold a firefighter's picnic, on September 24, 2022, in conjunction with Rusty Rodz, as requested. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

Councilwoman Bellm stated she has received all sorts of compliments regarding the concerts on the Square on Thursday nights. It has been a big hit. Councilwoman Sloan added that was going to be my comments. It has been the highlight of my weeks. Councilwoman Bellm noted I did see some people playing corn hole up there as well. Mayor Hemann added I have spoken with people from all over the area that have come to Highland for the concerts.

Staff Report:

City Manager Conrad reported the county fair is coming up this next week. They are holding their 5K Run again this year. They failed to include that in their request to us. When they realized it, they contacted us. Staff is handling it. It will be the standard 5K southern route.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Reappointments of Brooke Lipe and Steven Mifflin to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's reappointments of Brooke Lipe and Steven Mifflin to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, for three-year terms, to expire July 31, 2025 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-108/ORDINANCE Vacating a Sidewalk Easement on the East Side of 916 6th Street, 608 Washington Street, and 620 Washington Street – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #22-108/Ordinance #3203 vacating a sidewalk easement on the east side of 916 6th Street, 608 Washington Street, and 620 Washington Street as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-109/RESOLUTION Authorizing Allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for Highland Fire Department – Firefighters Picnic – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-109/Resolution #22-07-2956 authorizing allocation of hotel/motel tax funding for Highland Fire Department Firefighters Picnic, in the amount of \$500 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-110/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing Execution of Refuse Collection Contract with Robert “Bob” Sanders Waste Systems, Inc., for the One-Year Period from October 1, 2022, Through September 30, 2023 – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #22-110/Resolution

#22-07-2957 approving and authorizing execution of refuse collection contract with Robert “Bob” Sanders Waste Systems, Inc., for the one-year period from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. City Manager Conrad reported we were notified late in the day, on Friday, that they have reached a sale agreement with Republic Waste. Republic Waste has agreed to honor the terms of this one-year agreement. Mayor Hemann expressed we just hope they can maintain the level of service. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-111/ORDINANCE Establishing Service Charges to be Collected and Paid to the City for Refuse Collection Service – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-111/Ordinance #3204 establishing service charges to be collected and paid to the city for refuse collection service as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-112/RESOLUTION Approve Cornerstone Insurance Group as Broker of Record for the City’s Health Insurance – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #22-112/Resolution #22-07-2958 approve Cornerstone Insurance Group as Broker of Record for the City’s Health Insurance as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-113/RESOLUTION Authorizing City to Share Costs with Landowner Mark Gelly for Construction of a Pond to Reduce Silt and Sediment Load Entering Silver Lake – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-113/Resolution #22-07-2959 authorizing city to share costs with Landowner Mark Gelly for construction of a pond to reduce silt and sediment load entering Silver Lake as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Mayor Hemann stated I did get a good explanation of the reason for this project. It makes sense to address what eventually ends up into the lake. City Manager Conrad reported we are looking at one more. This is part of our long-term project to address run-off into the lake. Once done, then we can look at getting that sediment and runoff out of the lake with dredging. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-114/ORDINANCE Declaring Personal Property of the City Surplus and Authorizing Its Sale and/or Disposal, Specifically Highland Communication Services Personal Property – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #22-114/Ordinance #3205 declaring personal property of the city surplus and authorizing its sale and/or disposal, specifically Highland Communication Services Personal Property as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Director Angela Imming explained, evidently, the format I was using did not bring the tab descriptions over into the pages provided. The first pages are OMT devices, which are HCS’s property that go on the outside of the residence, followed by in-home routers; then, on the third page are switches. Everything else on third page is desktops and PCs from our line departments. When a department is done with them, we have to clean them and destroy the hard drives, so we put them in to our inventory. We will try to auction off the routers. Everything else will end up going to recycler and we will get scrap value for those items. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-115/RESOLUTION Making Separate Statement of Findings of Fact in Connection with Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit for a Bar /Tavern within the Industrial Zoning District at 1106 New Trenton Road – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-115/Resolution #22-07-2960 making separate Statement of Findings of Fact in connection with ordinance granting Special Use Permit for a Bar /Tavern within the Industrial Zoning District at 1106 New Trenton Road as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-116/ORDINANCE Granting a Special Use Permit to Jean Schellenger LLC to Allow a Bar / Tavern within the Industrial Zoning District at 1106 New Trenton Road – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #22-116/Ordinance #3206 granting a Special Use Permit to Jean Schellenger LLC to allow a bar/tavern within the Industrial Zoning District at 1106 New Trenton Road as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-117/RESOLUTION Making Separate Statement of Findings of Fact in Connection with Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit for a Bar / Tavern within the “C-2” Zoning District at 1014 Pine Street – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-117/Resolution #22-07-2961 making separate Statement of Findings of Fact in connection with ordinance granting Special Use Permit for a bar/tavern within the “C-2” Zoning District at 1014 Pine Street as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-118/ORDINANCE Granting a Special Use Permit to BS Merkle LLC to Allow a Bar/Tavern within the C-2 Commercial Zoning District at 1014 Pine Street - Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to accept Bill #22-118/Ordinance #3207 granting a Special Use Permit to BS Merkle LLC to allow a bar/tavern within the C-2 Commercial Zoning District at 1014 Pine Street as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-119/ORDINANCE Amending Zoning Classification from “C-2” Central Business District to “I” Industrial for 713 5th Street – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-119/Ordinance #3208 amending zoning classification from “C-2” Central Business District to “I” Industrial for 713 5th Street as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-120/RESOLUTION Making Separate Statement of Findings of Fact in Connection with Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit for a Drive-Through within the C-2 Zoning District at 916 16th Street, 608 Washington Street, and 620 Washington Street – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-120/Resolution #22-07-2962 making separate Statement of Findings of Fact in connection with ordinance granting Special Use Permit for a drive-through within the C-2 Zoning District at 916 16th Street, 608 Washington Street, and 620 Washington Street as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-121ORDINANCE Granting a Special Use Permit to Plocher Construction, on behalf of Rehberger Holdings, LLC, to Allow a Drive-Through within the C-2 Zoning District at 916 6th Street, 608 Washington Street, and 620 Washington Street - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-121Ordinance #3209 granting a Special Use Permit to Plocher Construction, on behalf of Rehberger Holdings, LLC, to allow a drive-through within the C-2 Zoning District at 916 6th Street, 608 Washington Street, and 620 Washington Street, but with Planning & Zonings recommendation that this is contingent upon completion and outcome of a traffic study, as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-122/RESOLUTION Approving Preliminary Plat for Proposed Subdivision to be Developed by Plocher Construction, on Behalf of Rehberger Holdings, LLC, PPN: 02-2-18-32-19-403-017, 02-2-18-32-19-403-018, 02-2-18-32-19-403-019 – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve

Bill #22-122/Resolution #22-07-2963 approving preliminary plat for proposed subdivision to be developed by Plocher Construction, on behalf of Rehberger Holdings, LLC, PPN: 02-2-18-32-19-403-017, 02-2-18-32-19-403-018, 02-2-18-32-19-403-019 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-123/RESOLUTION Approving the Final Plat of Molly's Mocha Subdivision – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-123/Resolution #22-07-2964 approving the Final Plat of Molly's Mocha Subdivision as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-124/ORDINANCE Amending the Code Section 90-201, Table 3.1.B, for Purposes of Allowing Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services as a Special Use within the Industrial District – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #22-124/Ordinance #3210 amending the Code Section 90-201, Table 3.1.B, for purposes of allowing data processing, hosting, and related services as a Special Use within the Industrial District as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-125/RESOLUTION Making Separate Statement of Findings of Fact in Connection with Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit for Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services within the Industrial Zoning District – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #22-125/Resolution #22-07-2965 making Separate Statement of Findings of Fact in connection with ordinance granting Special Use Permit for data processing, hosting, and related services within the Industrial Zoning District as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #22-126/ORDINANCE Granting a Special Use Permit to Quatrain LLC, on Behalf of Trow Nutrition USA LLC, for Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services at 1 Ultraway Drive – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to approve Bill #22-126/Ordinance #3211 granting a Special Use Permit to Quatrain LLC, on behalf of Trow Nutrition USA LLC, for data processing, hosting and related services at 1 Ultraway Drive as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Clean Sludge #2, Bid #PW-07-22 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Clean Sludge #2, Bid #PW-07-22 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Hipskind voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Accepting Expenditures Report, #1223 for July 2, 2022 through July 13, 2022 – Councilwoman Sloan made a motion to accept Expenditures Report #1223 for July 2, 2022 through July 13, 2022 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 temporarily adjourn this regular session to enter into executive session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act under the following exemption: 120/2(c)(21) to discuss the approval of executive session minutes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Open Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:31pm.

Mayor Hemann reconvened the Regular Session at 7:34pm. Council members Hipskind, Bellm, Frey and Sloan were present. 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 tonight.

Councilwoman Bellm a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk