

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023**

Mayor Hemann called the Regular Session to order at 7:07pm at the Highland Area Senior Center. Council members Sloan, Frey, Bellm, and Napper were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney McGinley, Directors Gillespie, Imming, Ohren, Presson, and Rosen, Deputy City Clerks Hediger and VonHatten, City Clerk Bellm, and 51 citizens.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hemann read a document proclaiming the 9th day of May to be Highland Woman's Club Day, commemorating the club's 100th anniversary.

SWEARING IN

Mayor Hemann administered the official oath to Robert Horner, promoted from Patrol Officer to Sergeant.

Mayor Hemann administered the official oath to probationary Patrol Officer Christopher Boeser.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

St. Paul School – Student Appreciation Day Road Closure Request – Don Johannes, member of St. Paul School Board, requested road closure for the safety of the children on May 17, 2023 for Student Appreciation Day. They will put out all of the barricades themselves during the hours of 9:30am – 2:20pm. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the request of St. Paul School closure of Lemon Street and Olive Street, between 9th Street and Main Street on May 17, 2023 9:30am - 2:30pm as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

National Day of Prayer – Square Use Request – Highland Area Ministerial Alliance – Chuck Kurfman, Representative of HAMA, requested use of the City Square to gather for prayer, on Thursday, May 4, in observance of National Day of Prayer. They will then disperse to engage in prayer in various parts of the city. Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the request for use of the City Square on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:30pm, in observance of National Day of Prayer. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Memorial Day Parade Request – VFW Post 5694 and American Legion Post 439 –Special Event Application – Kate Broadhurst and Mike Cook, Representatives, requested approval of the Memorial Day

Parade, on May 29, 2023, along with the donation of \$200 to assist deferring the costs of the band. I also asked the police department to assist with traffic control. The Corvette Club will be participating this year, and they have offered to provide rides for any city officials. Line-up will begin at 12:30pm at St. Paul Church, with step-off at 1:00pm. The parade will follow the same route as in the past, going east on Main St., then south on Lemon Street to 12th Street, east on 12th to Poplar Street, and Poplar Street south to VFW Road. It will end at the VFW Post, where a ceremony will be held. On the Sunday, of that weekend, we will also be doing small ceremony at Robinson Cemetery and then at Rinderer Park. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the request of VFW Post and American Legion Post for the Memorial Day Parade, on May 29, 2023, as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Kate added the American Legion Baseball has been a highly decorated over the years, as they have done very well. We are working to get a flagpole put out by the baseball fields, and we have been working with City Manager Conrad to assist us in the process.

2023 Events at Olde Wicks Factory – Special Event Application – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the 2023 events for Olde Wicks Factory as per the Special Events Application attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Jacob Rose, representing Highland Historical Society, thanked the city for accepting donation of the bell tower. It has been sitting off to the side for some time and it will be great to see it properly displayed. The structure within the tower is over 150 years old. We believe it originated on the Square.

Requests of Council:

Mayor Hemann noted there are family members of the newly elected councilmembers here this evening. He encouraged them to come forward and have photos taken.

No other comments or requests.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Chris Conrad reported we moved opening date for the City Hall bids back a day to May 9. The first date we had set it for, was the same date as the school district's opening of bids for the new elementary school. We will still have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Appointment of Amy Kloss to the Library Board of Trustees – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Amy Kloss to the Library Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Joyce Zerban, which will expire June 2024 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Mayor's Reappointments of Members of the Industrial Development Commission, Including: Jim Meridith, Diane Korte-Lindsay, Jon Greve, Marshall Rinderer, and Josh Kloss – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's reappointments of members of the Industrial Development Commission, including: Jim Meridith, Diane Korte-Lindsay, Jon Greve, Marshall Rinderer, and Josh Kloss as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #23-39/RESOLUTION Authorizing Allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for the VFW Memorial Day Ceremony – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #23-39/Resolution #23-05-3023 authorizing allocation of hotel/motel tax funding, in the amount of \$200, for the VFW Memorial Day Ceremony as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Napper abstained. Motion carried.

Bill #23-40/RESOLUTION Authorizing Allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for the Leaps of Love Night at the Races – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #23-40/Resolution #23-05-3024 authorizing allocation of hotel/motel tax funding, in the amount of \$2,000, for the Leaps of Love Night at the Races as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. Councilman Frey expressed to Tracy Reichmann that it is unfortunate that we cannot give the amount of money we have given in the past. We have had to tighten our belts on what is given out. We hope \$2,000 helps you out. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Napper abstained. Motion carried.

Bill #23-41/RESOLUTION Authorizing Allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for the 2023 Madison County Fair – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #23-41/Resolution #23-05-3025 authorizing allocation of hotel/motel tax funding for the 2023 Madison County Fair, in the amended amount of \$9,000, as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Sloan. David Amman stated anything you can give helps out. Councilwoman Sloan expressed, hopefully, next year, we can give out more. Councilwoman Bellm explained that instead of betting on what is coming in, we are using reserves to cover this year. City Manager Conrad added, next year, it will be handled as a grant program. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Napper abstained. Motion carried.

Bill #23-42/ORDINANCE Declaring Personal Property of the City Light & Power Department Surplus and Authorizing its Sale and/or Disposal, Specifically One 2001 Jeep Liberty - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #23-42/Ordinance #3270 declaring personal property of the City Light & Power Department surplus and authorizing its sale and/or disposal, specifically one 2001 Jeep Liberty as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. City Manager Conrad stated this will close the book on the worst squad car we ever bought. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Napper abstained. Motion carried.

Bill #23-43/ORDINANCE Declaring Personal Property of the City Surplus and Authorizing Its Sale and/or Disposal, Specifically a SCAG Zero Turn Mower - Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #23-43/Ordinance #3271 declaring personal property of the city surplus and authorizing its sale and/or disposal, specifically a Scag Zero Turn Mower as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Napper abstained. Motion carried.

Bill #23-44/RESOLUTION Accepting Donation of the “Old Bell Tower” from the Highland Historical Society – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #23-44/Resolution #23-05-3026 accepting donation of the “Old Bell Tower” from the Highland Historical Society as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilwoman Bellm asked for a little clarification on the contingencies. City Attorney Mike McGinley explained this is a gift to the City. We will maintain to the high standards as any city property. Because we are going to own it and control it, we have to protect it. If at any time the Highland Historical Society feels we are not properly maintaining it, they can take it back. Councilwoman Bellm asked what happens if a storm damages it. City Attorney McGinley responded we call our insurance company and file a claim. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORT

Accepting Expenditures Report #1241 for April 15, 2023 through April 28, 2023 – Councilman Frey made a motion to accept Expenditures Report #1241 for April 15, 2023 through April 28, 2023 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Napper abstained. 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. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Open Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:42pm.

Mayor Hemann reconvened the Regular Session at 8:18pm. Council members Sloan, Frey, Bellm, and Napper were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney McGinley, Deputy City Clerks Hediger and Von Hatten, and City Clerk Bellm.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Bill #23-45/RESOLUTION Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Highland and the International Union of Operating Engineers – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve a Bill #23-45/ Resolution #23-05-3027 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Highland and the International Union of Operating Engineers as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Napper. All aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk