

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Councilmembers present were Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist. Others in attendance: City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Rosen, Rusteberg and Schoeck, Police Chief Bell, Supervisor Limestall, EMS Captain Crosby, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 10 citizens and 1 member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

HHS Building Trades Program – Fee Waiver Request – Bruce Deibert, instructor for HHS Building Trades Program, resides at 13408 Michael Road, noted that the past four years the city has waived the building permit and utility hook-up fees for the building trades' home. He requested the city waive the permit and fees for the fifth house. He acknowledged the economic difficulties the school and city are experiencing, and stated whether you approve this request or not, I want to thank you for the past support of the program. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to waive the building permit and utility hook-up fees for the fifth Highland High School Building Trades Program Home, built during the 2010-2011 school year, as requested; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilwoman Zobrist made a motion to table. She stated when they came to us in March 2006, this was to be a one-time wavier. At the time it was approved, it was stated that revenues from the home were going to be used to cover the cost of future projects. In the first two years, it came to the council in the form of a resolution, so there was a record of this. At this point, the permits and fees, over the past four years, total of just over \$19,000. I would like to see some type of income statement from the BEA showing how the money is used. Mr. Deibert explained the revenues from the prior house goes towards my salary, bus transportation costs back and forth to the site, and material costs to build the next house. Councilwoman Zobrist requested a financial statement showing those costs. Councilwoman Bellm asked Councilwoman Zobrist for clarification as to what she was asking for. Councilwoman Zobrist stated, in addition to the financial statement, I would like to see this come through in resolution form. Motion to table failed due to lack of a second. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, and Bellm voted aye, Zobrist voted nay. Motion carried.

Block Party Request – Mark Reaka, 2117 S. St. Michael Court, requested permission to block off part of St. Michael Court South from Paradise Drive to about 2111 S. St. Michael Court on July 24,

2010, from 2:00pm to 10:00pm, for a neighborhood block party. We have a lot of new neighbors and would like to get everyone together. He invited the police department, mayor and council members to stop by and meet those in the neighborhood. There are multiple entrances, in the area, so it would not block off access for anyone. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the request to block off St. Michael Court South on July 24, 2010, from 2pm to 10pm, and hold a neighborhood block party as requested; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Mr. Reaka reminded everyone that the Relay for Life is coming up on July 9, at the high school. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Darrin Oliges, 1628 Broadway, asked if there was any additional information for his neighborhood, after the city held the open meeting with the landlords around Highland. Mayor Michaelis reported City Manager Latham is going to report on this under staff reports. At this time, there is not going to be anything brought to the council for action.

Ron Coleman, 40 Shannon Court, noted we just went through some changes on the Library Board of Trustees and there are going to be newly appointed members to the Library Board of Trustees.

Requests of Council:

Nothing presented by the council.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported on the open meeting with landlords that was held last Tuesday. About sixty people were present. We shared our concerns with the landlords. There was discussion and input by people at the meeting. The biggest thing is that we have a lot of landlords that need some education, whether that education be with the Building and Code Department or with the police department. An overwhelming majority of those present were in favor of registration. Many were not opposed to inspections. I plan to meet with staff to discuss some specific needs that we can propose to the council in a discussion at the next meeting.

City Manager Latham asked Director Joe Gillespie to come forward to discuss improvements to Troxler Avenue. Director Gillespie reported, as discussed at the budget sessions, we are looking at what we can do to correct the bumps in the road surface on Troxler Avenue. I have talked with Oates Associates and a concrete specialist to discuss options. They propose installation of reinforcement joints at the transverse joints. After those are installed, we will perform a diamond grinding on the high points to smooth it out. This process was done on a section of Interstate 170 near the airport. To complete the project, the estimated cost is \$310,000. Director Gillespie proposed we do this on a small section of the roadway to test it. We move forward with preliminary engineering with money budgeted for this year, then budget to do a small section in the next budget year. Councilman Schwarz inquired, besides the feel and noise, does it affect the longevity of the roadway. Director Gillespie stated it is only going to get worse and affect the life of the pavement. Councilman Schwarz asked is it an issue of the quality of construction. Director Gillespie reported it was constructed to the engineer's design and proper standards; however, a combination of weather and the grade along Troxler contributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Appointments to Tree Commission and Library Board of Trustees – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's re-appointments of Kathryn Comish and Josh Hetley to the Tree Commission, for additional three-year terms, to expire July 2013; and, to the Library Board of Trustees, the appointments of Dr. Robert Hellige, Mrs. Cathy Boulanger, Mr. Arnold Bodinet, for three-year terms, to expire June 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid BZ-05-10 for Demolition of Structures at 2719 & 2731 Raeber Road – Councilman Bardill made a motion to award Bid BZ-05-10 for demolition of structures at 2719 & 2731 Raeber Road to Mike A. Maedge Trucking in the amount of \$11,450.00 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid PW-03-10 for Construction of Main Street Parking Lots – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to award Bid PW-03-10 for construction of Main Street Parking Lots to Mettler Development LLC, in the amount of \$99,581.75, as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilwoman Zobrist asked if the construction of the parking lot across the alley was going to require a variance. Director Gillespie reported he check with Building and Code Supervisor Kevin Limestall; he stated it is adequate size and does not require an item on the agenda for variance. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid PW-07-10 for Walnut and Main Street Resurfacing – Councilman Bardill made a motion to award Bid PW-07-10 for Walnut and Main Street Resurfacing to Rooters American Maintenance, Inc., of Beckmeyer, IL, in the amount of \$191,860.86, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Bid #PW-08-10 for Highland Dam Construction Project – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Bid #PW-08-10 for Highland Dam Construction Project as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Engineering Services Agreement with Oates Associates, Inc. for Storm Water Master Plan – Phase 3 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve an engineering services agreement with Oates Associates, Inc. for Storm Water Master Plan – Phase 3 in the amount of \$50,000 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilwoman Zobrist asked if we go through with this, we are going to find out how much it is going to cost and the amount of land involved. City Manager Latham replied yes. Councilwoman Zobrist inquired we are going into the regional retention pond business and start charging fees. City Manager Latham responded no. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, and Bellm voted aye, Zobrist voted nay. Motion carried.

Bill #10-68/RESOLUTION Appropriating Funds for Broadway Resurfacing – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #10-68/Resolution #10-06-1892 appropriating funds for Broadway Resurfacing in the amount of \$2400 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #10-69/RESOLUTION Approving Financial Advisory Agreement with WM Financial Strategies Concerning Services for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds with Respect to the Acquisition of Property for Peripheral Route – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #10-69/Resolution #10-06-1893 approving financial advisory agreement with WM Financial Strategies concerning services for the issuance and sale of bonds with respect to the acquisition of property for the peripheral route as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #10-70/RESOLUTION Authorizing Execution of Bond Counsel Agreement with Kurt Froehlich – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #10-70/Resolution #10-06-1894 authorizing execution of bond counsel agreement with Kurt Froehlich as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #10-71/RESOLUTION Adopting Amendment to Solid Waste Services Contract – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #10-71/Resolution #10-06-1895 adopting amendment

to solid waste services contract as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #809 – Councilman Bardill motioned to approve Warrant #809 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to temporarily adjourn to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act under Section 2(c)(21) for discussion of executive session minutes and 2(c)(5) to discuss contracts for property acquisition; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 7:47pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Zobrist were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Bruckert, Deputy City Clerk Hediger and City Clerk Bellm.

City Manager Latham gave a brief update to the council regarding developments with the library board. Mayor Michaelis stated the library has a lot of financial problems. I do think the city has to extend themselves to the library for the good of the community. We will bring the information back to the council. City Manager Latham stated there are some critical things that need to be done. We need to draw down to the specific areas that must be addressed.

Councilwoman Bellm motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55m.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk