

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Councilmembers present were Schwarz, Bardill and Bellm. Councilwoman Zobrist was absent. Others in attendance: City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Harold Belsheim, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Rosen, Rusteberg and Schoeck, Police Chief Bell, Supervisor Limestall, Latzer Public Library Director Kim, City Clerk Bellm; Council-Candidate Nicholaides, 5 citizens and 1 member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 Special Budget Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Annual Highland News Leader Easter Egg Hunt Request – Curt Libbra, reporter for Highland News Leader, requested permission for the annual Easter egg hunt. The event will be held at 10:00am this year. Otherwise, everything is the same as years past. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the request of the Highland News Leader to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on the Square on Saturday, April 16 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Memorial Day Parade and Band Funding Request - American Legion Post #439 & VFW Post #5694 – Paul Bohn, Sgt. of Arms, 1416 6th Street, on behalf of the American Legion Post #439 and VFW Post #5694 requested permission for the annual Memorial Day Parade, on Monday, May 30, 2011, stepping off at 1:00pm. The parade would be routed from the south parking lot of St. Paul's Church to Lemon Street and over to 12th Street, then Poplar Street to VFW Road. As in the past, we request a donation of \$200 to defray the cost of the band. We would appreciate it if Mayor Michaelis would participate by riding in the parade and doing a short welcoming address at the ceremony that will follow. We also invite the council to ride in the parade as well.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the request of American Legion Post #439 and VFW Post #5694 to hold the Memorial Day parade, on Monday, May 30, 2011, and the requested donation of \$200 donation to help defer the cost of the band as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilman Schwarz inquired if this is a fundraiser. Mr. Bohn replied no. Councilman Schwarz asked if the band participates in the parade. Mr. Bohn reported the band participates in the parade and does a few songs at the ceremony. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Highland 175th Jubilee Funding Request – Lynn Rehberger, 1366 Old Trenton Road, Co-Chair of the 175th Jubilee, which will be celebrated in 2012, provided a detailed budget to the council showing how the \$5,000 requested would be used. Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve \$5,000 funding for start-up costs for Highland’s 175th Jubilee as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz asked what is planned for the final celebration event. Is it another Schweizerfest type event? Mrs. Rehberger explained there are several activities building up to the final celebration that will be held next September at Lindendale Park. September 28 & 29, 2012, the Helvetia Sharpshooters will be holding a Schutzenfest in conjunction with the Highland Pistol Club. The events on September 29 & 30, 2012, at Lindendale Park, will feature Swiss-German dancers, bands, the Alpine Horns, and provide traditional Swiss-German food items. In addition to the different events, we are working to get a lot of the photos and other items of Highland’s history digitizing to preserve the information. We plan to do a large theater type program to show this. If possible, we may put some of that together into a publication. Councilman Schwarz asked are there any fundraising events planned. Mrs. Rehberger stated we hope to seek donations from businesses. In addition, if you look at the budget presented tonight, some of the money we are requesting is “seed” money for fundraisers planned, which we will then take the proceeds and use them for the celebration. There are strong ties between our sister city, Sursee, Switzerland. Our intent is to invite some of their citizens and dignitaries to the celebration in 2012. Director Rusteberg reported the group will be using the Highland Area Community Foundation to pass the funds through. Councilman Schwarz stated he did not feel he had enough information to approve funds. Councilwoman Bellm stated she would be abstaining from the vote, since she is actively involved on the committee. Roll Call Vote: Bardill voted aye, Schwarz voted nay, Bellm abstained. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion failed. Mayor Michaelis explained that three aye votes are required to successfully pass the motion. Mrs. Rehberger asked does this mean that Highland is not backing a 2012 celebration. Mayor Michaelis suggested someone from the committee contact City Manager Latham tomorrow to discuss it.

Requests of Council:

None.

Staff Reports:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Make Tentative Budget Available for Public Review at City Hall and Set Public Hearing for Monday, April 18, 2011, 7:00pm, City Hall – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to make the tentative budget, for Fiscal Year 2011-12, available for public review at City Hall and set a public hearing for Monday, April 18, 2011, 7:00pm, at City Hall; second by Councilman Bardill. Director Rusteberg reported, today, we received something from Madison County showing that we had a reduction in our assessed evaluation. When we anticipated for the general administration funds, we anticipated a slight increase, as we have seen increases as long as I can remember. The reduction is -1.84% of last year, which will decrease revenue ~\$70,000 than anticipated for about seven different funds. For General Administration it is ~\$39,700. Will make the change in the amounts transferred over to reserves for each area. Changes will be made and revised copies distributed to the council in the next few days. All we are

doing with this vote tonight is to set the dates for public review and public hearing. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-28/RESOLUTION Requesting Road Closure for Memorial Day Parade –

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-28/Resolution #11-04-1959 requesting road closures for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2011 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-29/ORDINANCE Authorizing Sale of Personal Property – Two Automobiles –

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-29/Ordinance #2460 authorizing the sale of two 1999 Ford Crown Victoria automobiles as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-30/RESOLUTION Declaring 1405 7th Street as Blighted Property and Authorizing Demolition of the Structures Upon It - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-30/Resolution #11-04-1960 declaring 1405 7th Street as blighted property and authorizing demolition of structures upon it as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-31/RESOLUTION Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Between the City of Highland and Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. Relating to the Demolition of All Structures at 1405 7th Street in Highland - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-31/Resolution #11-04-1962 authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a contract between the City of Highland and Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. relating to the demolition of all structures at 1405 7th Street in Highland as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Bid #PW-09-10 Troxler Avenue Pavement Restoration Project - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Bid #PW-09-10 Troxler Avenue Pavement Restoration Project as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid #PW-17-10 for the Spillway Retaining Wall Repair Project – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to award Bid #PW-17-10 for the Spillway Retaining Wall Repair project to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$89,840 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrants #837 & #838 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Warrants #837 & #838 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk