

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm, and Nicolaides were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, and Schoeck, Chief Bell, Supervisor Limestall; City Staff: Andrea Enright, Steve Ferguson, Tracey Robinson; Latzer Library Director Angela Kim, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 9 citizens, and 1 member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Councilman Schwarz abstained. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Michaelis announced the presentation on the proposed development of a Tax Increment Financing Area #2 has been postponed.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Vicky Ellsworth, with Huddle House, of Greenville, stated they hope to soon be in Highland, as she passed around menus and showed a picture of the building they plan to build in Highland. Ms. Ellsworth stated we are a chain restaurant that believes in providing good food, in a fun environment with southern hospitality. We opened our store in Greenville in June 2010, and we have consistently been ranked in the top ten percent of the 400 Huddle Houses. We look forward to coming to Highland. We have been working with Pete Korte and Bill Rickher of Korte Luitjohan. This location will employ 45-50 people.

Requests of Council:

Councilwoman Bellm made a request on behalf of the 175<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee to close Main Street, from Laurel Street to Walnut and Laurel to Washington from 5:30PM until 10:30PM on Friday, August 19, to host a fundraiser for the 175<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, at the Lory Theater. AMC Theaters has agreed to open the theater and show a classic movie. In conjunction with this, they are planning a classic car show, music and refreshments. Councilwoman Bellm noted there is another council meeting before this; however, we would like to know if they council would be open to this, so that we may begin

organizing the event, printing tickets and advertising. It was the consensus of the council that they approve of the event and request.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported the Troxler Avenue Rehabilitation project is completed. The feedback received is that it is the smoothest road in Highland.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Mayor's Appointments to the Library Board of Trustees – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's re-appointment of Ronald Coleman for another three-year term, to expire June 30, 2014; the appointments of Nancy Genteman and Joan Schuetz for three-year terms, to expire June 30, 2014, and LeeAnn Landmann for a one-year term, to expire June 30, 2012 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Mayor's Appointments to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the mayor's re-appointments of Joyce Zerban, Wayne Wirz and Pam Lecerf to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for three-year terms, to expire July 31, 2014, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Mayor's Appointments to the Liquor Control Commission – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's re-appointment of Russ Heuberger for another three-year term, to expire June 2014 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-69/RESOLUTION Providing For a Feasibility Study on the Designation of Areas as Redevelopment Project Areas – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-69/Resolution #11-08-1983 providing for a feasibility study on the designation of areas as redevelopment project areas as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-70/ORDINANCE Declaring Vehicle Obtained Through Seizure as Surplus Property and Authorizing Its Sale – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-70/Ordinance #2477 declaring a vehicle obtained through seizure as surplus property and authorizing its sale as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-71/ORDINANCE Declaring a Parcel of Real Estate to be Surplus and Directing that it Be Conveyed Back to the Heirs of the Grantors of 1956 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-71/Ordinance #2478 declaring a parcel of real estate to be surplus and directing that it be conveyed back to the heirs of the grantors of 1956 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #11-72/ORDINANCE Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Business District Development Agreement with Huddle House for a Project in Business District No. 1 - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-72/Ordinance #2479 approving and authorizing execution of a Business District Development Agreement with Huddle House for a project in Business District No. 1 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilman Schwarz asked what the expected tax revenue or sales. Ms. Ellsworth replied, based off the Greenville location, we estimate ~\$1,000,000 within the first year. Councilman Schwarz asked where this would be located. Ms. Ellsworth responded in front of Wal-Mart, on the former Murphy's Oil site, next to Regions Bank. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Discussion – Solid Waste Services - City Manager Latham reported we went out for proposal about six weeks ago. We received proposals from Allied Waste and Harry's Disposal. Allied proposes automated pickup, Harry's proposes traditional pickup. None presented, originally, to pick all waste streams on one day. Harry's will now do that. Allied is proposing pick up of the recyclables, with the household waste, every other week. The yard waste would be a different day. Director Korte has put together a summary for the council.

Councilman Schwarz asked what 'communication is manual' means. Finance Director Kelly Korte explained that Harry's does not have email right now. They have agreed to stop in one time per day for list of any misses or other issues. Councilman Schwarz asked what automated pick up is. Director Korte reported Allied Waste proposes the use of large containers that the truck picks up with an arm and dumps into the truck versus people on the streets. Allied has committed to taking care of notifying customers of the pickup schedule versus the city having to do it, as we did when we switch to Brisk Sanitation. Councilman Schwarz stated he feels Harry's is the best option. They are offering trash pickup on the same day. I like that is not automated and people on the street, so that people can communicate with them. They are a local company. They stepped forward and took over with very little complaints. Councilwoman Bellm noted the biggest complaint when we switched providers was that the different waste streams were not picked up on the same day. Harry's can pick it up. I recall there were a number of people that did not want the big containers because of their size and places to store them. Of course, cost always factors in. Therefore, I agree that Harry's is the best option. Councilman Nicolaides asked what the length of the contract is. Director Korte reported Allied has proposed a five-year contract. Harry's is a yearly contract. Councilman Bardill agreed he feels Harry's is the best option. We are getting pickup of everything on one day and saving money. Also, appliances are being picked up. I like that we review it on an annual basis. Councilman Schwarz asked can we lock in on future rates. City Manager Latham stated that is something we can work on. Councilman Schwarz asked has things settled down as far as any complaints. Director Korte stated there were two places that did not get their trash picked up on Friday. However, Friday is a big day for pickups. Things have improved. It does take time to learn all the locations. Mayor Michaelis asked staff to proceed with the direction provided by the council.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrant #849 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Warrant #849 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides 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, 2(c)(11) to discuss potential litigation; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:28pm.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to appoint Councilman Bardill as mayor pro-temp for this portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Bardill reconvened the Regular Session at 7:53pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Mayor Michaelis was absent. Others in attendance: City Manager Latham, City Attorney Bruckert, Director Cook, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, and City Clerk Bellm.

Bill #11-73/RESOLUTION Approving Settlement Agreement with Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois f/k/a Illinois Power Company d/b/a Ameren IP – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-73/Resolution #11-08-1984 approving settlement agreement with Ameren

Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois f/k/a Illinois Power Company d/b/a Ameren IP as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Nicolaides, Bellm, Schwarz and Bardill voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk