

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides were present. Councilwoman Bellm was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Harold Belsheim, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, and Schoeck, Chief Bell, EMT Captain Crosby, Supervisor Limestall; HCS Manager Steve Ferguson, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, Treasurer Foehner, City Clerk Bellm, 5 citizens, and 1 member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming September 17 – 23, 2011 as Constitution Week.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

St. Paul Trick-or-Trunk Request – Joan Riffel, representative of St. Paul's Church, requested permission for street closure of Olive Street from 9th Street to Main Street on Friday, October 28, 2011 for their third annual Trick-or-Trunk event. Last year, 54 cars and over 200 children participated. For the safety of children, they would like to close Olive Street to allow for safe crossing of children between the two parking lots. Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the Trunk-or-Treat request; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

None presented.

Staff Reports:

Public Works Director Joe Gillespie recognized Tony Hempen, an employee with the Water Department since 1998, who on June 2, 2011, at the Illinois Southwest Central Operators Meeting, received Operator of the Year, from within the twelve counties represented. This qualified Mr. Hempen to go to the state level competition. Last Thursday, he received Operator of the Year for the State of Illinois. The City of Highland has had a lot of history with at least four other members of the city staff receiving this award.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #11-90/ORDINANCE Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Highland, Illinois to Finance Certain Projects of the City – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-90/Ordinance #2485 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Highland, Illinois to finance certain projects of the city as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-91/RESOLUTION Approving Financial Advisory Agreement Concerning Services for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, or Debt Certificates, for Public Improvements in Connection with Construction of New Medical Facilities - Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #11-91/Resolution #11-09-1996 approving financial advisory agreement concerning services for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, or Debt Certificates, for public improvements in connection with construction of new medical facilities as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-92/ORDINANCE Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Second Amended Agreement for Economic Development Incentives, and Other Actions Related Thereto - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-92/Ordinance #2486 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a second amended agreement for economic development incentives, and other actions related thereto as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-93/RESOLUTION Approving Settlement of Sewer Backup Claim of Foresight Services, Inc. – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #11-93/Resolution #11-09-1997 approving settlement of sewer backup claim of Foresight Services, Inc. as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-94/RESOLUTION Approving Ambulance Services Contract – St. Jacob – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-94/Resolution #11-09-1998 approving ambulance services contract with St. Jacob Fire Protection District and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Highland as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-95/ORDINANCE Declaring Electric Department Equipment Surplus Property – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #11-95/Ordinance #2487 declaring electric department equipment surplus property as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Balancing Change Order for the Troxler Pavement Restoration Project PW-09-10 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve balancing Change Order for the Troxler Pavement Restoration Project PW-09-10 in the amount of \$6,005.25 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid #PW-15-10 for the Broadway Sidewalk Extension Project - Councilman Schwarz made a motion to award Bid #PW-15-10 for the Broadway Sidewalk Extension Project to Rite-Way Excavating, Inc., of Lebanon, Illinois in the amount of \$124,744.46 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #854 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Warrant #854 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Bardill made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk