

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**

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 Harold Belsheim; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck; Chief Bell, Supervisor Limestall, City Staff: Steve Ferguson and Tracy Robinson; Library Director Kim, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 3 citizens and 1 member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

2012 Request for Highland Speedway Dates Schedule and Madison County Fair Dates and Funding Request – Sue Zobrist, of St. Jacob, 2012 Track Manager, requested the council's approval of the schedule provided. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the race dates as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Rick Frey and Gwen McKinnon, of the Madison County Fair Association, were present to request approval of fair and area event dates as provided. Mr. Frey reported the fair will run Tuesday through Sunday, July 24 – 29, 2012. We are changing the dates in an effort to improve attendance. We will be asking some financial assistance for advertising, through use of hotel/motel tax funds. A written proposal will be presented at a later date. Mayor Michaelis suggested the proposal include a request for the amount your organization is requesting. Also, if you can substantiate that your events are drawing people into the community for overnight stays that helps in our decision.

Requests of Council:

No request presented.

Staff Reports:

Nothing presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #11-124/ORDINANCE Approving TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Northside Conservation Redevelopment Project Area – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-124/Ordinance #2507 approving TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Northside Conservation Redevelopment Project Area as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-125/ORDINANCE Designating the Proposed Northside Conservation Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, as Amended - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #11-125/Ordinance #2508 designating the proposed Northside Conservation Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, as amended as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #11-126/ORDINANCE Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Northside Conservation Redevelopment Project Area – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #11-126/Ordinance #2509 adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Northside Conservation Redevelopment Project Area as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #864 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #864 as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. 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 and 2(c)(1) for discussion of personnel matters; seconded Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:10pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 8:34pm. Council members Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Also present were City Attorney Belsheim and City Clerk Bellm.

Mayor Michaelis stated anything discussed in Executive Session will not be acted upon tonight.

Councilman Bardill made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk