

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 Terry Bruckert, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck, Supervisor Limestall, Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Bloemker, EMS Captain Crosby, HCS Manager Kennedy, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, Latzer Library Director Kim; 21 citizens and, one member of the news media.

Three scouts and a pack leader from BSA, Highland Pack 40 lead a flag ceremony and the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

MINUTES

Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2012 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Harold Schellenger came forward with four veterans as Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming November 9 – 15, 2012 as National Veterans Awareness Week in the City of Highland. Harold Schellenger stated we planned to do a Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 11, along with other functions, throughout the week, with the schools to bring awareness as to what the veterans have done to protect and promote our freedom.

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming November 19 – 23, 2012, as Youth Appreciation Week, as part of the program developed and promoted by Optimist International to recognize the achievements of youth in the community.

RECOGNITION

Supervisor Kevin Limestall introduced Mary Church, President of Route 40 National Road Association. Mrs. Church stated the association was founded in 1977, with the goal to bring people across the Midwest on a tour along Route 40. She presented plaques to owners of property designated as significant in art and/or architecture by the National Road Association: Wick's Organ Company, 1100 Fifth Street; House of Plenty, 802 Ninth Street; Kaeser Park and Museum, 1737 Broadway; John Wildi Masonic Temple, 721 Ninth Street; and, Eagle (Inn) Hotel, 800 Main Street. Also designated was Oberbeck Grain, 700 Walnut Street.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No one present made requests or provided comments.

Requests and Comments of Council:

Mayor Michaelis noted Scheffel & Company was here two weeks ago to give the financial report for the City of Highland. The good financial status of the city and the audit completed does not just happen. Mayor Michaelis recognized the efforts of City Manager Latham, Director Korte, and all the directors who operate our city and work with the auditors.

Staff Reports:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Request for Proposals for Banking Depository Services – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Request for Proposals for Banking Depository Services as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-124/ORDINANCE Amending the Tax Increment Financing Development Agreement with FH Poettker d/b/a Poettker Truck Service – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-124/Ordinance #2556 amending the Tax Increment Financing Development Agreement with FH Poettker d/b/a Poettker Truck Service as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-125/ORDINANCE Approving Communications Facility Lease Agreement with Illinois Rural Healthnet (IRHN) – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-125/Ordinance #2557 approving Communications Facility Lease Agreement with Illinois Rural Healthnet (IRHN) as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-126/RESOLUTION Approving Services Agreement with Big River Telephone Company, LLC and Authorizing Its Execution - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-126/Resolution #12-11-2090 approving services agreement with Big River Telephone Company, LLC and authorizing its execution as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz asked, if we are giving the ability to allow for payment of online video play, have we thought about how to implement that into other areas, such as for utility payment. HCS Manager Dan Kennedy reported this will only address services for HCS that we were to have with Fidelity. Councilman Schwarz asked is their pricing similar to Fidelity. Manager Kennedy reported we looked at the services offered. One of the things was online bill pay option, so there is a subsequent value. Big River also serves other telephone companies in the area. Since they have other local facilities that they service, we felt very comfortable with them. Councilman Schwarz asked did we look at developing this software in-house. Manager Kennedy replied yes; however, there are banking compliance issues and, as part of this agreement, we receive indemnity. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-127/RESOLUTION Approving Master Customer Agreement with Visual Collaboration Communications, Inc. – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #12-127/Resolution #12-11-2091 approving Master Customer Agreement with Visual Collaboration Communications, Inc. as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Councilman Schwarz inquired, if we are going to pay for

door to door sales, is now the time to do it. Are we going to get the maximum benefit by doing it now? HCS Manager Dan Kennedy explained door to door sales would be done on their time schedule, in addition to installation. They only get commission for those they sign up. We see a correlation between the mailers we send out and new customers. Councilman Schwarz asked, since this is so early, they may collect on something that we may get anyways. Manager Kennedy stated we average eight customers per week. When we do a mailer, we see 10-11 new customers in the following week. This will target Phase I area to help us get a better concentration of users in that area. We are doing this as part of the marketing plan that we have developed with Black Twig. We found out that a lot of people do not realize that HCS exists and what it has to offer. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Partnership with Madison County State's Attorney's Office for Purchase and Implementation of Cellebrite Company Software for Use in Police Investigations - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve partnership with Madison County State's Attorney's Office for purchase and implementation of Cellebrite company software for use in police investigations as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Sursee Trail Sponsorships - Tiered Plan – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Sursee Trail Sponsorships - Tiered Plan as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrants #894 & #895 – Councilman Bardill motioned to approve Warrants #894 and #895 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. 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) discussion of executive session minutes and Section 2(c)(11) for discussion of probable litigation; seconded Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 8:19pm. Council members Nicolaides, Bellm, Bardill and Schwarz were present. Also present were City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Manager Latham, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, and City Clerk Bellm.

Mayor Michaelis stated nothing discussed in Executive Session would 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 8:20pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk