

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 John Long, City Treasurer Dennis Foehner, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck, Police Chief Bell, and Fire Chief Bloemker as well as Supervisor Limestall, City Staff Tracey Robinson and Ann Stoecklin, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, Latzer Library Director Kim; **twelve** citizens and one member of the news media.

Six scouts and three pack leaders from BSA, Lewis and Clark Council, Highland Pack 43 led 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 November 19, 2012 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:

*Highland Optimists 2013 Shootout Funding Request* – Kevin Hemann, a Co-Chairman for the Highland Optimists' 2013 Shootout was present to request permission for the annual Optimists' Shootout. Mr. Hemann stated that the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual shootout will be held January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This event will bring basketball teams from Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin to compete at the Highland High School gymnasium and will attract over 2,000 visitors to Highland. In past years they were able to find up to six \$1,000 sponsors from within Highland and due to the poor economy, they have only two this year. Mr. Hemann requested funding for promotion of the event in an amount up to \$1,000 in addition to the usual police protection that is provided each year. The Shootout has become the Optimists' biggest fundraiser. One team is being brought in from Madison, Wisconsin. They are provided eight hotel rooms, a meal and an appearance fee to get them to participate. Each team will receive an appearance fee. The goal of the event is having it paid for before the day of the event. Mr. Hemann expressed appreciation for the City's past support in the form of police protection for the day and allowing them the placement of five signs throughout the City. Kevin introduced Matt Powers who makes hundreds of phones to get all the teams to participate. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to give the Optimists funding in the amount of \$1,000 to help promote the 2013 Optimist Shootout as well as police protection; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests and Comments of Council:

Nothing presented.

Staff Reports:

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Mayor's Appointment to the Tree Commission – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Schwarz to the Tree Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jeannie Korte which will expire in June 2015, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All Councilmembers voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Proposal for Banking Depository Services – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to award the majority of the City's banking depository services to FCB Highland Bank, as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #12-134/RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement between the National Road Association of Illinois and Cumberland County Highway Department and the City of Highland for the Placement of an informational kiosk on land owned by the Highland Historical Society - Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Bill #12-134/Resolution #12-12-2097 approving an Agreement between the National Road Association of Illinois and Cumberland County Highway Department and the City of Highland for the Placement of an informational kiosk on land owned by the Highland Historical Society, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Mayor Michaelis asked Kevin Limestall to give an overview of how this item came about. Kevin reported that in 2008 the National Road Association received a National Scenic Byways Grant from the Federal Highway Administration for placement of informational kiosks. At that time they were planning approximately 20 locations with three panels each, one on local information, one on the National Road map and one on the history of the National Road. Since then there has been some turnover in the National Road office and the grant guidelines have been rewritten. Now there will be one kiosk panel per community. The National Road is handling the design and information, and Cumberland County is in charge of the actual installation/construction of the panels. Mayor Michaelis clarified that the new location is not actually on the old National Road. Kevin confirmed that and added that the location was chosen because of the accessibility it provides for the kiosk. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Bid #E-16-12 for the Purchase of One 3750KVA Distribution Transformer to serve as Backup for Saint Joseph Hospital – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting for Bid #E-16-12 for the purchase of one 3750KVA distribution transformer to serve as backup for Saint Joseph Hospital as attached; seconded by Councilman Bardill. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Discussion Regarding the Request by Harry's Disposal for a Rate Increase for Solid Waste Collection Services –

Mark Latham reported that he and Director of Finance Kelly Korte had met with Harry's at the beginning of November who indicated that they have had increases in fuel costs, landfill tipping fees and surcharges and therefore are requesting an increase in rates. Mark and Kelly are not in agreement with an increase at this time since their contract was just renewed in October for a one-year term. Almost immediately thereafter, they requested this rate increase. Kelly added that at the time the contract extension was negotiated, they did request, and the City agreed to rate increases on some of the dumpsters and some of the temporary dumpsters, but no mention was made of these increased costs that they are basing this request on. When we originally requested proposals, they did not include in

theirs' annual increases in certain rates. Other companies did and that was a deciding factor in choosing Harry's at that time. One of their reasons for their request is that other communities that they are in have an automatic \$1 increase per year. Their substantiation is that they have landfill price increases and fuel increases. Councilwoman Bellm asked if those increases occurred since the contract was approved in October. Mark and Kelly both said, "No." Councilman Schwarz indicated that his concern is protecting the integrity of the initial proposal. If that was one of the differentiating factors, then we should ask for proposals again. Councilwoman Bellm indicated that due to the timing of the request, she doesn't see a need for an increase. Councilman Nicolaides asked if there is any chance that they will just pull out. Attorney Long indicated that would be a breach of contract. Their request is based on increased costs which should have been brought up at the time that they were negotiating the contract extension. The consensus of the council was to continue with the current contract as is.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrant #897 – Councilman Bardill made a motion to approve Warrant #897, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bardill, and Bellm voted aye. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Bardill. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Lana R. Hediger, Deputy City Clerk