

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Gillespie, Korte, and Rosen; Police Chief Bell, EMS Captain Crosby, Supervisor Limestall, Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 12 citizens, and one member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Michaelis recognized Lane Rinderer for raising the 2013 Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Barrow that sold for a record price at the Governor's Sale of Champions. Mayor Michaelis referenced an article in the August 22, 2013 edition of the Highland News Leader, which reported that a group paid more than \$40,000 for the championship barrow. Lane Rinderer introduced his parents, Nicki and Brian Rinderer. Lane reported we bought the pig from Jared Frueh, of northern Illinois, after he called and said he had a pig that was a "no sale" on his sale earlier in the year. We took the barrow to a show in Louisville, KY, where it weighed in at 269 pounds and placed third. I knew if it was going to have a chance at winning at the state fair, it needed some serious weight training, so he went on a crash diet with a lot of exercise. He got to minimum weight and held at 285 pounds a few days before the fair. At the fair weigh-in, he was 292 pounds; then he won his class. We had two hours until we went back for judging, so we filled him up to fill him out, and he was judged Grand Champion. The blanket barrow that sold last year was \$11,000. For this to sell for \$40,000 was crazy. Mayor Michaelis noted there are sponsors that become part of that sale. Mr. Lane acknowledged there were several businesses, which our family does business with, from the Highland area that sponsored. Mayor Michaelis noted that is one expensive ham sandwich. What made you think this was a pig that could win? Lane explained they have to breed to certain characteristics that we look for. Councilwoman Bellm asked what those characteristics are. Lane responded we look for heavy muscle, big legged and big feet, with good movement that is free and flexible. Councilwoman Bellm asked what you do to prepare them for show. Lane reported they are washed 3-4 times a day, shaved, and walked around the yard each day. Mayor Michaelis asked how many judges are involved in the judging process. Lane reported there is one judge in the one round and two judges that select the champion of the breed. Mayor Michaelis asked how long you have been doing this. Lane stated I am part of Highland FFA and Good Producers 4-H. I am fifteen. I started with 4-H and started showing at the age of eight. This past year I started showing competitively around the state. The mayor and council applauded Lane for his efforts and the achievement.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

First Congregational Church Trunk-or-Treat Request – Miriam DeVries, Deacon of First Congregational Church, and Bev Wilcox requested permission for street closure of Washington Street, from the alley south of the church parking lot to the corner of Washington and 8th Street on Sunday, October 27, 2013, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. During the event, we plan to have several cars decorated for the occasion and allow children to go from car to car to get candy and treats. The trunk-or-treat would be held from 3:00pm to 5:00pm; the street closure would allow for one hour of safe setup and tear down. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the First Congregational Church's request for street closure of Washington Street on Sunday, October 27, 2013 as requested; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests were made.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham noted we have been pretty proactive as far as checking the parks for mosquitoes by placing traps. The traps were sent to the county for testing. This past week, we have found that some of the traps had mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus. Public Works will be spraying the entire city over a two-night period every other week. The other week they will focus on spraying the parks. We will continue to do this on a regular basis over the next few weeks until the temperature is low enough that they are no longer breeding, which requires temperatures to be consistently cooler than 60 degrees in the evening. Right now, we are in the process of getting notices out to the public and establishing a regular schedule of spraying. Public Works has tablets that are available for residents to use for areas where there may be standing water.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Appointment to the Tree Commission – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Mr. Robert Kent Coleman to the Tree Commission to fill the remainder of a three-year term to expire July 2016 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Mayor's Appointment to the Combined Planning and Zoning Board – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Deanna Harlan to the Combined Planning and Zoning Board for a five-year term to expire August 31, 2018 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-81/RESOLUTION Calling a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the City of Highland to Sell General Obligation Sewerage System Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #13-81/Resolution #13-09-2148 calling a public hearing for October 7, 2013 at 7:00pm concerning the intent of the City of Highland to sell General Obligation Sewerage System Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-82/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing Execution of Refuse Collection Contract with Robert "Bob" Sanders Waste Systems, Inc. for Solid Waste Collection Services – Mayor Michaelis requested this be tabled until the city attorney has review some items in the contract. Councilwoman Bellm made motion to table; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-83/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing Execution of Preliminary Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds with Quality Testing and Engineering, Inc., for the Iberg Road Extension – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #13-83/Resolution #13-09-2149 approving and authorizing execution of preliminary construction engineering services agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds with Quality Testing and Engineering, Inc., for the Iberg Road Extension in the amount of \$53,705 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-84/RESOLUTION Approving Revised Transport-Only Services Agreement with Vubiquity, Inc. – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #13-84/Resolution #13-09-2150 approving Revised Transport-Only Services Agreement with Vubiquity, Inc. as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-85/RESOLUTION Approving One-Year Extension of Contract for Excavation of Grave Sites in the City Cemetery – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #13-85/Resolution #13-09-2151 approving one-year extension of contract for excavation of gravesites in the City Cemetery as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-86/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing Acceptance of Proposal for Quality Testing and Engineering, Inc. to Perform Geotechnical Services for the Public Safety Facility Project – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #13-86/Resolution #13-09-2152 approving and authorizing acceptance of proposal for Quality Testing and Engineering, Inc. to perform geotechnical services for the Public Safety Facility Project for the lump sum amount of \$3,300.00 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #924 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #924 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides 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 7:21pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk