

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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 Cook, Gillespie, Korte and Rosen; Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Bloemker, EMS Captain Crosby, EMT Durbin, Supervisor Limestall, Library Director Kim, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 3 representatives of Scheffel & Co.; 2 representatives of Williams Architects; 1 representative from The Korte Co.; 10 members of Highland High School Cross Country; HHS CC Coaches Bradley and Vance; 8 Cub Scouts from Pack 43 Den 1 and 2 Pack Leaders; 18 citizens, and one member of the news media.

Eight Cub Scout members of Pack 43 Den 1, in attendance as part of earning their citizenship badges, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, at Mayor Michaelis' request.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming November 11, 2013 as Veteran's Day in the City of Highland.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Michaelis and the council recognized members of the Highland High School Girls' Cross Country Team for an outstanding season. Coach Doug Bradley and Coach Bob Vance came forward with team members Mariah Ferguson, Sarah Wiegman, Mireilla Beaubien, Courtney Hengehold, Jayden Shelton, Emily Holtzclaw, Lexi Plocher, Alison Zobrist, Abby Johnson and Taylor Prusa. Coach Bradley reported we will find out later this week if this team was the best in state history. The teams ahead of us are in the Chicago area. This team is MVC Champions, Regional Champions, and for the first time since 1993, we had a team that qualified for State Finals. We run 3.1 miles in a meet. We started our summer training on June 2 at Spindler Park. So far, this season, some of the team members have run over 650 miles. Mayor Michaelis inquired about individual achievements. Mr. Bradley reported Mariah, Jayden and Emily were All-Conference; and Alison Zobrist was All-Conference Champion, Regional Champion and Sectional Champion. This weekend, we put five girls in the top fifteen. Emily has been undefeated in the last eight meets, finishing in third place on September 21. Emily stated her goal for this week at the state meet is top five.

PRESENTATION

Chief Terry Bell reported Williams Architects, in partnership with The Korte Co., have worked to develop a plan for a new public safety facility, which we feel is something that meets our current needs as well as some things for the future. Mark Bushhouse, of Williams Architects reported we got the planning done last year; now the schematic design is done, so we know what it is going to look like. We have plumbing, electrical, and structural planners in the process of reviewing the plans and getting into the specifications for the bid process. Tonight, we are going to talk about the schematic design. We determined that we will need a connecting road from Troxler for service, with a detention facility to the east of the actual structure. There will be two access points, with visitor parking from the north side and staff parking on the southeast. At the front, main entrance, a public area with a vestibule and large full-service community training room that would have a capacity of 100-200, that was seen as a priority. Behind that, is the dispatch station. On the east end of the building would be the police station area, with a detention area for holding and a sally port for unloading of prisoners. In the center zone, we have work area for the police, locker rooms and a shared room for EMS, Fire and Police to use for exercise and training. Then there is the EMS and Fire area with locker rooms, shower, sleep stations and housing of the equipment, along with a place for preparation and storage of gear for easy access.

The facility was 36,400 sq. ft., when presented, last year, has grown to 43,801 sq. ft. In looking at some things, we discussed making the community and training rooms larger to hold more public. We also decide to incorporate a place to garage some police vehicles and keep them out of the weather. The good news is, The Korte Co., worked with us on the costing. We have more detail on civil engineering, with soil boring and detention, along with plumbing, electrical. The building construction estimate is just over \$9,000,000. With soft cost, which are moving, furniture, and some new equipment, the total project cost is estimated at \$11,591,000. Councilwoman Bellm noted we don't look at basements. We did not do it here and it is not included with this. Chief Bell explained we did look at it and evaluated the water table. The soil borings turned out favorable; however, a couple issues with considering a basement is that we have space to add on at this site. With a basement, there are peripheral things that must be added on, such as an elevator and stairwells. It easily added over one million dollars to the project. Mr. Bushhouse pointed out, if you ask very nicely, in the State of Illinois, you can put in a mezzanine of up to 1,000 sq. ft. over the fire storage area, which could be used for storage space. Councilwoman Bellm expressed I just want to think ahead for future storage space. I want to look forward 75-100 years and have a building that works. Mr. Bushhouse assured everyone there are other ways to expand the building.

MINUTES

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No comments or requests brought forward.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests brought forward.

Staff Reports:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #13-107/RESOLUTION Approving a Three-Year Agreement for Auditing Services with Scheffel & Company, P.C. – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #13-107/Resolution #13-11-2163 approving a three-year agreement for auditing services with Scheffel & Company, P.C. as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz stated initially, I would be in favor of seeing what other services are out there. Since that is not an option with professional services, I feel this is the most economical with their familiarity with the city. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-108/ORDINANCE Abating Taxes Levied for 2013 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue Source) Sewerage System Bonds – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #13-108/Ordinance #2597 abating taxes levied for 2013 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue Source) Sewerage System Bonds as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #13-109/ORDINANCE Vacating Platted and Dedicated (But no Longer Maintained) Portions of Mulberry Street, North Street, and Chestnut Street, but Reserving Therein to the City of Highland, Public Utilities Easements and a Fiber Optic Communications Easement – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #13-109/Ordinance #2598 vacating platted and dedicated (but no longer maintained) portions of Mulberry Street, North Street, and Chestnut Street, but reserving therein to the City of Highland public utilities easements and a fiber optic communications easement as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz asked would anyone ever have a need to go on that street, unless you were going to that business. City Manager Latham responded maintenance of water, sewer or electric lines is the only need for access. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approving Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #G-11-13 for Diesel Fuel and Distillates – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #G-11-13 for Diesel Fuel and Distillates as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #930 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #930 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. 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 7:34pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk