

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Council member Schwarz was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, Peck, Rosen and Schoeck; Police Chief Bell, Patrol Officer Charles Allen, Fire Chief Bloemker, Supervisor Limestall, Library Director Kim, EMS Lieutenant Crosby, EMS Captain Rusteberg, Treasurer Foechner, and Deputy City Clerk Hediger; nine citizens, and one member of the news media. City Clerk Bellm was absent.

**MINUTES**

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*2014 HHS Homecoming Parade Request* – Kevin Thuenemann requested permission to hold the 2014 HHS Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally in the square on Wednesday, October 1, with a rain date of Thursday, October 2. Mr. Thuenemann stated the parade route would be the same as last year with the pep rally at the square ending at 11:00 p.m. In addition to the request as written, Mr. Thuenemann requested that the City provide police services at the intersection of Washington and Broadway, the needed electric and use of the PA system at the square, for the parade route to be marked with no parking signs, and permission to use the empty lot next to the Chamber of Commerce. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the request for the homecoming parade and pep rally on October 1<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of October 2<sup>nd</sup> as attached with the addition of electric service to be provided by the city; seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilman Frey pointed out that with regard to the request for permission to use the empty lot next to the Chamber of Commerce, that was private property and permission would be needed from the land owner not the city. However, the restrooms next to the Chamber of Commerce office would be open and available during the event. Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

*Eagle Scout Project Approval Request* – Justin Wheeler, a member of the BSA Troop 1035 of Glen Carbon, with his father present requested permission to undertake the project of creating an inventory of trees and corresponding database for Glik Park. The project would include counting, measuring, identifying, obtaining GPS coordinates and recording information related to each tree within the park. All the data will be compiled into a workable database for use by the Parks & Recreation Department of the city. In all, the project should take approximately three weeks to

complete. His project is proposed to begin as soon as he receives approval from the board of the Lewis & Clark BSA Council in Belleville, estimated to be in the second week of August. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Justin Wheeler's tree inventory project; seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests made.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham introduced Angela Imming of Highland as the city's new IT Director and welcomed her. Her previous employer was Peabody Energy.

## NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Reappointments to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Carrie Belford to replace Joyce Zerban and the re-appointment of Denise Berolatti to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission each for a three-year term, to expire July 31, 2017, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-83/ORDINANCE Authorizing and Directing Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$2,595,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014A to Refinance the Korte Recreation Center; Prescribing Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for Levy and Collection of an Annual Tax for the Purpose of Paying the Principal of and Interest on the Bonds as They Become Due; and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-83/Ordinance #2629 authorizing and directing issuance, sale and delivery of \$2,595,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014A to refinance the Korte Recreation Center; prescribing form and details of the bonds; providing for levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith, as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Joy Howard explained the refinancing process for both the Korte Recreation Center and Street Bonds. She is estimating that for the Series 2003 issue, instead of the projected approximately \$124,000 in savings, the final savings will be approximately \$176,000. And, for the second issue, instead of the approximately \$128,000, the final savings will be approximately \$166,000. By roll call, Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-84/ORDINANCE Authorizing and Directing Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$4,670,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014B to Refinance the 2007 Street Bonds; Prescribing Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for Levy and Collection of an Annual Tax for the Purpose of Paying the Principal of and Interest on the Bonds as They Become Due; and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith - Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #14-84/Ordinance #2630 authorizing and directing issuance, sale and delivery of \$4,670,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014B to Refinance the 2007 Street Bonds, prescribing form and details of the bonds; providing for levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Sean Flynn of Gilmore Bell, bond counsel noted that the actual principal amount changed since the city council packet was prepared, and should be \$4,620,000 instead of \$4,670,000. Councilman Frey made a motion to amended his original motion to correct the dollar figure to \$4,620,000 for general obligation

refunding bonds; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye on the motion to amend the amount to \$4,620,000; none voted nay. Motion carried thereby amending the main motion. On the main motion, as amended, Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-85/RESOLUTION Requesting Road Closure for 2014 HHS Homecoming Parade – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-85/Resolution #14-07-2223 requesting road closure from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the 2014 Highland High School Homecoming Parade, as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Sewer Backup Claim -- Becker – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve payment of a sewer backup claim to Andy and Cathy Becker in the amount of \$5,000 as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid #BZ-07-14 for Demolition of Structure at 1316 Broadway – Councilman Frey made a motion to award Bid #BZ-07-14 for the demolition of the structure at 1316 Broadway to Mike A. Maedge Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$52,000 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Nicolaides asked why the apparent low bidder wasn't chosen. Supervisor Limestall explained that there was a viable concern related to the debris removal and whether or not it would be considered friable. By roll call, Councilmembers Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #EMS-15-14 for Purchase of Communications Tower Generator – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #EMS-15-14 for the purchase of a generator for the communications tower as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. All councilmembers voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Oates Associates, Inc. for Production of Final Plans and ROW Negotiations for Sportsmans Road Reconstruction – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve a preliminary engineering services agreement with Oates Associates, Inc. for production of final plans and ROW negotiations for the Sportsmans Road reconstruction as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. By roll call, Councilmembers Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #PW-13-14 for Purchase of One ½-Ton Pickup Truck for the Water Reclamation Facility – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #PW-13-14 for the purchase of one ½-ton pickup truck for the Water Reclamation Facility as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. All councilmembers voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #PW-14-14 for Purchase of One ¾-Ton Pickup Truck for Water Distribution/Sewer Collection – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting Bid #PW-14-14 for the purchase of one ¾-ton pickup truck for Water Distribution/Sewer Collection as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All councilmembers voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Discussion: Renewal of Solid Waste Services Contract – City Manager Latham explained that the contract with Bob Sanders Waste Hauling comes due October 1 and that per the contract, we can renew it for another term. Finance Director Korte explained that Bob Sanders has asked for some price increases and substantiated his need for making the request. They will be incurring increases in their landfill prices in addition to the increase in fuel costs. Director Korte developed a spreadsheet and ran

the numbers to determine the best way to cover the costs. Director Korte indicated that she is pleased with the level of service provided by Sanders. After some discussion, it was determined that the proposed new rates represent a modest increase and that the city council is pleased with the service, therefore, Director Korte was directed to prepare the ordinance(s) for the rate increase(s) and to renew the contract for another term.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrant #956 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #956 as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilmembers Frey, and Bellm voted aye, Councilman Nicolaides abstained, and Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Frey. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Lana R. Hediger, Deputy City Clerk