

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

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, Imming, Korte, and Rosen; Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Bloemker, Supervisors Lengermann and Limestall, City Staff: Aegerter, Peck, Robinson and Schlaefer, Library Director Kim, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, one citizen and one member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**MAYORAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor Michaelis recognized the winners of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual American Public Works Association Illinois Chapter Snow Roadeo, Bill Aegerter and Barkley Schlaefer. Director Gillespie reported our staff participates in the Snow Plow Roadeo annually, which tests operators' skills. There are three components: A written test; Circle of Safety, in which the host provides a truck with multiple defects and teams have to log as many of the defects they can find in certain amount of time; and, Obstacle Course, be completed in the quickest amount of time, with the least amount of violations. The winners receive an individual plaque and then there is the traveling trophy, which goes to the municipality of the winning team. As you can see, in looking at the trophy - in the last eight years, the City of Highland is Champion for the last five years. Highland hosted the event in 2007. Director Gillespie stated we are very proud of what these guys do for us and the citizens of Highland.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*Highland Masonic Lodge #583 Breakfast with Santa Road Closure Request* – Dean DeVries, 3419 Pierland Drive, Event Chairman, stated we are requesting no parking on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and allowing only one-way traffic, going east on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, for the block between Pestalozzi to Walnut Street. This is to relieve traffic for parking lot access and getting people through for carryout dinners. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the road closure on Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 6AM to 8PM for the Masonic Lodge Breakfast with Santa as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Mayor Michaelis noted that last year was the first year for the road closure. Did things work better? Mr. DeVries stated it did. We have many elderly people attend who do not have children and don't want to wait around for up to an hour for a picture with Santa to come through. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Requests of Council:

No requests or comments presented.

Staff Reports:

*Update on Highland Gigabit Challenge* – Lisa Peck, Economic Development and Marketing Coordinator, reported we had seventeen companies that submitted for the challenge. One from South Africa; one from India. Twelve met the criteria and moved on to finalist round. Total prize package, between in-kind and cash prizes is \$50,000. Our judges are Terry Lammers, Regions Bank; Matt Homann, from Highland, who has had success with tech start-up in St. Louis market; Ben Burke, with Arch Trans. Overall, the challenge is going very well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill #14-154/ORDINANCE Repealing Ordinance No. 2648 and Abating Taxes Levied for the 2014A Korte Recreation Center Alternate Revenue Bond and Interest for the 2014 Taxes Payable in 2015 – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-154/Ordinance #2653 repealing Ordinance No. 2648 and abating taxes levied for the 2014A Korte Recreation Center Alternate Revenue Bond and interest for the 2014 Taxes payable in 2015 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaidis voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-155/ORDINANCE Repealing Ordinance No. 2649 and Abating Taxes Levied for the 2014B Street Alternate Revenue Bond and Interest for the 2014 Taxes Payable in 2015 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-155/Ordinance #2654 repealing Ordinance No. 2649 and abating taxes levied for the 2014B Street Alternate Revenue Bond and interest for the 2014 Taxes payable in 2015 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz.

Bill #14-156/ORDINANCE Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement and Other Actions Related Thereto – Peter S. Kim, MD – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-156/Ordinance #2655 approving and authorizing execution of a redevelopment agreement and other actions related thereto – Peter S. Kim, MD as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaidis voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-157/RESOLUTION Supporting Complete Streets Initiative – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-157/Resolution #14-11-2269 supporting Complete Streets Initiative as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaidis voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Approve Warrant #966 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #966 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaidis voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaidis voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.