

MEETING MINUTES  
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HIGHLAND, IL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025  
6:30PM

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

| Officers:                   | Present | Absent |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|
| Jacob W. Rose – Chairperson | X       |        |
| Jeff Menz – Secretary       | X       |        |
| Sara Knobloch               | X       |        |
| Joe Garson                  | X       |        |
| Vacant Seat                 |         |        |

**MINUTES:**

Motion – Approve Minutes of the August 26, 2025 Historical Commission Meeting.  
Motion passed by voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Anyone with anything to address the Historical Commission may do so at this time.

- 3 guests in attendance. Karen Barker, Anna Packer and Beth McReynolds.

**REPORTS:**

- 1) Historic Properties Reports
  - Latzer Homestead –
    - Getting carpentry and painting done.
  - Kaeser Park –
    - Received 2 grants (Highland Area Community Foundation and Bumgardner Fund) to offset expenses for carpentry and painting.
    - HVAC is replaced.
    - Looking for a painter.
    - The outhouse has been repainted.
    - A window is broken in the barn.
  - City Hall Belfrey (previously referred to as the bell tower) –
    - Moulding is complete. It needs installation.
    - Still need the finial replaced, both the wood and metal.
    - Bottom of the roof needs painting.
- 2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan
  - No discussion.
- 3) Landmarks Committee (A Highland Historical Society Committee) (Commission Auxiliary)
  - Digital Archive Website
    - Scanning continues at the Latzer Library.
  - Mexican-American War Cannon
    - Looking for a grant to move the ordinance to the cannon.
  - Historical Structures Program / Historical Tours
    - Over 200 persons attended the haunted history tours.
    - A new tour is planned, called the Prohibition Tour. Planned for the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prohibition on January 16 and 17, 2026.

- Need to secure funding to prep a guide for Highland historic properties.
- Question: What mortar is preferred for soft brick?

4) Historic Building Inventory.

- No progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The photo survey of the old primary school building led to the discussion of photo-documenting other locally historic structures in town including the Chapel at the City Cemetery, The Latzer Library, The Belfry, and several others. Tentative schedule:

Latzer Library – Jacob and Jeff, date to be determined. Intended to fill in the blanks of a previous photo survey. Submit photos for State evaluation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was a discussion about the brewery tunnel system.
- Both Jacob and Jeff signed on for additional 3-year terms.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:18pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 6:30pm at Louis Latzer Public Library, downstairs small meeting room. Anyone requiring accommodations, provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to attend this public meeting, please contact Jackie Heimburger, ADA Coordinator (618-654-7115).