

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016**

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, Assistant City Manager Lisa Peck, City Attorney John Long, City Treasurer Foehner; Directors Bell, Gillespie, Korte, Rosen, Schoeck and Imming; Fire Chief Bloemker, EMS Chief Wilson, Lieutenant Chris Conrad, Chief Building & Zoning Official Limestall, George Stram, Brad Menz, Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 56 citizens, and two members of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Seventeen girls representing Girl Scouts, as Daisies, Brownies, and Girl Scouts were present as Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming the week of March 6 - 12, 2016 as Girl Scout Week.

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming March 29, 2016 "Thank a Vietnam Veteran Day."

MAYORAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Michaelis recognized the HHS Dance Team and Coach Michelle Deets, on winning first-place in Class 2A at the IHSA State Dance Competition. Coach Deets thanked the city council for recognizing the team and recognized Emily Wellen, Assistant Coach. Coach Deets gave a description of what this team does during their year, which starts with tryouts the end of April. During the summer and fall months, they practice different choreographed routines. December through May there is, pretty much, a competition every week. IHSA only allows one routine for competition. This year, we did a lyrical routine. The song and theme was "Letting Go", which is near and dear to me, as I will be stepping down at the end of this year. This team took first place for the second time in four years. At IDTA State Competition, we competed in four categories, receiving first place in Lyrical, seconded in Jazz, third in Pom, and Grand Champion, for the highest team score. In individual competition, Senior McKenzie Rosen took first place to win Miss IHSA IDTA. We would always remind each other that we win and lose as a team. These girls accept their wins with grace and never flaunt their position in front of others.

Coach Deets introduced the team: Ali Becker, Cali Davis, Leslie Druke, Paige Foster, Olivia Genteman, Kelsi Lane, Hannah Luitjohan, Abigail Rogier, McKenzie Rosen, and Brooke Wilson.

Mayor Michaelis expressed to Miss Deets that she has touch a lot of peoples' lives, contributed a lot to the program, and is leaving a legacy that will not be matched by anyone. Councilwoman Bellm asked who did the choreography. Coach Deets responded Kelly Fulton choreographed this year's lyrical routine.

Mayor Michaelis recognized McKenzie Rosen for being named 2016 Miss IDTA (IL Drill Team Assoc). Coach Deets stated that McKenzie Rosen was a member of the HHS Dance Team, all four years. She has danced at a local studio since she was about three years old. She choreographed her own winning routine; so, not only is she a talented dancer, but a choreographer as well. We were very fortunate to have her and Kelsey Lane both served as our team captains.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Darrel Newman spoke on behalf of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, which helps those homeowners who do not have the financial or physical ability to make necessary improvements to their homes. One of the initiatives of the program has been to assist with new homeownership in the older areas of town. That program has been going very well. Another important initiative is to assist homeowners with property maintenance. One example is home along 25th Street that I got involved with, in December, which a woman in her mid-nineties owns and lives. She is at that age where she was afraid to whom to call. When it was raining, she called because her gutters were overflowing, because the gutters were not cleaned out. At the same time, I noticed that all the basement window wells filled with water. I warned her that water would probably get into her basement. She was hesitant to allow me into the house, even after I took pictures of it and showed her. However, we pumped the water out of the wells. Mr. Newman pointed out, as one or two homes on a block start to take a downturn, so do others on the street. As a block goes downhill, so do the neighboring blocks.

Another goal of this program is to partner with other organizations to help. Highland Area Christian Ministry Service will be used to evaluate if a homeowner qualifies for financial assistance under the program. We want to get out to the churches to get youth groups involved in this as community improvement programs. When you look at what is going on in the nation and the political process, you shake your head. Then you look at the budget crisis in the State of Illinois. I feel this is a program that allows us take care of own, addressing needs in the community. Councilman Schwarz asked if the Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a national program. Mr. Newman explained there are several similar programs out there, with most starting out and based through local food pantries. Often church and community groups that do service projects get involved. This program would utilize carpenters and tradesmen that get on the city's preferred contractor list. With such a list, these tradesmen can help with the program when they have downtime or a slack in workload. We would be able to recommend three contractors to a homeowner in need that could go out and provide an estimate for repair to them. Acting more like a consultant, rather than doing the work ourselves. HACMS would look at the costs involved and financial assistance qualification. My company uses contractors. I know that when you do not live near family, as they grow older, you get more concerned about who is doing the repairs to their homes. Councilman Schwarz asked is there any liability in providing such a service. Attorney Long acknowledged Councilman Schwarz's concern. We would have to look at having insurance policy to cover any liability from the contractor providing service through the city's program and the homeowner.

Mr. Newman stated, as member of the Tree Commission, we go out and look at trees, to assess their health. The reality is that everything you do has a risk to it. The homeowner has to have insurance. Church groups have to have insurance. Contractors have to be licensed and insured. We are not going to get into a house that is ready to fall down. I think the risks are minimal, as long as you make sure that all parties have insurance. If the average assessed value of a home goes up \$5,000, it buys a lot of insurance. I know everyone is trying to bring new industries and business to Highland; however, that is not going to get fixed until Illinois fixes their tax laws. If you can do things to make Highland feel like “home” and a community that people want to move to and live in, that will attract people and business. Just like neighborhoods where people stop taking care of the properties, neighborhoods go up when others in the area start taking care of their property and fixing the properties up. It is the difference between property values going up or going down.

VFW Men’s Auxiliary – Presentation of Active Duty Military Signs – Members of Men’s VFW Auxiliary Post presenting signs, to be posted along Route 160 in Highland, representing the names of members that are presently actively serving in the military. City Manager Latham recalled, at the last meeting, discussion as to if signs could be posted along Broadway (Route 160), under state statue. City Attorney Long stated he could not find anything in state statue prohibiting this. City Manager Latham stated our current local ordinance prohibits placement of any signs on light posts. He proposed an amendment to the sign ordinance that would allow these to be posted on the concrete posts along Broadway, with the signs becoming city property. He noted, Light & Power Director Dan Cook indicated that the signs be place about ten feet off the ground with nylon fasteners to prevent anyone from messing with them. Councilwoman Bellm suggested the ordinance state that this is a special allowance.

Requests of Council:

No requests or comments provided.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham noted a copy of the community survey, which will be included in all utility billings for this month, was given to the council tonight. We hope to have the surveys returned and tabulated by the end of April.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor’s Appointment to the Police Pension Board – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the mayor’s appointment of Bonnie McGinley, to fill the remaining term of Dennis Buckalew, on the Police Pension Board, for a term to expire May 1, 2016, as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-10/ORDINANCE Establishing the Highland Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee as Part of the Highland Municipal Government – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #16-10/Ordinance #2720 establishing the Highland Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee as part of the Highland Municipal Government as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Lisa Peck explained Mr. Newman did a great job at explaining the program. We are looking at having meetings with Madison County to leverage programs and funding in place already with the county. The primary focus of the program is to allowing for those to “age in place”, allowing elderly to stay in their homes as long as possible. Councilwoman Bellm questioned we are not talking about whole house remodeling. Director Peck responded no major remodeling or repairs would be done under this program. This is for minor repairs or maintenance issues, so that things do not become major issues. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-11/ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 46, Article III, “Plaza Square Gazebo,” of the Code or Ordinances – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #16-11/Ordinance # 2721 amending Chapter 46, Article III, “Plaza Square Gazebo,” of the Code or Ordinances as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilwoman Bellm clarified this is just a matter of eliminating the hold harmless agreement. Attorney Long replied yes. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-12/RESOLUTION Supporting Fair Housing – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #16-12/Resolution #16-03-2364 supporting fair housing as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-13/RESOLUTION Authorizing Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #16-13/Resolution #16-03-2365 authorizing application for Community Development Block Grant Funds as attached; seconded by Councilman Frey. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-14/RESOLUTION Authorizing Application for Park Commission Funds from Madison County – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #16-14/Resolution #16-03-2366 authorizing application for Park Commission Funds from Madison County as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-15/RESOLUTION Approving Affiliate System Owner Participation Form with Respect to the NTTC – Sportsman Channel Affiliation Agreement/Sub-Distribution and Private Cable Aggregation Agreement Between the Sportsman Channel, Inc., on One Side, and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, on the Other Side for the Purpose of Obtaining the Linear Television Service Known as the Sportsman Channel and Sportsman Channel HD – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #16-15/Resolution #16-03-2367 approving affiliate system owner participation form with respect to the NTTC – Sportsman Channel Affiliation Agreement/Sub-Distribution and Private Cable Aggregation Agreement between the Sportsman Channel, Inc., on one side, and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, on the other side for the purpose of obtaining the linear television service known as the Sportsman Channel and Sportsman Channel HD as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #16-16/RESOLUTION Approving Participating Member Renewal Letter With Respect to the Third Amendment to Cable & IPTV Cable Affiliation Agreement Between Viacom Media Networks, A Division of Viacom International Inc., On Its Own Behalf, and on Behalf of Black Entertainment Television, LLC, On One Side and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, On the Other Side – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #16-16/Resolution #16-03-2368 approving Participating Member Renewal Letter with respect to the third amendment to Cable & IPTV Cable Affiliation Agreement between Viacom Media Networks, a division of Viacom International Inc., on its own behalf, and on behalf of Black Entertainment Television, LLC, on one side and National Telco Television Consortium, LLC, on the other side as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrants #1014 & #1015 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrants #1014 & #1015 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Motion carried.

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to temporarily adjourn before going into discussion of the budget; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting temporarily adjourned at 8:05pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 8:10pm. Council members Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Bell, Gillespie, Korte, Peck, Rosen and Schoeck; Fire Chief Bloemker, EMS Chief Wilson, Supervisor Limestall, Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; and 1 citizen.

NEW BUSINESS (*Continued*)

Discussion – FY 2016-2017 Annual Budget:

City Manager Latham reported that, presently, the tax funds from the State of Illinois is stable. We are about three months behind on receipt of state income tax revenue. FY 2016-17 budget has been prepared using guidelines of 85% for O&M, 10% capital, and 5% for replacements or reserves. Several funds that are personnel heavy had to adjust this due to a large percent of personnel (i.e. Police Department, EMS). Some have large capital needs, such as the funds Public Works, which will be using reserves for the new water clarifier. Expenditures are up about 2%. We do budget conservatively when it comes to revenue. Water and sewer revenues are reflected lower, since people are finding more ways to conserve and we see that trend.

Parks & Recreation Department

This year's major accomplishments were development of Rinderer Park and reconstruction of Nagel Drive. A priority this year will be to replace a large water heater at KRC, invest in the development of Bulldog Trail along Troxler Avenue and bid out construction of Sharpshooters' Trail. Almost all of Sharpshooters' Trail will be paid for with outside funding. Bathroom facilities will be constructed at Rinderer Park, with use of the comfort station tax. The Rotary Club will be placing a small pavilion out there. We are working with Highland Jaycees to develop the Dog Park. We have \$35,000 set aside; budget is about \$150,000. We will be meeting with the Jaycees, in the next week or so, to go over the progress of the fundraising and plans. They have identified a very expensive piece of playground equipment. City Manager Latham reported the Jaycees raised \$2600 on the Dog Memorial Bricks Program. The Jaycees are meeting with their membership on various efforts and how to proceed. Mayor Michaelis stated he wants to include an article in the Highland Highlights on Rinderer Park and the dog park, and where we are headed with the program. City Manager Latham reported, the final thing under Parks & Rec, is that staff has done an excellent job at working with Plains Oil Company. Since the oil spill, earlier last year, they stated their commitment to establishing a good access to Silver Lake, at the north end of the lake, and constructing a shed supplied with emergency spill equipment and boat. Councilman Schwarz asked how much funds are needed for the dog park. City Manager Latham reported the estimate is \$170,000. That cost includes \$50,000 for the six-foot height fence, water lines, zoysia grass, and the dog playground equipment. Councilman Schwarz asked where Bulldog Trail would be along Troxler Avenue. Director Rosen responded it will be located on the south side of Troxler Avenue. The school district had to sign off on a small section of property. They are also going to change some of the entrance/exit directions to the parking area there.

Councilman Schwarz asked when the fiscal year ends. Director Rosen responded April 30. Councilman Schwarz asked when we look at the current FY budget do we divide it by months. Finance Director Kelly Korte replied some. For some things and some departments, things are more seasonal or fluctuate during particular months of the year, while others are more consistent. Most are based off history. Councilman Schwarz asked do we track how close we are between actual and budget amount. Director Korte reported, yes. We are at 72% of revenue projections and 78% for expenses for January.

Public Works Department

City Manager Latham reported Street & Alley, along with the sewer department, have done so much work to make sure the storm sewers are in working condition, this past year. In the proposed budget, we have \$25,000 set aside for a drainage area study. We have the west side drainage to the creek behind Highland Home. Before we do anything, we need to look at is that the area we need to spend the money and make the improvements. Another area is the culvert down by Larry's Tire. We need to get with CSX to replace that culvert, which is in pretty bad shape.

In the proposed budget, Street & Alley has set aside \$95,000 for outside storage area for their equipment and \$45,000 to begin a lease to purchase on a new street sweeper to replace the current. City Manager Latham reported he and Public Works Director Joe Gillespie have had several discussions on what to do with the road surface on Broadway from Helvetia east to Iberg Road. We applied for some STP funds; those could be five years out. We do not believe the surface will last five years. In improving that area, we would like to add a bi-directional lane. \$40,000 is in the budget for a sealcoat of this area. Walnut Street is also scheduled to be resurface, which is an IDOT project. At the same time, we would replace some of the sidewalks from Broadway to Route 40, along that area.

In the budget is \$157, 279 for tank maintenance and meter replacements for Water Department, along with \$1.8 million for the clarifier basin construction. \$250,000 under Sewer Collection for water trunk main rehabilitation. Councilman Schwarz inquired how much of the CIPP (Cure in Place Pipe) is still to be done. Director Gillespie reported all of the original scope was completed. We have added areas though. Councilman Schwarz asked are we done or do we have a need to do more. Director Gillespie stated I think that all the mains not been done yet need to be done. We only did the ones in poor condition; 50-60% of the pipes remain. Clay pipe is a really good material for sewers; however, some have held up better in areas than others. Councilman Schwarz asked do we look at another rate increase to do this. City Manager Latham explained we put the rate increase schedule in place already to build up funds and over time will get this done.

Councilman Frey questioned why a canvas top building versus a pole building for the Public Works equipment. Director Gillespie reported it gives us the most building space we can get for the dollar. Councilman Frey noted a canvas top only has the height in the center of the building. Are you looking at that? Director Gillespie replied yes. A canvas top structure is up and completed in two weeks. It uses aluminum trusses that are set into large concrete interlocking blocks. This would be 75' x 100'. Councilman Frey stated I know of someone that is putting up 48x60 and the price is very similar. Pole barns are so competitive these days. We may want to consider that. Councilman Nicolaides asked what the height requirements are. Director Gillespie responded we need to get a tractor with a scoop in to load a dump truck inside.

Councilman Schwarz inquired, with the West Side Drainage, was not there some initial things that could be remedied to help out. City Manager Latham acknowledged the end of the pipe by Highland Home needed to be cleaned out. Director Gillespie and an engineer walked through that entire pipe. The pipe is in excellent condition. The rainfall in August 2015 caused a lot of flooding problems for that area. We had heavy rains in December 2015 and there were no issues.

Building & Zoning Department

City Manager Latham reported we did put a position in for a fulltime code enforcement officer. They have been busy with 600 inspections, some new constructions, and with addressing several ordinance issues. As mentioned, with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, we want to assist residents with addressing minor issues before they become major issues. Funds are also set into reserves for mitigating dilapidated structures. The down payment program is going really well. City Manager Latham stated, if you think things are going down in Highland, I will drive you to Streator, IL and show you the house I grew up in. Councilman Nicolaides asked if code enforcement is going to take down the yard sale signs in the middle of roundabout. Council concurred that a fine should be imposed on anyone posting a sign in the roundabout. City Manager Latham suggested posting in publications a reminder to everyone that it is not permitted. Code Enforcement Supervisor Kevin Limestall reported we are seeing more new residential permit requests and some new commercial projects going on, as well as some in the planning stage. Mayor Michaelis expressed we need to continue to revisit the position of code enforcement. There are a lot of the homes are in terrible condition, and there are a combination of reasons why some of the homes around town are getting into the conditions they are.

Public Safety Department

City Manager Latham reported a lot of investment has been made over the past year with the new radio tower, communication equipment, including new radios for all departments in Public Safety. For the police department, \$20,000 is budgeted for new laptops, to replace units that are twelve years old.

Public Safety Director Terry Bell reported the State of Illinois has called for the number of PSAP (Public Safety Answering Points) to be cut in half. Highland is PSAP. Illinois is saying we need to go down from fifteen to eight in Madison County. Serving on Madison County's 911 Board, I can tell you, the first thing we try to do is to get communities to go in together. A lot of things are still up in the air, with the holes in the legislation. I feel secure that the council wants to maintain PSAP here in Highland. Even if (county/state) take the 911 out of Highland, we will maintain response center here. We are the only 911 AP for the eastern side of Madison County. At the same time, we do not have the bulk of calls per capita, or as severe of calls, as the other side of the county. Chief Bell warned it will not surprise me that if cut them down to eight; then, in future years, that number is cut down to four. O'Fallon is taking over all of the calls for Fairview Heights and Shiloh through this consolidation process. Even though our EMS provides service to Bond and Clinton, in addition to areas of Madison County, outside of Highland, this is a county-by-county directive issued by the State of Illinois.

Mayor Michaelis asked about the status of the new Public Safety Building development. City Manager Latham reported we need to get the hospital to pay a portion of the bill for engineering. Another issue is the hospital presented this to us that TIF money would be generated from office space and other development. However, nothing has developed to provide assistance for the Public Safety facility.

We do not need any major equipment purchases for the EMS. \$60,000 is budgeted for architectural design for facility improvements at Station 1. Chief Brian Wilson explained there are some things that are not a choice. The retaining wall behind the building is starting to show signs of failure. This building is going to stay, regardless of any new Public Safety Building. We are going to have to put funds into meeting ADA requirements for the facility. We are going to go out and get some structural and architectural studies done. Fire Chief Rick Bloemker explained it is a public building, so we have to provide access to allow anyone with a disability to access any area of building. City Manager Latham noted it is a federal mandate without any funding.

The fire department will be investing in new laptops for the fire engines. City Manager Latham pointed out we have the lowest cost per capita in the state for fire service. He reported that a

while back Rick brought up that he wanted a new fire engine to replace the thirty-year old Tele-squirt Pumper. I suggested that he go out and find a show truck; however, little did I know he would find one so fast. Chief Bloemker explained, during the day, with a volunteer fire staff, we are never sure how many people will respond to a call. This truck can be set up within minutes, with just two people. Because of the type of equipment, it can be shot into the structure. I was at a truck was at a show in Pittsburgh, this weekend and looked at the unit. We were very happy with truck we saw in Pittsburgh. This type of truck has proven itself several times over here in Highland. Councilwoman Bellm asked what the price on the new truck is. Chief Bloemker reported \$673,800. The unit we are replacing in was built in 1980 and cost us approximately \$450,000 then. City Manager Latham reported we could lease purchase it at a finance rate of 6.5% or use a loan through Madison County for repayment over a ten-year period. Councilman Nicolaides asked if this would fit in the station. Chief Bloemker replied yes. Mayor Michaelis asked if this is the unit that we have had trouble with starting. Chief Bloemker responded this is not the truck. The fifteen-year old unit was having problems. TriFord worked on it; we believe it is fixed. Councilwoman Bellm asked how much we could get for the old unit. Chief Bloemker reported they offered us \$5,000 trade-in. At best, if we tried to sell ourselves, we may get \$10,000. Council inquired if we build a new Public Safety facility, we will need a truck for that facility. Councilman Frey expressed for \$5,000 we could just keep the old unit. Chief Bloemker pointed out we are out of space at the stations. We would have no place to store it. With a new facility, we would move some of the equipment around. Councilwoman Bellm pointed out the fire department does not ask for something that often. When we have a fire in this town, it usually is a big one. We want to be prepared and provide our people with the tools they need.

General Administration

The major thing we would like to do is hire a part-time staff member that is a Human Resource Generalist and could eventually cross into Accounts Payable/Receivable. Mayor Michaelis asked if Teri is able to handle all the HCS calls that come in. Director Kelly Korte explained there is a rollover system on the calls. If Teri is unavailable, they go to the front desk staff, then back to those in the office, if the front desk is busy. We are going to have someone start handle billing for HCS alone. In the budget, we are looking at having someone brought in around January. City Manager Latham reported we opened up Cabinet 11 on the south side. Our lead-time on installs is down to ten days, right now. Councilman Schwarz asked when automatic payment would be available for HCS customers. Attorney Long stated he is working with Big River, as that was part of the contract they provided to us for service.

Miscellaneous / Library

Library Director Angela Kim reported we have been doing a lot to improvements to the building and funding upgrades to keep up with technology over the past several years, for almost \$850,000 in repairs. This next year, we will be replacing the last of the four windows. Korte Company started demolition of the main room downstairs for renovations. We are starting GED series and other SWIC classes. We have extended our programs with LEGO club, genealogy, and PAWS. The \$28,000 renovation of the downstairs room will allow for after hour access, without staffing the building. We are trying to figure out how to make these programs work without increasing our costs. A \$5,000 donation was made towards this project. We installed four Meraki WiFi antennas, which provide faster speeds and our ability to track use of the WiFi. The other day when it was nice out, we had a woman that sat out on the gazebo pad for five hours, using the WiFi. Use of books, DVD, CDs, magazines borrowed, programs attended, and WiFi provided a value of service of \$1,343,073 this past year.

Finance Director Kelly Korte projected hotel/motel tax will be down by \$12,000 from last year. The main reduction will be taken from the fireworks fund. We will cover some of those costs from the general fund. City Manager Latham recommended \$1,000 into Community Development for the National Roads Association.

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk