

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Councilman Frey was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, Asst. City Manager Peck, City Attorney McGinley; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Imming, Korte, Rosen and Schoeck; Police Lt. Conrad, EMS Chief Wilson, Fire Chief Bloemker, Library Director Kim, Treasurer Foehner, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm; 2 citizens, and one member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No requests or comments brought forward.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests were made.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham congratulated the Light & Power Department for receiving their R3 APPA Reliability Certification. Nationwide there are 2,200 APPA members; only 10% have this certification. Within the State of Illinois only about four others have achieved this certification. We feel this is a huge benefit and marketing tool when companies are looking for reliability.

A flyer was handed out to the council members advertising the upcoming job fair, which will have 33 employers participating at it, this Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the KC Hall. City Manager Latham stated we are hopeful the job applicants will come out to the fair. We got some assistance from Madison County; however, Asst. City Manager Peck and her staff have done much of the work.

City Manager Latham reported HCS has reached 2003 customers, as of this Friday.

City Manager Latham confirmed we are going to resurface Sportsman Road this year. We are under contract with engineering, right now. Public Works Director Joe Gillespie stated we hope to get a contractor out there by mid-August to early September.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Mayor's Appointment of John Hipskind to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of John Hipskind to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Christina Harisberger, which expires July 31, 2017, as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Transfer of Grave in City Cemetery (VanVoorhees to Bethel) – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the transfer of Grave Spaces 3 in Lot No. 58 of Block No. 18 in the Highland City Cemetery from Alexander J. VanVoorhees city cemetery to Phyllis Bethel as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #17-51/RESOLUTION Determining the Prevailing Rate of Wages – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #17-51/Resolution #17-06-2452 determining the prevailing rate of wages as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. City Manager Latham reported this has not been done in two years. Rates have been set by the State of Illinois. We are just accepting the State's rates. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #17-52/RESOLUTION Terminating Participation in IMRF by Elected Officials – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #17-52/Resolution #17-06-2453 terminating participation in IMRF by elected officials as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz asked why the change. Director Schoeck explained the city voted for participation in 1972 and 1982, stating that electric positions meet the 1,000-hour threshold required for participation. IMRF is now requiring us to recertify those hours every two years. You have all indicated that you are not you cannot substantiate that 1,000-hour threshold in a year. With passage of this, you would no longer be able to participate in IMRF if the mayor, city clerk and treasurer chose to do so. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #17-53/RESOLUTION Authorizing Application to the 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program for Assistance, for the Purpose of Construction a Shared-Use Path along IL SR160 to Connect Existing Pedestrian Accommodations at Intersection of IL SR160 and US Route 40 to an Existing Shared-Use Path Along IL SR160 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #17-53/Resolution #17-06-2454 authorizing application to the 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program for Assistance, for the purpose of construction a shared-use path along IL SR160 to connect existing pedestrian accommodations at intersection of IL SR160 and US Route 40 to an existing shared-use path along IL SR160 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #17-54/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, for Preliminary Engineering Work for the Construction of a Roundabout at the intersection of Broadway, Iberg Road, Veterans Honor Parkway and St. Rose Road and All Work Necessary to Complete the Engineering – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #17-54/Resolution #17-06-2455 approving and authorizing the execution of local agency agreement for federal participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, for preliminary engineering work for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Broadway, Iberg Road, Veterans Honor Parkway and St. Rose Road and all work necessary to complete the engineering as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilwoman

Bellm noted this is just for the engineering. Are they participating in the construction? Public Works Director Joe Gillespie reported federal grant pays 90% of all of our costs. Councilwoman Bellm expressed this cannot be done soon enough. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #17-55/ORDINANCE Declaring Youth-Sports Scoreboard to be Surplus Property – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #17-55/Ordinance #2790 declaring youth-sports scoreboard to be surplus property as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz asked which scoreboard is this. Director Rosen responded this was on Optimist Field. City Manager Latham noted it is proposed to go over to the high school. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #17-56/ORDINANCE Declaring Three Public Works Vehicles to be Surplus Property and Authorizing Their Sale – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #17-56/Ordinance #2791 declaring three Public Works Vehicles to be surplus property and authorizing their sale as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz asked are these getting old and not of much use. Director Gillespie reported the best one of the bunch is the 1997 ¾-ton. The rest are having reliability and body structure issues. It would be more efficient to get them out of our fleet. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #PW-09-17 for Purchase of Three New Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 Pickup Trucks – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #PW-09-17 for purchase of three new Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 Pickup Trucks as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #PW-10-17 for Purchase of One New Ford F-550 Truck Cab and Chassis – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid #PW-10-17 for purchase of one new Ford F-550 Truck Cab and Chassis as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #1059 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #1059 as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. 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 7:22pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk