

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Councilman Schwarz and Councilman Frey were absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Directors Cook, Gillespie, Imming; EMS Chief Wilson, Economic & Business Recruitment Coordinator Hubbard, Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 5 citizens and 1 member of the news media.

Mayor Michaelis reminded everyone that we have the new PA system installed. However, if you feel the sound is not loud enough, just waive your hand at us.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Sue Zobrist, Highland Speedway Track Manager and Secretary of Madison County Fair Board, reported the speedway has had numerous Saturday night rainouts this season. Six local drivers would like to use the track for test and tune time. We have had two Test & Tunes rained out. It would be tomorrow night, 5pm-8pm. I am here to request permission for the council to allow an additional Tuesday night to the schedule. The last test night held, we had ten cars. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to grant the request for Test & Tune, tomorrow, from 5pm -8pm, as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Zobrist reported the Madison County Fair is next week. The grounds look great. Donna Zobrist handles that and we have gotten some help from local 4-H groups and other organizations in getting it ready. Mayor Michaelis inquired about participation. Mrs. Zobrist reported sheep and dairy numbers were up last year. Beef and hogs are also high. We added ducks, last year, and turkeys, this year. We have moved the rabbits into the Expo Hall. The rabbits are very happy to be in there. It is also a good draw for the vendors in that building. We are doing our utility vehicle raffle again this year. The board has done a great job at planning through these lean budget years of the State of Illinois. Mrs. Zobrist thanked the council for their support.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported council members have a flyer regarding a meeting on a new housing development that will be going through the Planning & Zoning process. There will be a meeting here tomorrow night. They have invited the residents of that immediate area for this meeting.

The council also has a copy of the IEPA proposed schedule. We received notice and we are moving forward, finally, with the IEPA process for Water Reclamation Facility upgrade and improvements. We will advertise for bids on October 1, so the Notice of Municipal Lettings will be before the council in September, with a construction start date the first of 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Michaelis asked that Item A be tabled, as three votes are needed and he cannot vote on this item.

Approve Mayor's Reappointments of Erin Mignon and John Coziar to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to table the mayor's re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission until the next meeting; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried. Item tabled.

Mayor Michaelis asked that Item B to also be tabled, as it requires four votes to approve.

Bill #18-93/RESOLUTION Approving an Annexation Agreement with Justin Lowe for Property Located at 12053 Highland Road – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to table until the next meeting Bill #18-93/Resolution approving an annexation agreement with Justin Lowe for property located at 12053 Highland Road as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis aye. Motion carried. Item tabled.

Bill #18-94/ORDINANCE Annexing Certain Property to the City—12053 Highland Road – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to table until the next meeting Bill #18-94/Ordinance annexing certain property to the City—12053 Highland Road as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis aye. Motion carried. Item tabled.

Bill #18-95/RESOLUTION Waiving Certain Provisions of Chapter 90, Article VII, Central Business District Design Standards, to Permit the Use of Aluminum and/or Metal Siding by Furniture Rewards, LLC for the Exterior Remodeling of 1100 Broadway – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #18-95/Resolution #18-07-2545 waiving certain provisions of Chapter 90, Article VII, Central Business District Design Standards, to permit the use of aluminum and/or metal siding by Furniture Rewards, LLC for the exterior remodeling of 1100 Broadway as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Councilwoman Bellm stated I have seen the pictures. It looks nice. Mayor Michaelis stated I have seen a sample of the material. It looks almost like wood. Steve Kloss showed a sample of the material and a rendered sketch of the finished building. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #18-96/RESOLUTION Approving Retransmission Consent Agreement Between the City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services and Sinclair Television Group, Inc. – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #18-96/Resolution #18-07-2546 approving Retransmission Consent Agreement between the City of Highland d/b/a Highland Communication Services and Sinclair Television Group, Inc. as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill #18-97/ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 78, Article VII, Section 78-732, of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled Schedule of FTTP Rates and Charges, Amending Rates Charged for Residential Internet Services – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #18-97/Ordinance #2866 amending Chapter 78, Article VII, Section 78-732, of the Code of Ordinances, entitled Schedule of FTTP Rates and Charges, amending rates charged for residential internet services as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Michaelis stated, for the record, he is voting on these items this evening, because three votes is required to pass them.

Bill #18-98/ORDINANCE Amending the Highland Municipal Code by the Addition of Chapter 20, Entitled “Public Rights-of-Way” Establishing Standards for Access to, and Use of, the Public Rights-of-Way Throughout the City of Highland – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #18-98/Ordinance #2867 amending the Highland Municipal Code by the addition of Chapter 20, entitled “Public Rights-of-Way” establishing standards for access to, and use of, the public rights-of-way throughout the City of Highland as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Councilwoman Bellm inquired this just has to do with utility lines. It does not have anything to do with “for rent” signs and similar. City Manager Latham responded yes. With all the construction, there are a lot of different agencies and contractors for them, in our rights of way, with cellular phone companies, gas lines, and other utilities. This, basically, requires these companies to get a permit from the City of Highland before performing any work. If something is damaged in areas where work is or was being done, we know whom to contact. Back in Arkansas, there was an older gentleman, who was mowing grass, when a piece of metal - a wrench, to be exact that was left behind by a company working there, flew out and almost cut his leg off. Councilwoman Bellm noted we have to allow them to do the work, but we know who is in there. City Manager Latham replied yes. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrants #1099 & #1100 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrants #1099 & #1100 as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to temporarily adjourn this regular session to enter into executive session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for discussion of collective negotiating matters, and Section 2(c)(3) to discuss the purchase of real property. Motion seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 7:55pm. Councilmembers Nicolaides and Bellm were present. Councilmen Schwarz and Frey were absent. Others in attendance were City

Manager Latham, City Attorney McGinley, EMS Chief Wilson, Police Lt. Conrad, one member of Firefighters Local 3672, Deputy City Clerk Hediger and City Clerk Bellm.

Bill #18-99/RESOLUTION Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement Between City and International Association of Firefighters, Local 3672, for a Two-Year Term Beginning on May 1, 2018, and Ending on April 30, 2020 - Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #18-99/Resolution #18-07-2547 approving collective bargaining agreement between City and International Association of Firefighters, Local 3672, for a two-year term beginning on May 1, 2018, and ending on April 30, 2020 as attached; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. Roll Call Vote: Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Mayor Michaelis voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Nicolaides. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Joseph R. Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk