

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

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 Michael McGinley, Directors Conrad, Cook, Kim, Korte, Rosen and Slover; EMS/Fire Chief Wilson, Economic & Business Recruitment Coordinator Mallord Hubbard, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 7 citizens and one member of the news media.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Quilts of Honor made a presentation to Logan Wolf in appreciation for his military service.

Jan Copeland, with Quilts of Valor presented a quilt to Logan Wolf, in appreciation for his military service. Ms. Copeland stated these quilts are made to help those who have served to provide comfort and healing, as not all wounds are seen. We want this to bring a message to your heart; we know that freedom is not free. For those of us who have never been in a war zone, please know you will be forever in our hearts. This quilt is meant to say “thank you”. This quilt is to remind you that thousands of people thank you for your service. We will never know the depth of your sacrifice.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Michaelis read a document proclaiming January 20-26, 2019, as National School Choice Week.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens’ Requests and Comments:

2019 Automotive Swap Meet Advertising Funding Request – Dick Conner, Misfit Motorsports Productions, of Pocahontas, Illinois, requested funding for the 27th annual automotive swap meet, to be held Sunday, March 3, 2019, at Lindendale Park. The fairgrounds and the people that run the facilities have been very supportive of this event. We have vendors from the tri-state area of Indiana, Kentucky

and Missouri, as well as the whole state of Illinois. They are staying at the local motel. We are asking for \$600 from hotel/motel tax funding to assist with getting advertising out for this event. Councilman Schwarz asked do you know how many rooms stay within the Highland during the event. Mr. Conner stated I do not know. This is a weather-sheltered event, for the most part. We have only had to postpone it for weather. We average between 1200-1500 people for the event. There is an early crowd and then an “after-church” crowd that comes through. Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the request of Misfits Motorsports Production of \$600 funds for advertising costs, from hotel/motel tax funds, for the March 3, 2019 Automotive Swap Meet; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm.

Requests of Council:

No comments or requests brought forth.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported, last Friday, January 18, we had the opening of bids for the construction of the roundabout at Iberg/Broadway/Veterans’ Honor Parkway. Low bid was Stutz Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,070,995.40. We are approved for funding of \$940,000 in grants. IDOT is reviewing everything, at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #19-09/RESOLUTION Approving Acceptance of Service Request for Electric Service from City of Highland Regarding 3360 Hill Road – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #19-09/Resolution #19-01-2592 approving acceptance of service request for electric service from City of Highland regarding 3360 Hill Road as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #19-10/RESOLUTION Waiving Normal & Customary Bidding Procedures and Authorizing Purchase of Tantalus Virtual Server Software with Associated Licenses – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #19-10/Resolution #19-01-2593 waiving normal & customary bidding procedures and authorizing purchase of Tantalus Virtual Server Software with associated licenses, for the amount of \$52,500.00 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz stated I know Tantalus has the regional sales areas, we have decided to go with them, and have already gone with them. However, do we see any pricing discounts or options? Director Cook reported we have gotten some deals with them in the past. I have argued with them on some other service fees. We have been on a pilot rate for the past several years, where typically this is only offered for the first year. The rate was \$1,000 per month, and it should have been more in this amount. So, we have saved considerably for the past few years over what we should have been charged. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #19-11/RESOLUTION Waiving Normal & Customary Bidding Procedures and Authorizing Sole Source Purchase of Fire Trucks from Levittown First District – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #19-11/Resolution #19-01-2594 waiving normal & customary bidding procedures and authorizing sole source purchase of a 1995 Pierce Lance 1500/750 Pumper; Vin#4P1CTO2D9SA000362; approximately 41,000 miles (odometer shows 10,500), for a price of \$40,000.00, and a 1998 Pierce Lance 1500/750/50 Pumper; Vin#4P1CTO2S2WA000451; approximately 48,200 miles, for a price of \$60,000, from Levittown First District as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz expressed this seems like a good idea. I appreciate the ingenuity. Councilwoman Bellm agreed. I have seen pictures; they look good. She asked the fire department members in attendance, if they thought it was good. They nodded in agreement. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Approve Warrant #1118 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Warrant #1118 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 this regular session to enter into executive session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) to discuss purchase of real property. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Mayor Michaelis reconvened the Regular Session at 8:02pm. Council members Nicolaides, Bellm, Frey, and Schwarz were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney Michael McGinley, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, and City Clerk Bellm.

Mayor Michaelis stated nothing discussed would be acted upon in open session tonight.

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. All council members voted aye, none nay. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk