

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**

Mayor Hemann called the Regular Session to order at 6:30pm at Highland City Hall. Council members Klaus, Bellm, and Napper were present. Councilwoman Sloan was absent. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, City Attorney Trent Carriger, Directors Gillespie and Koehnemann, Patrol Officer Bogard, Supervisors Cox and Pugh, City Treasurer Nicolaides, Deputy Clerk Chris Flake, City Clerk Bellm, and 6 citizens.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 Regular Session as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Klaus. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 Executive Session as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Klaus. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No requests or comments.

Requests of Council:

No requests or comments by council.

Staff Reports:

City Manager Conrad notified the council that we will be sending out hotel/motel tax requests, for this next budget year, for those that applied in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid # E-18-25, for Construction of a Utility Storage Building – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Notice of Municipal Letting, Bid # E-18-25, for construction of a utility storage building as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Napper. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid # PW-05-25, for Main Street and Pine Street Parking Lot Expansion – Councilman Napper made a motion to award Bid # PW-05-25, for Main Street and Pine Street Parking Lot Expansion to Gelly Excavating and Construction, in the amount of \$235,468.79 as attached. Motion seconded by

Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Award Bid # PW-08-25, for Water Treatment Plant Filter Repairs and Media Change –

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to award Bid # PW-08-25, for Water Treatment Plant filter repairs and media change to Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc., of Okawville, Illinois, in the amount of \$175,000, as attached. Councilwoman Bellm inquired we are getting some stuff done. City Manager Conrad reported there are seven filters at the main plant. This will be for three of the filters. Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Gary Pugh reported these were put into the main plant when it was built 100 years ago. This project is for three filters. They will remove media, put in new mains, lining, and media, and relocate some lines. Councilman Napper asked what the timeline will be for this project. Supervisor Pugh estimated it will take a day to remove the media from each filter. Total project will take about thirty days. Councilman Klaus asked how many people work at the plant. Supervisor Pugh replied three others and me work at the plant, for a total of 104 hours of production per week. On average, 1.1M gallons is treated per day. Motion seconded by Councilman Napper. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #26-01/RESOLUTION Supporting Fair Housing – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #26-01/RESOLUTION #26-01-3242 supporting fair housing as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Napper. Mayor Hemann noted this is a resolution we do each year. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #26-02/RESOLUTION Authorizing and Directing Application to the Madison County, Illinois, Sustainability Grant Program for Highland Silver Lake Improvements – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #26-02/RESOLUTION #26-01-3243 authorizing and directing application to the Madison County, Illinois, Sustainability Grant Program for Highland Silver Lake Improvements as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Napper. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Accepting Expenditures Report #1305 for December 13, 2025 through January 2, 2026 – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to accept Expenditures Report #1305 for December 13, 2025 through January 2, 2026 as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Klaus. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Napper made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Klaus, Bellm, and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk