

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois**

APRIL 25, 2013

Public Forum

The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.

Police Chief Gilmore, 1200 Pulaski Road, announced Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the police department will be partnering with Drug Enforcement Administration to collect unwanted drugs.

Chief Gilmore also announced he will begin a Citizen's Police Academy starting this fall to make citizens aware wanted the police department does in the community. He is requesting each aldermen give him a list of two to three persons that would like included in the academy. Persons submitted must be over the age of 21.

Sally Cavelone, 451 Saginaw, regarding point of sale inspection and more lights requested around her property.

Alvin Jefferson, 561 Forsythe Avenue, announced that Albert J. Shegog Christian Academy will be sponsoring Mother's Day Buffet and Raffle on Sunday, May 12, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. For reservations contact (773) 216-0663.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:36 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013 with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosycznski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Collins

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMAN: Manousopoulos

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Gilmore, Director Professional Standards Jackson and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of minutes Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of April 11, 2013 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos was absent.

Public Utilities Alderman Jones: "I would like to talk to residents about the recent storm. At the next meeting the chief will update residents on the city efforts. Part of what many of the state representatives requested from Governor Quinn to declare the area a disaster area, which he did. Part of what the city is doing, is compiling a list of names and addresses through the mayor's office of homes that have been damaged.

I know many have lost a lot. Our hearts go out to everyone that lost. I recently found out that I didn't have flood insurance. One of the things we are going to ask everyone to do is examine their insurance and hopefully the insurance companies will talk to them a little about providing low cost flood insurance to people in the community.

One of the other things we are talking with is the Army Corp of Engineers. The mayor's office met with the Army Corp of Engineers and hopefully at one of the future meetings we will update everyone on the efforts regarding the levy and ways in which our flood plain committee but we can work together to ensure that the loss of property is not as severe as it was this storm.

I encourage all residents to continue to reexamine your insurance policy to try to get flood insurance but the city will step up our efforts as well to make sure that we do all we can to prevent the loss of property when we have these type of floods.

We know that this was an act of mother nature but we are also sympathetic to everyone losing a lot of property in our community. I want to encourage everyone to do that.

The next item under my report is one of the thing that I requested from the city attorney's office to look at complaints received not only from my office but from aldermen regarding George's Towing in our community.

One of the things that I was going to request from our city attorney to consider banning George's Towing from Calumet City. I checked with the Illinois Commerce Commission that regulates George's Towing and I am only saying this because I received the complaints in my office.

Ald. Jones (cont'd) The official office that regulates George's Towing is the Illinois Commerce Commission. If you want a link to actually file a formal complaint against George's Towing. There is numerous complaints of them towing property illegally. If you have a contract you don't have to stick with that contract according to the law. If you want to get out of that contract you send them a certified letter but according to complaints they have been refusing the certified letter and saying that we still have the right to tow in Calumet City. They have done it not only to officers and officials in Calumet City but they have done it to a lot of residents. Contact my office at (708) 891-8193 we can send you a link to the complaint or you can go to www.icc.illinois.gov and file an official complaint against this towing company or any other company that you feel is doing this."

Ord. & Res. Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W. Alderman Schneider: "Thank you Mayor. This May is Stroke Awareness Month. Even though most of us know a person that has been effected by a stroke but most don't know that many strokes can be prevented and successfully treated. There are a number of nearby stroke treatment centers that are dedicated to assisting the victims of a stroke returning to health and productive life. Most importantly immediately recognizing the signs and symptoms of a stroke and seeking medical assistance is the first step in achieving a positive outcome for a stroke victim.

The National Stroke Association has a wealth of information about prevention, treatment and rehabilitation as well how to recognize the signs and symptoms. The website is www.stroke.org or by calling 1- 800-787-6537."

Permits & Licenses Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Works Alderman Munda: "I would like to commend the public works department on the work they did in securing the levy and reservoirs during the heavy rain. I know there was a lot of water damage and problems in the city. The public works department is working diligently to help the residents remove some of the debris involved and will be working on the situation until early next week to get all the requests made."

Mayor's Report Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush:"Under the Mayor's Report I would like to congratulate the 2013 VFW honorees: 2013 Man of the Year Jim Gigliotti, 2013 Woman of the Year Maree Mysklawick, 2013 Fireman of the Year: Firefighter Stapleton and Firefighter Pactwa and Policeman of the Year: Officer Menclewicz and Officer Henderson. Congratulations to all the VFW honorees."

Approve live music
522 Lincoln Avenue Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosycznski, to approve live music for a family birthday party at 522 Lincoln Avenue on Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and notify the police and fire departments.

MOTION CARRIED

Conduct study @ 618 Memorial Drive Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the City Engineer to conduct a study of the alley behind Memorial Drive (flooding) to set the grade. (The alley that runs from Greenbay on the west and the alley that runs north, south from Wilson to Memorial Drive (L alley)).

MOTION CARRIED

Commend department during heavy rains Alderman Schneider commending the departments for their help with the recent heavy rains. He stated his ward had hundreds of basements that flooded with rain.

Alderman Schneider thanked Alderman Jones called to say that he was reaching out to the appropriate state agencies to try and get assistance and State Representative Marcus Evans. The public works department was out during the flood and cleanup afterwards.

Sewer Rebate Program Any resident that needs assistance contact his office at (708) 891-8198. Any residents interested in participating in the Sewer Rebate 50/50 program up to \$2,500. Contact the Department of Inspectional Services or his office to explain the program.

Commend police & fire departments Alderman Schneider commended the police and fire departments to going to homes to check for gas and electric during the heavy rains.

FEMA - heavy rains Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush stated that further information thru Alderman Jones committee. The city met with FEMA recently about doing some things to certify the levy so it doesn't become a worry some part of rain storms. The city will do an analysis of where all the calls for service came in as it relates to basements flooding to take a further look at the sewers. That information will be available under the public utilities committee.

2nd Ward cleanup 4/27/13 Alderman Wosczyński announced the second ward cleanup on Saturday, April 27, 2013. The public works department will pick up any items that are bagged, boxed and placed in the alley. For more information contact public works department at (708) 891-8160 for larger items for pickup.

Recycling Day 4/27/13 @ public works Alderman Wosczyński announced April 27, 2013 as Recycling Day at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the public works facility, 1701 Dolton Road. Trucks from ACME Recycling will be available to collect electronic items.

Shred documents A shredding truck will also be available to shred confidential documents. There will also be a paint and oil drive.

For more information contact her Alderman Wosczyński at (708) 891-8192 or email her at mwosczyński@calumetcity.org

Abandoned homes Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents to contact her office at (708) 891-8192 of the Department of Inspectional Services for properties that are abandoned or in disrepair.

<u>Thank residents contacting his office</u>	Alderman Jones thanked the residents for contacting his office email or came into the office for information. The number of calls to the office for this month was 226 for service. A lot of the calls were for flooding and community service projects in the ward.
<u>Request city service</u>	Alderman Jones stated any resident needing a request for service visit the website www.3rdwardcalumetcity.org and get the form and email, fax or return to the ward office.
<u>Crime Watch Mtg. 5/7/13 @ Downey Park</u>	Alderman Jones announced the Third Ward Crime Watch Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Downey Park. He encourages resident to attend. At this meeting they will organize block club on each club.
<u>Education Summit @ 1968 Sibley 4/26/13</u>	Alderman Jones announced the bi-monthly Education Summit at his office 1968 Sibley with local superintendents on Friday, April 26, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. He will report at the next meeting.
<u>Comcast Days 4/27/13</u>	Alderman Jones announced Thornton Township is partnering with Comcast and do community service projects on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. He encourages residents to volunteer.
<u>3rd Ward Volunteer mtg. - 5/18/13</u>	Alderman Jones announced the third ward volunteer meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 1968 Sibley Boulevard at 10:00 a.m. He encourages residents to volunteer.
<u>Job opportunities</u>	Alderman Jones stated he receives a lot of inquiries in his office regarding job opportunities. Anyone wanting to be on the list for all of the current job listings email him at www.calcity3@yahoo.com
<u>Township Job Fair 5/21/13</u>	Alderman Jones announced the Thornton Township South Suburban Job Fair on Tuesday May 21, 2013. He encourages everyone to update resumes. Contact his office for more information.
<u>Contact police to report crime</u>	Alderman Munda encourages residents to contact the police department regarding crime or suspicious activity in the neighborhood.
<u>5th Ward cleanup</u>	Alderman Munda announced the fifth ward cleanup. More information will be announced at the next meeting and a flyer will go out to the residents.
<u>Contact ward office</u>	Alderman Collins extended his best wishes to the residents who were impacted by the flood. Contact his office at (708) 891-8197 for flooding or other issues in the ward.
<u>Sidewalk list</u>	Alderman Collins announced that he will be taking locations for sidewalks. This information needs to be submitted to the city engineer.
<u>Contact ward office</u>	Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his office regarding abandoned property in the area or hazards in the street or sidewalk.

Tree trimming Alderman Collins reminded residents to contact his office regarding tree trimming.

Wish Network Alderman Collins gave best wishes and prayers to Marcel and his family from Chicago Heights. He will be taking him to a Bull's game in the future.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

City Treasurer Tarka RE: Water Rate Increase.
re: water rate increase

City Treasurer Tarka RE: Refuse Rate Increase.
re: refuse rate increase

State of Illinois RE: Amnesty Grace Period ends Tuesday, April 30, 2013 regarding collection of
Comptroller Judy fines for delinquent Annual Reports and/or audits.
Baar Topinka/collection
of fines

City Treasurer Tarka/ RE: Collection of fines for delinquent Annual Financial Reports and/or Audits.
collection of fines

Robinson Engineering/ Advising that Calumet City came in 4th Place in the Water Tank Photo Contest
water tank photo contest presented by the Illinois Section AWWA, Water Distribution Committee.

City Treasurer Tarka/ RE: Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2013.
re; Investment Report

Accept & place on file Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to accept the communications
and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NEW FENCE PERMIT
1400 Forest Avenue - 6th Ward
412 Hirsch - 1st Ward

POOL PERMIT
412 Hirsch Avenue - 1st Ward

Approve permit Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the building
permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1 congratulating Calumet City students Resolution honoring and congratulating Calumet City students at the annual Mayor's Student Achievement Awards Night. (see attached page 7A)
(Res. #13-19)

Res. #2: congratulating Raymond Anderson Resolution congratulating Raymond S. Anderson on his accomplishments and best wishes for all his future endeavors. (see attached page 7B)
(Res. #13-20)

Ord. #3: handicap parking by deleting: 601 Marquette Avenue Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by deleting: 601 Marquette Avenue. (see attached page 7C)
(Ord. #13-14)

Ord.#4: handicap parking by adding: 430 Madison Avenue Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City Cook County, Illinois, by adding: 430 Madison Avenue. (see attached page 7D)
(Ord. #13-15)

Res. #5: honoring William Siems/Polish American Police Assoc. Resolution honoring William Siems on being named Polish American Police Association (P.A.P.A.) man of the year. (see attached page 7E)
(Res. #13-21)

Pass Resolutions/Adopt Ordinances Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Woscyznski, to pass the Resolutions and adopt ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Schneider, Woscyznski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Collins
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 1	ALDERMAN: Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Award bid/Street Resurfacing Forestdale Park Drive/K-Five (\$248,766.00) Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid for Street Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements at Forestdale Park Drive, Legion Drive from Detroit Street to 159th Street to the low bidder, K-Five Construction in the amount of \$248,766.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account. (Public Bid Opening held on April 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall)

#2: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$822,353.64)

Approve items #1 & #2

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial items #1 and #2 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Collins, Schneider
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

#3: Approve bill listing

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve bill in the amount of \$614,681.48, subject to vendor #483204 providing clarification to the Mayor, approve bill listing plus that vendor but that his check not be released until he clarifies something on his bill with the Mayor.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Jones, Wilson, Munda, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

#4: Approve legal bill listing

Approve legal bill listing (\$9,931.87)

#5: Approve attendance/ YEO National Convening July 24-29, 2013

Approve the attendance of Alderman Collins to the YEO National Convening in Washington, DC July 24-29, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for conference registration, hotel, airfare and other expenses associated with the conference.

Also direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alderman Collins in the amount of \$547.80 immediately for registration/airfare/hotel; balance of the approved amount of \$1,952.00 to be issued to Alderman Collins on July 22, 2013 to cover remaining expenses; to be charged to account #010-10-2-300.

#6: Remit payment/Des Plaines/\$13,599.30

Authorizing the City Treasurer to remit \$13,599.30 from account #010-23-2-340 to DesPlaines Office Equipment as the final payment due to close out of the copier lease with Des Plaines. The final payment includes the payment of the city's regular monthly invoice to Des Plaines (dated 4/10/13) and a per diem amount from the due date to the date the equipment is scheduled to be returned.

#7: Remit payment/ Polish American Police Assoc. \$650.00

Approve payment to the Polish American Police Association in the amount of \$650.00 for the annual (P.A.P.A.) banquet on Friday, May 3, 2013 honoring Commander William Siems as Man of the Year; to be charged to account #010-24-2-300.

Approve financial matters #4 thru #7

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to approve financial matters items #4 thru #7 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Wilson, Munda, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyznski, Jones
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Flood awareness Alderman Schneider encourages residents to document what they lost due to the flooding and recent heavy rains to help with the process if FEMA will assist.

Health Wellness Fair 5/18/13 @ library Alderman Wosczyznski announced Health Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Calumet City Public Library Community Room, 660 Manistee Avenue., Calumet City. All residents will benefit from the services and information provided.

For more information contact her at (708) 891-8192 or email her at mwosczyznski@calumetcity.org

Happy Birthday Alderman Wosczyznski wished Nyota's mom Salimah Muhammad a happy birthday.

Prepare resolution/Chicago Cubs & White Sox Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to prepare a resolution thanking the Chicago Cub and Chicago White Sox for supporting the community and providing tickets (Alderman Jones will provide information to prepare resolution)

MOTION CARRIED

Shop Calumet City Alderman Jones encourages residents to shop Calumet City and support Leona's Restaurant.

Cadet Academy Alderman Jones commended Chief Gilmore for forming a police cadet academy to have residents understand the police department and understand what is going on in the community.

Ald. Wilson - statement

Alderman Wilson: "With this being my last official city council meeting I wanted to send some thanks out to all the residents in the fourth ward and all over the city that have supported in over the last eight years. As far as the fourth ward goes Ramonde Williams will be a great alderman and will serve you proudly.

I want to thank the numerous volunteers that have assisted me. There are too many to name and I will be remiss if I left someone out. I will be sending out personal thanks at a later time.

I also want to send a special thanks to City Treasurer Tarka for all of his support and guidance while working with the finance team.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family because without them I would not be able to do any of this. I will still be in the neighborhood and I will see all of my neighbors and residents on a routine basis. I bid you a do as an alderman but I will still be available and will serve."

Sympathy to Boston

Alderman Munda extended sympathies to the victims and families in Boston. He commended law enforcement agencies from the federal government and also the Boston government for diligence and attempts to apprehend the suspects.

Best wishes Ald. Wilson

Alderman Collins gave best wishes to Alderman Wilson and his family.

Executive Session

Alderman Wosczyzski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 8:15 to 8:33 p.m.)

Return - regular order of business

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyzski, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:33 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Jones.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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