

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:32 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda,
Manousopoulos, Collins (7:35)

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, City Engineer Roberts, CED Coordinator Gigliotti and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

Approval of minutes

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczynski had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report. The committee will be scheduling a meeting for next week sometime. I will forward the agenda to the city clerk."

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones: "I would like to address a few items that were reported in the news recently and Mayor will chime in regarding the electric aggregation.

Public Utilities (cont'd)

At the recent town hall meeting we talked about the electric aggregation and not only how good it will be for Calumet City but the purpose of the city going through the process of choosing electric aggregation company was solely for the purpose to save residents money. It is estimated that with Calumet City approving a vendor which was Homefield Energy that residents will see an estimated 30 percent reduction in their electrical bills.

I am sure the Mayor will explain the process but this is good for Calumet City and this is a process that I served on as a committee member, City Treasurer Tarka served as a committee member, Attorney Rochelle Jackson served as a committee member and Attorney Michael Stillman served on committee.

This process took us three months and the voters approved this is November and this is good for Calumet City.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz
Qualkinbush - statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “The city has generated some phone calls in this past week because the Times printed out the opt out packages were going in the mail which was incorrect. Opt out packages are pre-printed with resident ID’s and will be mailed Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Electric Aggregation

If a resident doesn’t receive one by the weekend they can call Homefield Energy at 1-866-694-1262. Residents have until March 1 to Opt Out or they will be considered in the program, but can opt out at any time at no cost.

Residents should not be worried about the Opt Out date. As if you don’t Opt Out by March 1, your in the program but you can opt out any time with no penalty to you.

Anyone who has any questions call Homefield Energy at 1-866-694-1262. Look for those Opt Out packages in the mail.”

Ald. Jones - statement

Alderman Jones: “The City Council at our meeting approved three ordinances which residents can receive a copy of. These are the ordinances that set forth our electric aggregation that was approved by the city council that allowed us to choose Homefield Energy.

The city is proud not only of this process but I am proud of my colleagues not only for approving the electric aggregation that will save residents 30 percent on their electric bills.

I want to announce that Com Ed is having an event it is an outreach during Black History Month. They will be at River Oaks Mall from February 16, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Com Ed will not be giving rebates on electric but they will be giving away items and gifts, paying homage to African Americans who have done good in our community and African Americans who have made our history. More information available at www.comed.com

Ald. Collins entered mtg.
7:35 p.m.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Let the record show that Alderman Collins is present."

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider: "February is American Heart Month. Even though heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women it is controllable and preventable. Over 600,000 people die due to heart disease every year in the United States.

All of us have known a person who has succumb to heart disease. The American Heart Association offers a number of useful tips for bringing us closer to a healthy heart.

Knowing the living habits that put us at risk for heart disease and understanding the early signs and symptoms are a good first step in reducing our risk. I encourage everyone to visit the website of the American Heart Association at www.heart.org or call them at (800) 242-8721 for more information about preventing heart disease."

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

Deviate - regular order
of business

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to read Resolution #1, #5 and #6.

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #1: commending
School District No. 149

Resolution honoring School District No. 149 for participation in the National Day of service by the City of Calumet City, Cook County.

Table resolution #1

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to table Resolution #1 to the next city council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #5: commending
Calumet City students
participating 1st Annual
Vehicle Sticker Art Contest

Resolution commending the Calumet City students that participated in the 1st Annual Vehicle Sticker Art Contest. (see attached page 3A)

Read in entirety

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to read Resolution #5 in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolution
(Res. #13-9)

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to pass Resolution #5 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Present resolutions

At this time in the meeting City Clerk Nyota Figgs and Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush presented the resolution and award to students present in their participation in the Vehicle Sticker Art Contest.

Joseph Johnson
Michael Ashford
Adetoye Samuel
De'Janira Singleton
Jules Walton

City Clerk Figgs
Vehicle Sticker Art Contest

City Clerk Figgs thanked BMO Harris co-sponsored the Vehicle Sticker Art Contest. George St. Marie is present and is very involved in the community and thanked him for his participation. BMO Harris supplied the winners with a \$300, \$200 and \$100 savings bond.

City Clerk Figgs thanked Calumet Memorial Park District and Sonic for prizes for the Vehicle Sticker Art Contest.

Alderman Wosczynski congratulated the winners of the Vehicle Sticker Art Contest.

Res. #6: honoring Pastor
Anthony D. Tyler

Resolution by the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois honoring Pastor Anthony D. Tyler for his 25 years of service in ministry. (see attached page 4A)

Read in entirety

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to read Resolution #6 in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolution
(Res. #13-10)

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to pass Resolution #6 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Michelle
read Proclamation of
congratulations in honor
of Pastor Anthony D Tyler

At this time in the meeting read a Proclamation of congratulations in honor of Pastor Anthony D. Tyler's Anniversary Observance of 25 Years in Ministry. (see attached page 4B)

Present Resolution

At this time in the meeting, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Alderman Wosczynski and City Clerk Figgs presented a Resolution to Pastor Anthony D. Tyler for his 25 years in ministry.

Return - regular order of business

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Health Expo/Sandridge Fitness Center/2/23/13

Alderman Schneider announced a Health and Fitness Expo at Sandridge Fitness Center on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Blood pressure checks, posture and spinal evaluations from Chiro One. There will be vendors and other activities.

Zumba party class 2/22/13 @ Memorial Park

Alderman Schneider announced a new program in the first ward called Zumba class from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every fourth Friday of the month at Memorial Park. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Happy St. Valentine's Day

Alderman Schneider wished everyone a Happy St. Valentine's Day.

Happy 120th birthday Calumet City

Alderman Schneider wished Calumet City a Happy 120th Birthday to Calumet City.

No Dumping signs @ 443 & 447 Campbell Ave.

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct public works department to post "No Dumping" signs behind 443 Campbell and 447 Campbell Avenue with fees.

MOTION CARRIED

Happy Valentine's Day

Alderman Wosczyński wished all the residents a Happy Valentine's Day.

Thank grandson for flowers

Alderman Wosczyński thanked her grandson for the flowers.

Thank residents contacting office for ward issues

Alderman Jones thanked residents for sending their requests for ward issues to his email and contacting his office. He encourages residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8193 or email him at calcity3@yahoo.com

Thank residents attending Crime Watch Meeting

Alderman Jones thanked the residents that attended the third ward and fourth ward Crime Watch Meeting held on February 12, 2013. He thanked City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, and Police Chief Gilmore for attending.

Disorderly house ordinance

Alderman Jones encourages residents to use the disorderly house ordinance by contacting the police department regarding nuisance house with a specific address.

Early voting - Democratic Primary election

Alderman Jones reminded residents that early voting started for the Democratic Primary election at the Calumet City Public Library, 660 Manistee. The last day is Saturday, February 23, 2013. He encourages residents to participate in the process.

Resident Only Parking sign @ 355 Luella Ave.

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to direct public works to install a “Resident Only” parking sign at 355 Luella Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Towing companies register with city

Alderman Jones discussed the feasibility of the city registering tow companies doing work in the city. The City Attorney will research.

Happy Valentine’s Day

Alderman Manousopoulos wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Thank residents & volunteers attending Collins Fresh Youth Fest

Alderman Collins thanked residents, volunteers and community partners for attending Collins Fresh Youth Fest at T. F. North High School. He thanked city council for their support and approving the program.

Prepare resolution/Collins Youth Summit

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to prepare a Resolution honoring all the participants, speakers and students for their participation in the Collins Fresh Youth Fest.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank T.F. North High School

Alderman Collins thanked T.F. North High School, Dr. Evans and School District #215 for their participation in the Collins Fresh Youth Fest event.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

City Clerk Figs/submitting monthly report Jan. 2013

Submitting Monthly Report for January, 2013.

Robinson Engineering/ 2013-2014 MFT Program

RE: MFT 2013-2014 Sidewalk & Concrete Removal & Replacement Contract.

Ald. Thaddeus Jones/report submitted for the ABFF

RE: Report submitted for the ABFF.

Robinson Engineering/ 2013-2014 street resurfacing

RE: 2013-2014 MFT Street Resurfacing Contract.

Pace/Dec. 2012 Pace Ridership Report

RE: December 2012 Pace Ridership Report.

WOW/rate increases

RE: Rate Increases.

Comcast/annual report

RE: Comcast Annual Report.

Antea USA, Inc./ground water ordinance notification

RE: Groundwater Ordinance Notification - LPC No. 0310395058-Cook County, 2074 Sibley Boulevard.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Refer T-Mobile Site letter City Attorney

Refer communication regarding T-Mobile Site #CH22793A to the City Attorney to review current payments and return.

Refer property @ 498 Freeland (Home Equity Assurance)

Refer communication regarding the property at 498 Freeland Avenue (Home Equity Assurance) to the City Attorney for review.

Direct City Clerk release titles public works

Direct the City Clerk to release titles on the following vehicles from the public works department and remove from the city insurance: 1992 Ford (0709) & 1996 Street Sweeper (S-8355-D)

Refer to City Attorney/ Fannie Mae v. 1633 & 634 LLC

Refer to City Attorney - Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois - Fannie Mae, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, Plaintiff v. 1633 and 634 LLC, Andre L. Howard, Charter One Bank, N.A., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants.

Refer to City Attorney/ Sibley Acquisitions v. 1633 & 634 LLC

Refer to City Attorney - Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois - Sibley Acquisitions, LLC successor by assignment to Sovereign Bank, N.A. successor by assignment to Sovereign Bank, N.A. successor by assignment to Fannie Mae, successor to Sovereign Bank, FSB Plaintiff v. 1633 and 634 LLC, Andre L. Howard, unknown owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants.

Refer 6,000,000 gallon concrete ground storage water reservoir

Refer the communication from Robinson Engineering regarding the 6,000,000 Gallon Ground Storage Water Reservoir to the Public Utilities for discussion and review.

Approve new business

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve new business items as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Woczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

<u>Ord. #2: prohibiting encroachments within State of Illinois Right of Way (Ord.#13-6)</u>	Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Prohibiting Encroachments within the State of Illinois Right Away with Regard to the Intersection Improvements at Burnham Avenue and River Oaks Drive. (see attached page 8A)
<u>Res. #3: commending Thomas J. Wetherald (Res. #13-7)</u>	Resolution commending Thomas J. Wetherald for his distinguished service to the City of Calumet City thru the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. (see attached page 8B)
<u>Res. #4: designating HIV/Aids Awareness Day (Res. #13-8)</u>	Resolution designating February 7, 2013 as “National African-American HIV/ Aids Awareness Day. (see attached page 8C)
<u>Pass Resolution/Adopt Ordinances</u>	Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to pass Resolutions and adopt Ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Woczynski
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

<u>Res. #4 read in entirety</u>	Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to read Resolution #4 in its entirety.
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MOTION CARRIED

<u>Ald. Jones - statement HIV Aids Awareness Day</u>	Alderman Jones presented the following resolution to the City Council as a public health measure designed to create awareness of the ongoing threat of HIV and Aids, which is higher than normal in the younger population of African-Americans.
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FINANCIAL MATTERS

<u>Remit payment/Fire Service \$8,224.74</u>	Approve the repair to Fire Engine #306 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service in an amount not to exceed \$8,224.74; to be charged to account #066-17-4-150.
<u>Remit payment/American Printing/\$5,275.00</u>	Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to American Printing in the amount not to exceed \$5,275.00 for city department magnets and charge to account #010-99-2-990.

<u>Award bid/John Burns Const. Co./\$3,076,144.63 State St. & Burnham Ave. Storm Water Pump Station</u>	Accept the recommendation form Robinson Engineering and award the bid for State Street and Burnham Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Renovation in the amount of \$3,076,144.63 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.
<u>Approve Audit Engagement Letter prepared by Crowe Horwath LLP</u>	Approve the Audit Engagement Letter prepared by Crowe Horwath, LLP Certified Public Accountants for a one-year contract for the audit of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2012 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Engagement Letter and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment for services rendered to be paid from account #010-99-2-610.
<u>Authorize City Attorney settle 2005 & 2005 Tax Rate Objections</u>	Authorize the City Attorney to settle 2005 and 2006 Tax Rate Objection cases at a rate of .002.
<u>Remit payment/Robinson Engineering/\$16,428.82</u>	Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$16,428.82 for contraction engineering for River Oaks Drive at Paxton Avenue; to be charged to account #040-07-2-688.
<u>Remit payment/Robinson Engineering/\$11,070.36</u>	Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$11,070.36 for construction engineering for Sibley Boulevard Roadway Improvements; to be charged to account #040-07-2-691.
<u>Transfer \$200,000 from Special Service Operating Fund to Corporate Fund</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer \$200,000 from the Special Service Operating Fund to the Corporate Fund to reimburse public safety expenditures for the fiscal year ended 4/30/13; as follows: \$150,000 to reimburse the police department and \$50,000 to reimburse the fire department.
<u>Approve buy-back/John Churilla</u>	Approve buy-back for John Churilla in the amount as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-41-1-50 & #010-41-1-112.
<u>Approve buy-back/Mark Rakich</u>	Approve buy-back for Mark Rakich in the amount as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-41-1-952 & #010-41-1-501.
<u>Remit payment/Standard Equipment/\$16,867.89</u>	Approve the repairs to the street sweeper in the amount of \$16,876.89 to Standard Equipment Co. #810333 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-41-4-150.
<u>Remit payment/Tierra Environmental/\$9,459.00</u>	Approve the cleaning the televising of sewer on Greenbay Avenue & Harding Avenue 1/2/13, 1/3/13 & 1/4/13 in the amount not to exceed \$9,459.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Tierra Environmental & Industrial and charge to account #030-36-2-111.

Remit payment/Tierra Environmental/\$12,705.00 Approve additional sewer cleaning to remove calcium deposits on Greenbay Avenue & Harding Avenue on 1/21/13, 1/22/13, 1/23/13 & 1/24/13 in the amount not to exceed \$12,705.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Tierra Environmental & Industrial and charge to account #030-36-2-111.

Remit payment/Tierra Environmental/\$11,742.50 Approve additional sewer cleaning on Greenbay & Harding Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$11,742.50 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Tierra Environmental & Industrial and charge to account #030-36-2-111.

Remit payment/Tierra Environmental/\$11,264.00 Approve sewer televising and cleaning on Harding Avenue @ Greenbay Avenue on 1/28/13, 1/29/13, 1/30/13 & 1/31/13 in an amount not to exceed \$11,264.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Tierra Environmental & Industrial and charge to account #030-36-2-111.

Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$801,280.65)

Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$662,846.26)

Approve legal bill listing Approve legal bill listing (\$139,755.49)

Approve emergency payments Approve the following emergency payments: \$700.00 (Petty Cash Tobacco Grant) \$710.50 (United States Post Office); \$675.66 (Antoine Collins); \$3,370.00 (Beatrice Haynes) & \$2,592.00 (United States Post Office) in accordance with Ord. 2-882 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,408.06.

Approve financial matters authorize city treasurer remit payment Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial matters as presented and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commend fire department Alderman Schneider commended fire department ambulance #314 for helping a senior resident in the first ward.

Neighborhood Watch Mtg. Alderman Wosczyński announced Neighborhood Watch Meetings every first Monday of the month in the police department lower level from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She encourages residents to attend.

<u>Temporary driver's license program</u>	Alderman Jones discussed the temporary driver's license program thru Secretary of State Jesse White. The program will take ten months to be implemented.
<u>Commend Mayor Michelle & city council</u>	Alderman Jones commended the Mayor and City Council for sending out the calenders during black history month.
<u>Education Summit 2/15/13</u>	Alderman Jones announced he will be conducting an education summit on Friday, February 15, 2013 at 1910 Sibley Boulevard with superintendents and educators to improve education in the city.
<u>Leona's Restaurant children eat free @ 1455 Ring Road</u>	Alderman Jones announced on behalf of Leona's Restaurant that children eat free. They are open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 1455 Ring Road. He encourages resident to visit.
<u>Thank Chicago Defender</u>	Alderman Collins thanked and acknowledged the Chicago Defender for selecting him as one of the 50 Men of Excellence for 2013. He thanked the nominating committee.
<u>Thanks Mrs. Edwards</u>	Alderman Collins acknowledged Mrs. Edwards from South Wood Elementary School in Country Club Hills for inviting him to speak to students.
<u>Happy Birthday Dad</u>	Alderman Collins wished his father a Happy Birthday.
<u>Happy Valentines' Day</u>	Alderman Collins wished his wife and children a Happy Valentine's Day.
<u>Thank CCYO</u>	Alderman Collins thanked Calumet City Youth Organization for his award.
<u>Contact ward issues</u>	Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his office regarding ward issues.
<u>Happy Birthday Delliah</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished her granddaughter Delliah a Happy Birthday she was 7 years old on February 12, 2013.
<u>Happy Birthday A. J</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished A. J. Tarka a Happy 16 th Birthday on February 12, 2013.
<u>Happy Valentine's Day</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished all the residents especially her husband Roland a Happy Valentine's Day.
<u>Happy Valentine's Day</u>	City Treasurer Tarka wished all the residents a Happy Valentine's Day.
<u>Happy Valentine's Day</u>	City Clerk Figgs wished Calumet City a Happy Valentine's Day.
<u>Present resolution Vehicle Art Contest</u>	At this time in the meeting, City Clerk Figgs presented a Resolution and certificate to Kristiana Raca for her participation the Vehicle Sticker Art Contest participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:21 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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