

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

**JUNE 9, 2016**

Public Comment

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

Joe Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding water bill rates and late fees.

Joan Safford, 1757 Memorial Drive, regarding water billing process and mailing.

Mrs. Hope Dixon-Sutton, 456 Manistee, regarding the corner of Sibley & Manistee and construction; signs on Marquette and Muskegon for sale strip malls.

Shirley Adams, 1500 Lincoln Avenue, regarding public safety and abandoned house on 1501 Lincoln Place.

Darryl Jester, 660 Escanaba, regarding water billing rates and businesses closing.

Carol Johnson, 1367 River Drive, regarding safety issue of her building.

Jeannie McKennon, 676 Muskegon, regarding transformer that was on fire behind her property and thanked the fire department for their quick response and for notifying ComEd.

She thanked public works for cutting grass at abandoned homes. She reminded that they can receive free medical bracelet at the police department.

Wants city to encourage more businesses to come into city and residents to move into community.

Erline Harris, 322 Crandon Avenue, thanked Alderman Williams for addressing her garbage problem in the alley and the water bill late rates and late fees.

Public Comment (cont'd)

Lisa Balk, 1294 Balmoral Avenue, regarding water leak and high bill.

Paulette Nelson-Gunther, 1373 Imperial, regarding Alderman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward issues and responses and notices of council meetings.

Robert White, 644 Douglas, regarding alley grading and trees in parkway.

Corina Michael, 347 Yates, regarding fining landlords and property owners for upkeep on their property.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:53 p.m. in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, presented and presiding.

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	5	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyznski, Jones, Williams, Manousopoulos, Bullocks
ABSENT:	2	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Munda

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Sterk and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "For the record, Alderman Schneider did contact me and he is ill this evening."

Approval of minutes

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of 5/12/16 Regular Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance Alderman Wosczyznski had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities Alderman Jones had no report.

H.E.W. Alderman Williams had no report.

Permits & Licenses Alderman Schneider was absent. Mayor Michelle: "Alderman Schneider doesn't a report this evening."

Public Works Alderman Munda was absent.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

### City Treasurer

City Treasurer Tarka: "I would like to direct the council to informational item #7B regarding the city's electrical aggregation program. It is a nice chart that you may want to pass along to your residents that inquire the ramifications of the good and the bad of the electrical aggregation program.

It gives a cumulative average savings for a single family residence. We estimate that it is \$49.00 for a single family home. This is on the website so you can direct residents if they want to view it.

I do believe I sent this out to the aldermen prior to the meeting, but if anyone would like a PDF of this particular graph chart in color please contact me and I will be more than happy to supply to you. Thank you."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Thank you, when Alderman Schneider contacted me stated that he doesn't have a report this evening."

### Ald. Wosczyński

Alderman Wosczyński announced Saturday, June 11, 2016 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Block Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Bensley & Memorial Drive.

She encourages residents to attend. The police, fire and public works departments will be present to answer questions and concerns.

### Ald. Jones

Alderman Jones requested a moment of silence for Claudine Boyd Barrett who was a 27 resident of Calumet City of Paxton Avenue and thanked her for her dedication to Calumet City and for Mohammad Ali who passed away last week.

Alderman Jones thanked the residents who came into ward office for meetings. Contact ward office at (708) 891-8193 to make an appointment.

Alderman Jones that his ward office received 43 request for services this week.

Alderman Jones advised residents if they have outstanding issues to contact his cell phone at (708) 417-1262.

Alderman Jones thanked public works department for the upkeep of grass cutting for vacant homes. Residents should contact office regarding vacant homes that need upkeep or email him at [calc3@yahoo.com](mailto:calc3@yahoo.com)

Alderman Jones thanked the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs for their donation of tickets.

Alderman Jones stated that his office will be donating 40 tickets to the Veteran's Organization to Commander Robinson from VFW to the game on July 10, 2016.

Alderman Jones advised of employment opportunities, Carpenters Union Apprenticeship applications due no later than June 30, 2016. Please contact his office for more information regarding employment opportunity.

Alderman Jones announced the Illinois Tollway will be hiring for multiple positions. The applications are due by August 10, 2016. There are 16 positions available. Contact his office for more information.

Alderman Jones thanked the Carpenters Union for coming out and talking to residents getting into the union. They will be having sessions once a month at his ward office the third Wednesday.

Alderman Jones thanked the veterans who attended the Veteran's Committee meeting last week. There will be another meeting on June 18, 2016.

Contact his office to be a part of the committee or to volunteer for Veteran's Committee.

#### Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams thanked the public works department for addressing his concerns and advised residents that his requests were on the agenda and are being addressed.

Alderman Williams advised that the coordinator for the free Tutoring Program will be available at the next meeting June 23, 2016 to address the city council and answer questions regarding the service.

Alderman Williams advised residents that there was a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Newsletter that went out to the ward to advise residents regarding services.

Alderman Williams encourages residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8194 for concerns or issues in the ward.

#### Ald. Bullocks

Alderman Bullocks advised that the Sidewalk Replacement is underway. Any resident requesting assistance please contact his office at (708) 891-8197.

Alderman Bullocks advised that he received a request for the removal of a handicap parking sign at 1255 Mackinaw Avenue. He will submit a motion to have public works to remove the sign and amend the handicap parking ordinance.

#### Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Under the Mayor's Report, I would like to answer one of the ladies concerns this evening.

Anyone who has a concern can contact the mayor's office. If it is something that should be handled by another department she will forward concern.

I welcome any resident to come upstairs and if I am not in a meeting will talk with issues or concerns or my staff can assist.

The newsletter will be going out in the mail and it should provide a wealth of information and hope to continue in the upcoming months.

I will touch on something that Alderman Williams talked about. I am encouraging all the aldermen and the department heads and the process set up by public works where we put all the requests into the Google Cloud.

What that does is real time entering, so if a resident calls an aldermen and he puts that into a cloud then the public works department can pick that up immediately and address the concern more efficiently and quickly.

I am asking everyone to utilize this, if you lost your password or not familiar on how to do this, come in and have JR train you. It certainly helps, we can track it and we know when the work is done and put into the cloud.

I know I had discussion with Alderman Williams, this should expedite if everyone uses it as the way it is set up to be used. I encourage everyone to do that.

Nothing can be deleted or added once it is entered. For example, I think we are going to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward next Monday or Tuesday.

Two days that direct into a ward and then it rotates, Friday is a free day in case there is something that need to address. It is a pretty good system.

Thank you aldermen for recognizing the hard work of the public works department. There are 28 guys there and to date there is probably 250 and 300 vacant properties that we are trying to get maintained so they blend into the neighborhood.

Although it is not the city's job, we do this that it looks like someone lives there and it looks like it is occupied so that it doesn't track wrong doers.

The guys are going a great job. I am in the neighborhood a lot and I encourage all aldermen to also ride their wards.

They are working hard and please be patient. To my colleagues please use the process in place, it really helps expedite what they are doing at public works."

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

<u>City Clerk Figgs/monthly report May, 2016</u>	Submitting Monthly Report for May, 2016.
<u>City Treasurer Tarka/ Electrical Aggregation</u>	RE: Electrical Aggregation.
<u>Comcast/RE: Public Act 96-1422</u>	RE: Public Act 96-1422.
<u>Comcast/channel line-up</u>	Changes to channel line-up.
<u>WOW Cable/billing rates</u>	RE: Billing Rates.
<u>IEPA/public notice</u>	Public Notice - Proposed Renewal of Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit Waste Management of Illinois - Inc. - CID RDF in Calumet City.
<u>IEPA/public notice</u>	Public Notice - Proposed Renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit Ashland Specialty Ingredients in Calumet City.
<u>Accept &amp; place on file</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to accept the communications and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

<u>#1: Tag Day Request/ Family Outreach Program</u>	Family Outreach Program requesting permission for tag days on July 22 & July 23, 2016 at various intersections. (approved by the police department)
<u>#2: Tag Day Request/ Calumet City Youth Organization</u>	Calumet City Youth Organization requesting permission for a tag day on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at various intersections. (approved by the police department)
<u>#3: Salvatorian Fathers police escort</u>	The Salvatorian Fathers requesting police escort on Saturday, August 13, 2016 for their Marian Pilgrimage from Chicago, IL to Merrillville, Indiana.
<u>#4: Temporary Speed Bumps Webb Street</u>	Direct public works department to install temporary speed bumps on Webb Street and Legion Drive.
<u>#5: City Attorney draft ordinance/administration fee police department</u>	Directing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance authorizing the p department to charge a \$500.00 administration fee to financial institutions/lien holders of vehicles seized as a result of the State Police Asset forfeiture program.

- #6: Resident Only Parking  
626 Merrill Avenue Direct public works department to place a “Resident Only Parking” sign at 626 Merrill Avenue.
- #7: Handicap parking  
adding 1767 Memorial Dr Amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding 1767 Memorial Drive.
- #8: Add address of “275”  
existing handicap sign Direct the public works department to add the address of “275” to the existing handicap sign at 275 Calhoun.
- #9: Grade alley adjacent  
634 Merrill Avenue Direct public works to grade the alley adjacent to 634 Merrill Avenue.
- #10: Grade alley Paxton Direct public works department to grade the odd (east side) address of alley of Paxton Avenue from Memorial Drive to Michigan City Road.
- #11: Grade alley Crandon  
from State to Sibley Direct public works department to grade the alley between Crandon Avenue from State Street to Sibley Boulevard.
- #12: Assess complaints  
Crandon & Oglesby Direct public works department to attend and assess complaints of trash and brush in the alleys between Crandon Avenue & Oglesby , State Street to Sibley and the alley between Yates and Oglesby from State Street to Sibley Boulevard.
- #13: Cut brush along bike  
walk trail Sandridge Fitness Direct public works department to contact the Calumet Memorial Park District to cut the brush along the bike/walk trail of Sandridge Fitness Center.
- #14: Public Works/Inspec.  
Services confirm completion  
of projects and work Direct public works department and Inspectional Services to confirm the completion of projects and work requested by the alderman.
- #15: Approve block party/  
July 3, 2016 -Hoxie Ave. Approve a block party on July 3, 2016 on Hoxie Avenue between Cleveland and State Street; direct public works department to provide trash receptacles and barricades.
- #16: Approve block party/  
Bensley Avenue - 7/3/16 Approve a block party on July 3, 2016 on Bensley Avenue from State Street to Stewart Avenue; direct public works to provide trash receptacles and barricades.
- #17: Resident Only Parking  
@ 335 Hoxie Avenue Direct public works department to place a “Resident Only Parking” sign at 335 Hoxie Avenue.
- #18: Advising resignation  
B. Swanson: effective 6/3/16  
issue check for 2 weeks  
vacation Advising of the resignation of Bryan Swanson as the Economic Development Coordinator effective Friday, June 3, 2016; direct City Treasurer to issue a check for two weeks of owed vacation as stated in the communication.

Approve new business

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Woscyznski, to approve new business items as presented and so amended.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Woscyznski  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Schneider, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

FENCE PERMITS

324-153rd Place - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
1256 River Drive - 7<sup>th</sup> Ward  
1579 Wentworth - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward  
661 Douglas - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Remove fence permit

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Woscyznski, to remove the fence permit at 1579 Wentworth Avenue from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve fence permits

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve fence permits as presented, subject to Alderman Schneider's approval at 324-153rd Place.

MOTION CARRIED

FENCE- VARIANCE

46-164th Place - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve fence variance

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Woscyznski, to approve the fence variance at 46-164th Place as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GARAGE NEW CONSTRUCTION

565 Ingraham - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Approve new garage

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve the new garage construction at 565 Ingraham; subject to Alderman Schneider's approval.

MOTION CARRIED



**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Res. #1: Designating  
Director Personnel as  
Authorized Agent

Resolution Designating the Director of Personnel as Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. (see attached page 9A)

Pass Resolution  
(Res. #16-23)

Alderman Woscyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to pass Resolution #1 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Williams, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Woscyznski, Jones  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Schneider, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #2: Handicap Parking  
adding: 305 Luella & 390  
Chappel Avenue

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Handicap Parking, by adding: 305 Luella & 390 Chappel Avenue. (see attached page 9B)

Adopt Ordinance  
(Ord. #16-18)

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to adopt Ordinance #2 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Woscyznski, Jones, Williams  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Schneider, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #3: Amending Chap. 94  
Section 94-171/water rates

Ordinance amending Chapter 94, Section 94-171, of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois (Water/Sewer Rates, Billing Cycle & Fees) (see attached page 9C)

Adopt Ordinance  
(Ord. #16-19)

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to adopt Ordinance #3 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Bullocks, Woscyznski, Jones, Williams, Manousopoulos  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Schneider, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

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**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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**RESOLUTION**  
NUMBER 16-23

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**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING  
THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AS AUTHORIZED AGENT  
FOR THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND**

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MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor  
NYOTA FIGGS, City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION #16-23**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING  
THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AS AUTHORIZED AGENT  
FOR THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund requires appointment of an authorized agent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Personnel should be appointed said authorized agent.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of Calumet City's home rule powers as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That James Patton, Director of Personnel, City of Calumet City, be and he is hereby appointed Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

**SECTION 2:** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution.

**SECTION 3:** All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4:** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication by law.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2016, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

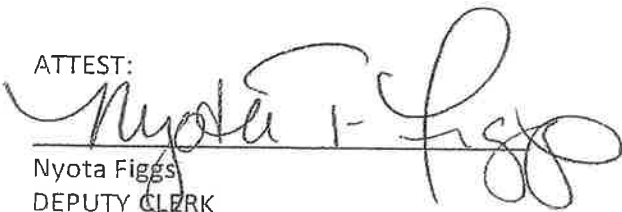
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 9/16

day of June, 2016, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider			X	
Jones	X			
Bullocks	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
Munda			X	
Williams	X			
Wosczyński	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>	

APPROVED by the Mayor on June 9/16 2016.

  
 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush  
 MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
 Nyota Figgs  
 DEPUTY CLERK

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**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**  
**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE**  
NUMBER 16-18

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL  
CODE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor**  
**NYOTA FIGGS, City Clerk**

**ERIC SCHNEIDER**  
**MAGDALENA J. "LENI" WOSZYNSKI**  
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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE  
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its home rule powers, as follows:

**Section 1.** That Section 90-317 (Handicapped parking) of Article V [Stopping, Standing and Parking] of Chapter 90 [Traffic and Vehicles] of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding the following language to subsection G (Signed areas) to read, as follows:

305 Luella Avenue

390 Chappel Avenue

**Section 2.** The Commissioner of Streets and Alleys is hereby authorized and directed to install the proper signs in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

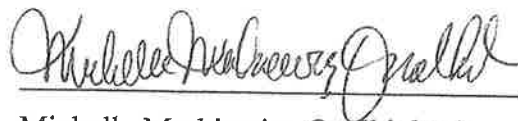
**Section 4.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 9th day of June, 2016 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

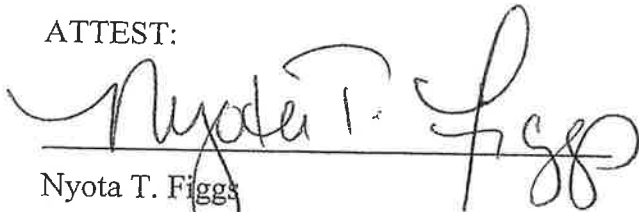
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider			X	
Wosczynski	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X		X	
Manousopoulos	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>	

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 9th day of June 2016.



Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Nyota T. Figg  
CITY CLERK

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**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 16-19**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, SECTION 94-171, OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
(WATER/SEWER RATES, BILLING CYCLE AND FEES)**

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**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 16- 19**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, SECTION 94-171, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (WATER/SEWER RATES, BILLING CYCLE AND FEES)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the "*Home Rule Powers*"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "*Corporate Authorities*") may from time to time amend the text of the Municipal Code of Calumet City when it is determined to be in the best interests of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities are charged with the responsibility of regulating water rates in manner to be able to continue to provide City services and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizenry; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as it fully set forth in their entirety.

**SECTION 2:** That Chapter 94 ("*Utilities*"), Section 94-171, Established; due date, of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the following:

**Sec. 94-171. Established; due date.**

The rate for all water supplied by the city to users who reside within the corporate boundaries of the city, payable on the first day of each period, shall be six dollars and sixty cents (\$6.60) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used starting January 1, 2015 or at such time thereafter upon the establishment and phased in issuance of a monthly bill cycle for water and sewer services to a user. The rate for all water supplied to those who reside in an unincorporated area, the rate shall be seven dollars and sixty cents (\$7.60) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used starting January 1, 2015.

Starting January 1, 2015, any water/sewer bill showing less than 1,000 gallons used will be assessed a minimum bill of six dollars and sixty cents (\$6.60) for water (or the current rate in effect) and sixty-two cents (\$0.62) for sewer (or the current rate in effect).

~~In addition starting January 1, 2015, water rates shall be adjusted upward automatically if the City of Hammond raises the water rates for the City and such adjustments will be administered by the Director of Finance. Subsequent to the effective date of this Amendatory Ordinance amending Section 94-171 of the Municipal Code, no increase in the water rates charged by the City for water usage may be implemented until a public hearing concerning the proposed increase in the water rate is conducted and the increase in the water rate is approved by a majority vote of City Council.~~

The dollar adjustment of water rates for the purchasers of water in the unincorporated areas will be in the same amount as adjustments for those living within the corporate boundaries of the city.

**SECTION 3:** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 5:** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 9th day of June 2016, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
SCHNEIDER	X		X	
WOSZYNSKI	X			
JONES	X			
WILLIAMS	X			
MUNDA			X	
MANOUSOPOULOS	X			
BULLOCK				
(MAYOR QUALKINBUSH)				

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 9th day of June 2016.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

- #1: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,685.00 Approve repairs for sewer collapse at 1064 Harding Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$5,685.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing; to be charged to account #03036-52101.
- #2: Remit payment/Metropolitan Pump/\$11,195 Approve repair of Flygt pump and re-installation of pump at State Street Pump direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Metropolitan Pump Company; to be charged to account #0306-52124.
- #3: Remit payment/HD Supply/\$20,600 Approve purchase of (8) new fire hydrants in the amount not to exceed \$20,600 direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to HD Supply Waterworks; to be charged to account #03036-53408.
- #4: Remit payment/Precision Cartridge/\$17,761.50 Approve purchase of ammunition and targets for the police department in the amount not to exceed \$17,761.50; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Precision Cartridge, Inc; to be charged to account #01060-53311.
- #5: Approve City Treasurer attend conference Authorize the attendance of Gerald A. Tarka at the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan - August 14-16, 2016; authorize the City Treasurer to issue (3) checks from account #01024-52300 as follows: \$395.00 - registration fee payable to the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada; \$597.00 - lodging payable to Amway Grant Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan and \$409.00- per diem and mileage expense payable to Gerald Tarka; expenses with receipts and any unused funds to be submitted to the Finance Department upon return.
- #6: Approve City Treasurer attend conference Authorize the attendance of Gerald A. Tarka at the Illinois Municipal Treasure's Association Conference to be held in Champaign, IL - June 26-28, 2016; authorize the City Treasurer to issue (3) checks from account #01024-52300 as follows: \$175.00 - Registration fee payable to Eastern Illinois University IMTA Conference, \$318.00 - lodging payable to Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign, IL and \$289.94 - per diem and mileage expense payable to Gerald Tarka; expenses with receipts and any unused funds to be submitted to the Finance Department upon return.
- #7: Award bid/CDBG Project "D Construction" \$173,297.65 Accept recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award bid for the CDBG Project #1506-006 - Calumet City - Warren Avenue & Mackinaw Avenue Street Resurfacing project to D Construction Company in the amount of \$173,297.65. (Public Bid Opening held on 5/10/16 at 3:00 p.m.); direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the CDBG account #06507-52470.
- #8: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$373,636.19)

#9: Approve City Treasurer's Emergency Payments Approve City Treasurer's Emergency Payments in the amount of \$500.00 for Tobacco Grant Detail Expenses (Petty Cash- CDR Siems); direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01060-52336.

#10: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$834,309.34)

Approve financial matters Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve financial matters #1 thru #10 as presented.

#### ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5	ALDERMEN: Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Manousopoulos, Bullocks
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 2	ALDERMEN: Schneider, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2<sup>ND</sup> Ward Summer Meeting Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Street Meetings and to bring a lawn chair.

Disorderly house ordinance Alderman Jones encourages residents to use the city's disorderly house ordinance to contact the police department on the vacant house and be specific with address.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward sidewalk list Alderman Jones stated any residents requesting sidewalk repair to contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Illinois Commerce Comm. hearing - 6/15/16 Alderman Jones announced on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 the Illinois Commerce Commission will be available for anyone wishing to file complaints against George's Towing.

Water ordinance Alderman Jones: "We just amended the water ordinance to allow that any water rate increase by this council would be implemented by a vote of the council and not an automatic.

The ordinance was changed tonight and also that there will be a public hearing. I want to thank my colleagues for voting on the ordinance amendment and encourage residents to keep voicing concerns and come out and help us make change in Calumet City."

## Water ordinance

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “For the record, so that everyone understands. The council did vote to do the automatic increases per Hammond increases under the recommendation of the Finance Director.

But through listening to everyone’s concerns at meetings and phone calls, this was recommended and the council agreed to do it.

Just to be clear, I think a lot of time, some folks paint a picture that the Mayor has some magic wand or authority to just implement things and that is not the case.

We implement things based on recommendations and information from our guidance which would be our Finance Director.

If it is not working with what the residents want, certainly this council listens and makes changes accordingly.

Just to be clear that everyone understands that. Thank you again, we do encourage everyone to come to these meetings and encourage everyone to call.

The water issue is a tough issue and we understand it and I thank the council who make the tough decisions.

I am hopeful that our State Legislatures will create a Regulatory Committee over that those who sell water. It is not just Calumet City.

It is just about every south suburban community here purchases their water from Hammond or Chicago.

I had conversations with the Mayor of Chicago Heights who actually, besides Calumet City are two biggest users who buy water from the City of Hammond.

I believe if we jointly attack this problem, perhaps we can someone to listen.

It is tough, when all those contracts expire, because they don’t all expire at the same time. Everyone will be paying the same rate that has been forced upon us by the City of Hammond.

Every town is dealing with us. The Mayors and Managers Association does talk about this. They haven’t really come up with a really good idea yet.

The conversation is being had, because I believe probably just like all of you, every municipality in the south suburbs the residents are saying the same thing.

It is just unfortunate that those two different cities are using us to balance their budgets or to pay their bond issues.

That is just the truth of it and we are kind of held hostage because that is where we have to buy our water from.

Mayor (cont'd)

It is a tough issue and thank you to the city council for standing up and doing what we have to do. Because we have to do it.

We do make cuts and we do try to run it as efficiently as we can. But we do want to hear your input.

We may not always agree, but we are working very hard on your behalf on this issue and I personally spend many hours a day addressing it.

I am very hopeful that our state representatives in Springfield, although they have their plate very full at this time, that they will listen and have the Illinois Commerce Commission, like they regulate ComEd or Nicor.

We need some other state regulatory organization to oversee this so. But the two entities that we buy water from have nothing to regulate them and they can just dictate whatever they want us to pay.

I don't believe that is fair and I am going to fight as hard as I can to get that to change. Thank you all for coming. I know it is a hot issue and something that deal with everyday.

Thank you Alderman Jones, and I am hoping your hearing our tough message back to Springfield."

Ald. Jones

Alderman Jones: "The state is not responsible in raising rates on residents 273 percent. They are not. Those two bills introduced in the House; House Bill 465 by Representative Welch.

The state has no regulatory control over municipality raising rates on you the residents. It is not the state fault in raising the water rates.

Calumet City raised the water rates on the residents 273 percent. My goal is to be quiet tonight. What you just said is not true and it is not the state fault.

Resident that water rates were raised in January, 273 percent and it wasn't the state fault. The state don't vote on these bills. This council voted on this bill 6-1.

So I voted against it and 6 of the aldermen voted for it. There you go."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "Alderman, you are the Public Utilities Chairman, but you never came up with a solution either. So say 5-1, 6-1. We are elected to make tough decisions.

When the tough decision comes, you sit back and take a back seat."

Alderman Jones; "That is not true Alderman. In 2011, I warned the city council that the water rates were going up by Hammond.

Ald. Jones (cont'd)

So you voted yes for it, alderman. I was talking to the Mayor Alderman, so be respectful.”

Alderman Manousopoulos: “When there is a tough vote, you don’t stand up and vote. You are elected to make these tough decisions.”

Alderman Jones; “You are to Alderman, you raised the water rates 273 percent.” There is an ordinance in this council, when another alderman is talking, another one is supposed to interrupt.

Be respectful, I didn’t interrupt you, so interrupt me.”

Alderman Manousopoulos: “When there is a tough vote Alderman, you don’t know how to stand up and vote.”

Alderman Jones: “I will complete my comments by saying, 6 aldermen voted for it and I said I voted against it. I will be respectful and conclude my comments.

It is not the state fault. I am willing to work and will make sure that the bill is reintroduced in the House of Representatives.”

Mayor - statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “There is 273 percent. I don’t know where that came from. Probably some piece of literature.

It was actually 243 percent that Hammond raised our rates. That is 243 percent that Hammond raised Calumet City’s rates.

The Finance Director obviously made recommendations to this city council of what needed to take place. And 6 aldermen believed that we needed to raise the water rates because we could no long absorb this absurd, terrible raise they imposed on us.

The City Council was advised in 2011 by the City of Hammond that our water rates were going to be increased. It was not Alderman Jones who advised the city council.

It was advised by the City of Hammond. However, and I am just going to state it as it is. I am not looking to fight with anyone this evening.

The Public Utilities Committee did not have a recommendation in 2011. In 2012, 2013 and in 2014, the city council in December had to make a decision to raise the rates because we can longer absorb that amount of money that we were being charged.

That is the record, the record stands and it is in the minutes. It is what it is. It is very spirited and everyone has an opinion.



Mayor (con'td)

All I am asking of our Alderman, who also sits as our State Representative is to go back to Springfield. The Illinois Commerce Commission is a state run, regulatory agency that regulates ComEd and Nicor.

Those are two utilities. Why can't they regulate our water rates, so that the City of Chicago can not just raise them, because they want to.

And Hammond raises it 88 percent. We have nothing to do but pay it. We have no where else to go for water but to Hammond and Chicago.

Chicago is 12 percent than Hammond, and Hammond is only 88 percent of what Chicago charges. We have only have two entities to purchase water from. We can't go no one else for water.

All I am asking Alderman, and I am sorry if you take this offensively, is please help up and get Springfield to consider having a regulatory commission over this because we can't make Chicago lower the rates.

They won't listen. I have been down there. I have met with them for 3 hours. I saw the operation. They are great plans to redo it and make it better.

Hammond basically told our City Treasurer here is how much you are going to pay and we are not negotiating. They are doing it to all the municipalities.

What I am doing as Mayor is standing up with other Mayors and say no however that happens. We need some help. I don't have any muscle over the City of Chicago or the City of Hammond over what they charge us.

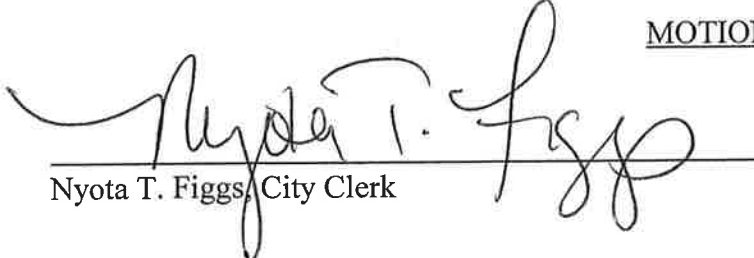
They basically said here it is. I am just asking you Alderman to help us down state. Introduce a bill, I am sure it effects every municipality in your district as a state representative.

We are all getting hit with the same increases. It is hitting all of us in the south suburbs. I am not saying it is your fault, I am saying help us."

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:27 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Williams.

MOTION CARRIED

  
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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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