

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

**MAY 23, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013 with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:	5	ALDERMEN:	Wosczynski, Williams (7:36), Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	2	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Jones

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Richard Bruen, Police Chief Gilmore and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve the minutes of May 9, 2013 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczynski had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman Jones is absent tonight, but he has submitted a report. He asked that I read it.

The Public Utilities meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. He did not provide an agenda, but will forward it to the city clerk's office.

Public Utilities (cont'd)

The Third Ward Crime Watch meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

The Third Ward Volunteer meeting is Saturday, June 22, 2013. For more information contact (708) 801-9711.

Public work began grass cutting at abandoned and foreclosed homes in the third ward. If you are aware of a house in this category please call Alderman Jones at (708) 891-8193 or email him.

Soil replacement began on Prairie Avenue and on streets that had work done last; if you are on the list and it is not completed, please email Alderman Jones at [calcity3@yahoo.com](mailto:calcity3@yahoo.com)

Tree trimming list was done at council meeting; if you want a tree trimmed on city property only please email Alderman Jones on or before June 1.

The sidewalk list can be emailed to Alderman Jones on or before June 1 to [calcity3@yahoo.com](mailto:calcity3@yahoo.com)

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

Ald. Williams entered  
7:36 p.m.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: I would like the record to reflect Alderman Williams is present at the meeting.”

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider was absent.

Send letter to IDOT/parking  
requirement signs

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to direct the City Clerk to send a letter to IDOT requesting information on informational signs on state roads and Alderman Schneider will provide any information needed to the Clerk’s Office to determine the requirements.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Works

Alderman Munda: “The public works department is out cutting grass in foreclosed homes. There are a number of empty lots that need to be cut. I would ask that the residents be patient and notify their aldermen of any foreclosures or any high grass areas in your neighborhood.”

Committee assignments

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “For the aldermen’s information, I am sorry that I did not get a chance to get the committee assignments. I wanted an opportunity to talk to everyone. Hopefully by the next meeting, I will have that complete so that the new alderman knows what committee he is going to be put on.”

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

### Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I just want to congratulate all of our graduating students. I had the opportunity to attend the T.F. North graduation with City Clerk Nyota yesterday. There were over 300 students that graduated. We are very proud of them.

They received 3.5 million in scholarship opportunities and one student from T. F. North High School received a full ride scholarship to Notre Dame. We have some wonderful kids in our community. Calumet City is very proud of each and everyone of them. Congratulations to all of our 2013 graduates."

### Ald. Wosczyński - report

Alderman Wosczyński thanked all the residents that attended the Second Ward Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 18, 2013. She thanked all the volunteers and a special thanks to her daughter Claudia who organized the Health Fair.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Sidewalk

Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents to contact her office for sidewalk work, alleys graded or tree trimming at (708) 891-8192.

### Send letter to Nicor Gas

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to request the Mayor's office to send a letter to Nicor Gas asking them to restore grass on the areas while they were repairing the gas line in the second ward. (She will provide addresses to the Mayor's office)

MOTION CARRIED

### Memorial Day Ceremony 5/27/13 @ American Legion

Alderman Wosczyński announced a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at American Legion Post #330 honoring all Veterans. She encourages residents to attend and fly the American Flag to show their patriotism

### Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams acknowledged his Savior Jesus Christ.

### Fourth Ward event schedule

Alderman Williams announced his fourth ward event schedule will be coming out soon and will be distributed by June 1.

### Crime Watch Meeting first Tuesday of month

Alderman Williams reminded the residents that the Crime Watch Meeting is the first Tuesday of the month for the west side of Calumet City.

### Expungement Seminar 6/8/13 - New Faith Baptist Church

Alderman Williams announced an Expungement Seminar sponsored by the Cook County Clerk's Office Dorothy Brown at New Faith Baptist Church located at 25 Central Avenue in Matteson on June 8, 2013. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

<u>Fourth ward street resurfacing</u>	Alderman Williams announced that the fourth ward streets that need resurfacing the streets in the worst condition will take priority.
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Ward sidewalk list</u>	Alderman Williams stated that the sidewalk list is being evaluated and those projects will be starting soon. Contact his office at (708) 891-8194 or (708) 212-2240
<u>Thank volunteers Bernadine Manor dinner</u>	Alderman Williams thanked the volunteers that assisted him during the Bernadine Manor Senior and Mother's Day Appreciation dinner. He thanked the Focus Group, the Next Athletics and students from Christ Our Savior that came out to assist at the event.
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Ward Meeting - 6/25/13 @ River Oaks town homes</u>	Alderman Williams announced the first Fourth Ward meeting on June 25, 2013 at River Oaks town homes in the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.
<u>Report suspicious activity to police department</u>	Alderman Williams encourages residents to report suspicious activity to the police department.
<u>Congratulate 2013 graduates</u>	Alderman Williams congratulated the 2013 Graduating classes and his son who will be graduating from Christ Our Savior on May 31, 2013.
<u>Amend handicap parking deleting 324-166th St.</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 324-166th Street.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>Sidewalk list</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos encourages residents to contact his office regarding sidewalk or curb replacement at (708) 891-8196.
<u>Report grass cutting @ properties</u>	Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact their aldermen to report grass that need to be cut throughout the city.
<u>Sidewalk list</u>	Alderman Collins stated residents should contact his office at (708) 891-8197 to be place on the sidewalk list.
<u>Congratulate graduating class @ T. F. North High School</u>	Alderman Collins congratulated the 2013 graduating class at T. F. North High School and wish them well in their future endeavors.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

Calumet Memorial Post 330 Advising of Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.  
advising of Memorial Day at the front entrance of the American Legion Post 330, 950 Legion Drive.  
Day ceremony

Comcast/re: addition of RE: Addition of TVC+Latino to the Comcast channel line-up.  
TVC+Latino line-up

ComEd/Energy RE: Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act.  
Infrastructure Modernization  
Act

City Treasurer Tarka/ RE: Financial Reports for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011.  
Financial Reports for fiscal  
year ending 4/30/11

Heather Buhrmester/ Commending public works department.  
commending public works  
department

Robinson Engineering/ Advising that Material Stone Bid will be re-bid per IDOT requirements on  
advising that material stone Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.  
bid will be re-bid

Accept & place on file Alderman Wosczyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to accept the  
communications and place on file and read communications #7D & #7E in its  
entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

(see attached pages #5A & #5B for communications #7D & #7E)

Place personnel files Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to place  
communications #7E in the personnel files of Lynn McRoberts and Deputy  
Commissioner Freyman.

MOTION CARRIED

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

### FENCE

337 Manistee Avenue - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

502 Jeffery Avenue - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

#### Approve permits

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve building permits, pending approval from Alderman Jones for 502 Jeffery Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

### Ord. #1: handicap parking by adding: 442 Yates & 456 Manistee Avenue

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by adding: 442 Yates Avenue and 456 Manistee Avenue. (see attached page 6A)

#### Adopt Ordinance (Ord. #13-16)

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to adopt the ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

## **ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Wosczyński

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: Schneider, Jones

MOTION CARRIED

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### Award Salt Bid/North American Salt Co/\$189,024

Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering for Rock Salt Bid and award the bid to the low bidder North American Salt Company in the amount of \$189,024.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to MFT account.

### Remit payment/South Suburban Housing Center/\$4,500

Approve the city's membership in the South Suburban Housing Center in the amount of \$4,500 for the Foreclosure/Assistance/Homeownership Preservation Counseling and Fair Housing Enforcement Programs and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge the appropriate account.

### Remit payment/AT & T/\$7,500.00/Ethernet network

Approve the city to enter into a sixty (60) month agreement with AT & T for the installation and provision of a new Ethernet based network and direct the City Treasurer to allocate proposed monthly service charges in the amount not to exceed \$7,500 between accounts #010-99-2-020 and #030-36-2-020.

### Remit payment/N. Harris Computer/\$3,320.00

Approve a Purchase Agreement by and between N. Harris Computer (formerly MSI) and the City of Calumet City for the conversion of additional data files to support the City's new Sungard software system; and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$3,320; to be charged to account #010-99-2-5120.

<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$5,300</u>	Approve rear lot and apron pavement at Sewer Department facility located at 185 Plummer Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$5,300.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #030-36-5-100.
<u>Remit payment/Steel City Tire/\$13,547.00</u>	Approve purchase of tires and hardware for Unit #38 at the public works department in the amount not to exceed \$13,547.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-41-4-110.
<u>Remit payment/KRC Calumet City 836/</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to KRC Calumet City 836, Inc. in the amount of \$39,540.34 representing the city's 50% share of sales tax received by the city for the accounting period October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; to be charged to the Corporate Fund - Contractual Obligations line item #010-99-2-696.
<u>Remit payment/SDI Calumet City LLC (Sonic) \$17,831.31</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to SDI Calumet City LLC (Sonic) in the amount of \$17,831.31 representing 50% of the sales tax received by the city in Municipal and Home Rule Sales Tax for the calendar year 2012 pursuant to the economic incentive agreement to be charged to Corporate Fund Contractual Obligations line item #010-9-2-696.
<u>Approve payroll</u>	Approve payroll (\$825,792.67)
<u>Approve bill listing</u>	Approve bill listing (\$822,421.42)
<u>Approve legal bill listing</u>	Approve legal bill listing (\$13,211.30)
<u>Remit payment/Calumet Memorial District/\$20,000</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet Memorial Park District in the amount of \$20,000 which is the city's contribution to the Freedom's Eve Celebration July 3, 2013.
<u>Accept RFP for towing contract from Wes's Towing</u>	Accept the RFP for the towing contract for the city from Wes's Towing and direct the City Attorney to provide the final agreement by the next council meeting. (This is the recommendation of the Committee that consisted of City Attorney, Purchasing Director Vallis, City Treasurer Tarka, Finance Director Kasperek and Police Chief Gilmore) the RFP's were referred to the review committee on 12/27/12.
<u>Award bid/demolition 135 Pulaski, 301-156th Pl, 743 Greenbay &amp; 6 Warren</u>	Award the bid to the low bidders for demolition of the following properties: Holland Asphalt (135 Pulaski - \$14,400.00, 301-156th Place - \$6,975.00 & 743 Greenbay - \$6,975.00 and JM Industrial (6 Warren - \$8,800.00) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to be charged to account #010-99-2-645.
<u>Approve financial matters authorize City Treasurer remit payment</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters as presented and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5	ALDERMEN: Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Wosczynski, Williams
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 2	ALDERMEN: Schneider, Jones

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Happy Memorial Day Alderman Munda wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and invited everyone to attend Memorial Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post #330 at 12:00 noon.

Moment of silence Alderman Munda requested a moment of silence to remember the fallen soldiers that have fought for our country.

Happy Memorial Day Alderman Collins wished all the residents a Happy Memorial Day and remember all who serve our country.

Happy Birthday Taylor Collins Alderman Collins wished his daughter Taylor a Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Congratulate graduating class 2013 Alderman Collins wished all the graduating students well in their future endeavors.

Executive Session Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion hiring of specific individuals.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 7:55 p.m. to 8:02 p.m.)

Return - regular order of business Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

Congratulate Taryn Collins Alderman Collins congratulated his daughter Taryn who is graduating from Kindergarten.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:03 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Wosczynski.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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