#### JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

## **NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

## **Public Comment**

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

Joe Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding Alderman Jones Vote No Movement truck driving around on election day and elected officials conferences.

Alderman Munda requested all public comments made to elected officials be respectful.

Rebecca Raines, Rain Ready, addressed the city council that Rain Ready is currently working in Calumet City under the grant of Cook County to do a flood mediation plan.

The plan is underway and hope to have it ready in February, 2017. They will be coming before the city council to ask to approve so it can be implemented.

Steering Committees have formed in Calumet City. They are still looking for more residents to take a leadership roll to discuss how water is effecting them in their homes and on their properties.

The first meeting will be on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Calumet City Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Elected officials are welcome to join the Steering Committee.

## CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:41 p.m. in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2016, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

7 ALDERMEN:

Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda,

Manousopoulos, Bullocks

ABSENT:

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ALDERMEN:

None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Odelson, Police Chief Fletcher, Deputy Director Gomez, Purchasing & Personnel Director Patton, Housing Director Tyler, Public Works Foreman Barron and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Wosczynski had no report. Finance.

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report. Public Safety

Alderman Jones had no report. Public Utilities

Alderman Bullocks had no report. Ord. & Res.

Alderman Williams had no report. <u>H.E.W.</u>

Permits & Licenses Alderman Schneider had no report.

Alderman Munda had no report. He advised that the leaf program has started the Public Works

schedule is posted on the cable access channel and website; public works

department will be around on the schedule posted dates.

Residents are asked not to rake their leaves in the street.

#### CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Clerk Figgs had no report. City Clerk Figgs

City Treasurer Tarka: "Tomorrow, November 11, 2016 is Veteran's Day. The City Treasurer Tarka

American Legion Post #330 in conjunction the V.F.W. Post 8141 will be holding

its annual Veteran's Day Commemoration.

The event will be held at the American Legion Post #330, 950 Legion Drive and commencing at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2016. He invited all residents to

attend.

Alderman Schneider had no report. Ald. Schneider

Alderman Woscyznski advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Thanksgiving Food Drive is in Ald. Wosczynski

progress and will be going thru November 30, 2016. Residents encouraged to

participate and drop off non-perishable food items at certain locations.

Items will be going to the Calumet City Resource Center for the needy of Calumet

City.

### Ald. Jones

Alderman Jones said a special thanks to his brother who retired from the Marines and his dad that served in the army and all veterans living in Calumet City. He encourages everyone to thank and honor a veteran for the freedoms that we have today.

Alderman Jones asked the council to say a special prayer for the Sneed family as they go through some trying times.

Alderman Jones congratulated the Chicago Cubs on winning the World Series.

Alderman Jones stated that many residents came into ward office regarding employment. There are several employment agencies that come into office each week Contact ward office at (708) 891-8193 for more information.

Alderman Jones thanked the residents that dropped off toys and coats. Donations are still being collected thru November 19, 2016. Toys will be distributed on December 16, 2016. Drop off location is 1910 Sibley Boulevard Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Alderman Jones advised that 62 residents signed up for the turkeys. The goal is to give away 100 turkeys. Please sign up soon. They will be given away November 19, 2016. Contact (708) 891-8193 and register.

Alderman Jones congratulated a resident in Calumet City Morgan Howard for graduating from the Chicago Food Depository Cooking School. She lives in the River Oaks Mobile Home Estates.

## Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams announced this Saturday, November 12, 2016 will be the first day of the free tutoring program offered to students. Contact his office at (708) 891-8194 to sign up.

Alderman Williams announced next Friday, November 18, 2016 will the annual pre-Thanksgiving celebration at Bernadine Manor from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All colleagues are welcome to attend the attend.

## Ald. Munda

Alderman Munda had no report.

## Ald, Manousopoulos

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

## Ald. Bullocks

Alderman Bullocks had no report.

## City Attorney - report

City Attorney Odelson: "Thank you Madam Mayor. I have a couple of things. I put a copy of the lawsuit in front of all the elected officials. He put the first page of the lawsuit, I didn't want to bore you with the short novel, the length of the lawsuit.

I wanted you to see the caption and all of those who were sued and what you are being sued for. Thaddeus Jones/Stevon Grant filed this suit and Ancel Glink Diamond, Bush, Dicianni & Krafthefer, P.C. represented Mr. Jones.

The second page is the court order handed down by Judge Gettleman and third page is the denial of the emergency motion for the reasons stated in open court by Judge Gettleman.

The case did not end there. Alderman Jones appealed this case to the United States Court of Appeals, which is the second highest court in the land, right after the United States Supreme Court.

The United States Court of Appeals affirmed or agreed with the U.S. District Court and denied the relief. What the lawsuit asked was to talk off the term limits referendum question put on the ballot by the city council and put on the term limit question proposed by Alderman Jones and Mr. Grant in the question filed with the city.

The court denied that request. We were in court on October 13, 2016 for a status. A motion to dismiss was filed by the Mayor and the City Council and alderman.

Alderman Jones: "I am sorry City Attorney, have we approved this to be discussed in open session?"

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman Jones would you let the attorney finish."

Alderman Jones: "I am asking him a question, because we are discussing litigation in open session. Did the city council approve this to refer to the City Attorney first. Has that been done?"

City Attorney Odelson: "Refer what?"

Alderman Jones: "Normally, when lawsuits are filed it is on the agenda for the city council to refer to your office. The city council approves that. We will discuss it in Executive Session before we discuss in open session. Has that been done?"

City Attorney Odelson: "This case was referred to me by the Mayor and the aldermen who are being sued, as well the city, which the Mayor represents."

Alderman Jones: "So it was on the agenda that we approved."

City Attorney Odelson: "No, it is not."

Alderman Jones: "So why are you discussing in open session."

City Attorney Odelson: "I am the city attorney, that is my obligation to inform my clients as to litigation that you brought against them and the city.

That is my obligation and it was an emergency motion, as you well know, we had to get to court right away and defend these aldermen."

Alderman Jones: "That is not my question to you."

City Attorney Odelson: "I think Alderman Jones, not be sarcastic, but I know what has to go into Executive Session and what doesn't and this doesn't have to unless all of these aldermen want me to bring into Executive Session.

I don't think there is any reason to hide from the public."

Alderman Jones: "We are not hiding this from the public, we are just illegally talking about it. I just want that on the record."

City Attorney Odelson: "Very legally talking about it. You can ask Ms. Krafthefer."

Alderman Jones. "Ok."

City Attorney Odelson: "So before I was interrupted, I was explaining that Ms. Krafthefer, Mr. Jones attorney, asked for time to answer our motion to dismiss the entire complaint.

She asked for 30 days. She got 30 days. This matter is set for February 14, 2017 for a status. That is the next court date.

After they file, there answer to our motion to dismiss, we will file a response and we will go before the judge on February 14. That is what is happening in this case.

The second thing I have to report is the referendum questions that were on the ballot in our town and in a number of other towns.

The Village of Crestwood and the City of Harvey both had referendum questions. Those referendum questions passed similarly to our questions. We were not the only in this go around to have term limit questions.

The question in Calumet City passed 8,992 to 4,743, 65.47 percent vote. What this means, and it is important and the reason that I am reporting on this is that the term limits question passed by the people of the City of Calumet City prohibits any aldermen or mayor from running for office if you have served 4 terms.

It is just Alderman Jones, as it was argued in court. It is Alderman Wosczynski and Alderman Manousopoulos also.

It is not one person that this effects. It effects three aldermen currently. It will also effect the Mayor after this term. She will be term limit out. That is all on the referendum.

I have one more matter to report. A very, very serious matter. I passed out this screen of a robo-text call. This robo text call is a violation of state and federal law and I have contacted and reported this to the Chief of the Special Prosecution, Department of the States Attorneys Office and the Chief of Public Corruption Division of the U.S. Attorneys Office.

Whoever put this out and represented themselves, whoever did to be the Dem Mayor of Calumet City used the wires of the communications to commit a fraud on the people of Calumet City, telling them that the Mayor of Calumet City was asking them to vote no.

The Mayor sits to my right. She did not send this text message, this robo text message. Whoever did will have to answer to the appropriate authorities. It is in their hands now. That is all I have."

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A: City Clerk Figgs submitting monthly report Submitting Monthly report for October, 2016.

B: IEPA/NPDES Permit

RE: City of Calumet City Combined Sewer Overflows/NPDES Permit No. ILM580025/Draft General Permit; posted 10/26/16 City Clerk's Office for 30 days.

C: City Treasurer Tarka Revenue & Expense Reports RE: Revenue & Expense Reports for April, 2016.

<u>D: City Treasurer Tarka</u> <u>Revenue & Expense Reports</u> RE: Revenue & Expenses Reports for May, 2016.

E.: Comcast/additions channel line-up

RE: Addition to channel line-up.

F: Robinson Engineering Calumet City State Street Electrical Observations RE: Calumet City State Street and Burnham Avenue Pump Station Electrical Observations.

G: Calumet City Police tax levy request RE: Tax Levy Request.

H: Robinson Engineering CDBG Project #1506-006

RE: CDBG Project #1506-006/Revised Award Letter - Calumet City - Warren Avenue & Mackinaw Avenue Street Resurfacing.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to accept communications #7A thru #7E as presented and place on file.

## MOTION CARRIED

Refer item #7F public utilities/finance comm.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to refer item #7F (State Street Pump Station) to the Public Utilities and Finance Committee for review and discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

Accept & place on file

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to accept communication #7G as presented and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Accept & place on file

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to accept communication #7H as presented and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#1: Refer to City Attorney Hollingsworth v. City Refer to City Attorney - Circuit Court of Cook County - Illinois, County Department, Law Division - Martinez Hollingsworth v. City of Calumet City.

#2: Draft a resolution

Alderman Manousopoulos requesting the Ordinance & Resolution Committee to draft a resolution directing Thaddeus Jones to reimburse the City of Calumet City all fees and costs incurred for the lawsuit filed against the city, the Mayor, the City Clerk, and the aldermen, that was filed to benefit himself.

Alderman Manousopoulos: "I have a corrected on item #2, where it says Resolution Commission, it should be Committee and also to include City Clerk Nyota Figgs."

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to correct the motion #2 on the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

(Alderman Jones voted no)

Approve new business

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve item #1 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:

7

ALDERMEN:

Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos,

Bullocks, Schneider

NAYS: ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN:

ALDERMEN:

None None

**MOTION CARRIED** 

Approve new business #2

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve

new business item #2 as presented and amended.

**ROLL CALL** 

YEAS:

5

ALDERMEN:

Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Wosczynski

NAYS:

2

ALDERMEN:

Jones, Schneider

ABSENT:

0

ALDERMEN:

None

**MOTION CARRIED** 

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

**FENCE PERMITS** 

538 Paxton Avenue - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward 543 Paxton Avenue - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

1542 Shirley Drive - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward (flood zone)

Approve permits

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve

building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

#### RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: handicap parking deleting 137-154th Street

(Ord. #16-36)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet

City, Cook County, Illinois, by deleting: 137-154th Street.

(see attached page 8A)

Ord. #2: handicap parking adding: 14-156th St. & 352

Crandon (Ord. #16-37)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet Cook County, Illinois, by adding: 14-156th Street & 352 Crandon Avenue.

(see attached page 8B)

Adopt ordinances Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to adopt

Ordinances #1 and #2 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

## THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY

**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS** 

## **ORDINANCE**

NUMBER 16-36

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

MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor NYOTA FIGGS, City Clerk

ERIC SCHNEIDER
MAGDALENA J. "LENI" WOSCZYNSKI
THADDEUS JONES
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
ROGER MUNDA
NICK MANOUSOPOULOS
Aldermen

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## ORDINANCE NO.: 16-36

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

**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 deleting the following language in subsection G (Signed areas), as follows:

### 137-154th Street

- **Section 2.** The Commissioner of Streets and Alleys is hereby authorized and directed to remove such 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 10th day of 1000 2016, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	×			
Wosczynski	X			
Jones	×			
Williams	×			
Munda	×			
Manousopoulos	×			
Bullocks	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	17			

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 10thday of NOVEMBO

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

## THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY

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## 14-156th Street

## 352 Crandon 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 LOtt day of November 2016 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczynski	$\times$			
Jones				
Williams				
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos				
Bullocks	<del></del>			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	7			

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this day of Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Nyota T. Figgs

CITY CLERK

**ROLL CALL** 

YEAS:

7

ALDERMEN:

Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider,

Wosczynski, Jones

NAYS: ABSENT: 0 0 ALDERMEN:

ALDERMEN:

None None

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #3: congratulating

Chicago Cubs

Resolution congratulating the World Series Champion Chicago Cubs.

(see attached page 9A)

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to read Read in entirety

Resolution #3 in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolution

(Res #16-41)

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to pass

Resolution #3 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Remit payment/Perm A

Seal/\$6,950.00

Approve lay out and stripe (2) left turn lanes with thermoplastic at Sibley Blvd. & Exchange Avenue; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Perma-A

Seal Maintenance in the amount not to exceed \$6,950.00; to be charged to

account #01041-53303.

Amend item #1

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to amend item

#1 to include a 6 month trial period.

MOTION CARRIED

City Plumbing/\$5,869.00

#2: Remit payment/Calumet Approve repair to a collapsed storm sewer at the northwest corner of 163rd St & Gordon Avenue; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount not to exceed \$5,869.00; to be charged to account

#03036-52101.

Southland /\$2,454.99

#3: Remit payment/Chicago Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitor's Bureau in the amount of \$2,454.99; to be charged to

account #01099-52696.

#4: Remit payment/Cannon

Cochran Management/

\$6,625.00

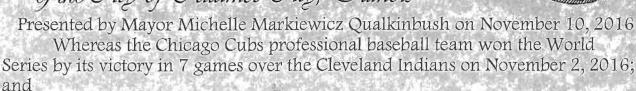
Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Cannon Cochran Management Services as the Third Party Administrator for the city's worker's compensation in the amount of \$6,625.00; four quarterly payments; to be charged to account

#01050-52131.

# A resolution

# adopted by The Pity Pouncil

## of the City of Calumet City, Illinois



WHEREAS, this was the Cubs first World Series appearance since 1945 and the first World Series Championship since 1908; and

WHEREAS, the Cubs and Major League Baseball have demonstrated a commitment to youth baseball by supporting programs and facilities across the greater Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, in five short years, the Cubs organization of Tom Ricketts, Theo Epstein, and Joe Maddon and their staff have taken the Cubs from the bottom of the standings and delivered a World Series Championship to Cubs fans around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Cubs dominated Major League Baseball by finishing at or near the top in all batting, pitching, and defensive categories en route to 103 victories during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City joins all people in the United States and baseball fans all over the world in celebrating this historic season.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE City of Calumet City that we designate November 14, 2016 as Chicago Cub Day in Calumet City.

SECTION 1: That Mayor Michelle and City Council of the City of Calumet City do hereby congratulate The Chicago Cubs for their victory in the 2016 World Series.

SECTION 2: That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chicago Cubs.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2016.

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST: \_

Nyota T. Figgs, Çity Clerk

## Financial \$99,654.00

#5: Remit payment/Mesirow Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Mesirow Financial (Safety National) in the amount of \$99,654.00 for the Excess Worker's Compensation renewal premium from account #01050-52131; authorize the Director Personnel & Purchasing Patton to execute the Annual Service Agreement Letter with Mesirow Financial and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Mesirow Financial for the annual service fee; to be charged to account #01050-52271.

## #6: Approve Settlement Authority Request/Michael Pigoni v. city

Approve the Settlement Authority Request in the Michael Pigoni v. Calumet City, Claim 14 WC 10877 in the amount as stated on the agenda; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01050-52131.

## #7: Remit payment/J & T Group/\$6,250.00

Approve City Hall Landscape renovation (front of building) in the amount not to exceed \$6,250.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & T Group to be charged to account #01099-52642.

## #8: Authorize City Clerk execute agreement/PSN vehicle onlines

Authorize the City Clerk to execute the agreement with Payment Service Network for online vehicle sticker sales.

## #9: Remit payment/D Construction/\$35,294.83

Approve additional payment of \$35,294.83 to D Construction, Inc. for the CDBG Project 1506-006 Warren/Mackinaw Avenue Street Resurfacing Improvements (the field changes and additional costs were due to additional quantity of curb, sidewalk and additional pavement needed for the Warren/Legion intersection to eliminate standing water issues); (City Council approved original amount of \$178,783.65 on 6/9/16); direct the City Treasure to remit payment in the amount of \$35,294.83; to be charged to account #06507-52470.

## #10: Remit payment/Stars & Stripes/\$7,300.00

Approve printing of Vehicle Sticker Art Contest flyer and mail delivery in the amount not to exceed \$7,300.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Stars & Stripes, Inc.; to be charged to account #01099-52990.

## #11: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$879,771.34)

## #12: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$1,027,472.43)

## Approve financial matters items #1 thru #12

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve financial items #1 thru #12 as presented, with the amendment of item #1 being a 6 month trial period as presented.

#### ROLL CALL

7 YEAS:

ALDERMEN:

Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider, Wosczynski,

Jones, Williams

NAYS:

0

ALDERMEN:

None

ABSENT:

0

ALDERMEN:

None

MOTION CARRIED

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Ald. Jones

Alderman Jones: "So what you witnessed tonight, just so the record is clear. On the agenda tonight, contrary to what the City Attorney says, is a motion to refer legal action to the city attorney for approval.

So what it mentioned in the federal case, the case is still ongoing. Under advise of my counsel, I won't comment on pending litigation and be professional and unprofessional as the city attorney is.

The court said it is a violation of rights and I will proceed all legal action that I can."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman Jones, did you say you weren't going to comment on it, why are you."

Alderman Jones: "This is my time."

City Attorney Odelson: "The court didn't say that."

Alderman Jones; "This is my time, did I talk when you talked. It is probably unprecedented that this city council has made a motion to direct me to pay for legal costs, when this city attorney represents all of us and may have violated his fiduciary duties to represent me and made comments on pending litigation in open session.

That is something we will deal with down the road. This city council and everyone sitting here smiling tonight remember that smiles always turns to frowns.

Think about all the things that you have done and all the money that you are stealing and the residents."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman Jones."

Alderman Jones: "I can say what I what to say. So this city council tonight, just for the residents benefit is wasting your tax dollars by passing a resolution directing that a sitting alderman pay for a lawsuit that was filed in violation of rights.

That is what this city council approved tonight, wasting your taxpayer dollars. So residents please get involved and watch the city council meetings. I won't say anymore. But I will just say we will deal with this in due time."

Alderman Jones advised residents that Walgreens is having a free Flu Shot Program. Visit any Walgreens or contact (847) 315-4653.

Alderman Jones thanked the voters who elected me. There were 29,000 votes for State Representative.

Alderman Manousopoulos: "I just want to piggy back on what Alderman Jones said that this council is wasting the taxpayers dollars. It is untrue. What this means you were the only one gaining anything by filing this lawsuit.

Therefore, if you want that down, that you should be out of your pocket. Don't ask taxpayers to pay the bills you are incurring. That is what that meant. Say the truth, but you have a problem doing that."

Alderman Schneider: "For edification of the public, for why I voted the way I did. Please take out Thaddeus and the topic and the topic on hand.

What was voted on tonight, was a motion from a member of our legislative body to direct another member of the legislative body and to the Chairman of the Ordinance & Resolution Committee, which is the same committee of the city council.

Under one alderman and two others on the committee. A legislature directing another legislature to take action. That is my only reason for voting no. That procedurely that doesn't make sense."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "He is directed to bring it to committee to discuss it and put it back on the agenda for full council approval. That was this is intended to do. We are not asking an alderman to take action or make a decision here."

Alderman Schneider: "The way it was presented, I interpreted."

Alderman Manousopoulos; "What I am saying is this has to be discussed in committee before we go forward. I am directing the committee to call a meeting an discuss this and maybe we go forward and maybe we don't forward."

Alderman Jones: "Will it be a committee of the whole meeting and you are going to get paid."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "I don't know, are you going to call it a committee of the whole."

Alderman Jones: "I am not going to attend this."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "Alderman, you don't attend no committee meetings unless you are getting paid."

Alderman Jones: "That is the ones you come to so you get paid."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "I come to all of them, the record will show that."

Alderman Jones: "I am sure it will be a committee of the whole where you get paid \$8,500 for one meeting."

Alderman Manousopoulos; "Of all people, you are the one to talk Thaddeus Jones, you are becoming a joke."

Alderman Jones: "Just like you."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman, as all committee meetings, I think that when they have their individual committee meetings some of you don't.

I am sure that everyone will be invited to attend and weigh in on the discussion."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "Thaddeus is not coming unless it is paid. We all know that."

Alderman Jones: "Just like we had a committee meeting to pay for your bar alderman. I was at the one where we paid for your family's bar."

City Clerk Figgs: "Alderman Jones, I have an issue with the statement that you made. Being an upstanding individual of this council for 5 years today, for you to say that someone is stealing something.

It is so unfair and very unprofessional and it is exactly what one of the residents did to you just earlier in public comment session, where another alderman checked him about that.

You should never say someone is stealing, especially the city clerk who handles the taxpayers money everyday. That is a statement that you should not have made about anyone on this council, but especially me and I am highly offended.

You don't have to like me, we don't have to be on the same side, but do not lie to me. Integrity is everything. I would never say something about you that is not true."

Alderman Jones: "I never once mentioned your name, my comments were directed to the city attorney. So if you got offended that obviously you are apart of it. I never said Nyota Figgs is stealing. I never said Mayor Michelle is stealing.

City Clerk Figgs: "You never said anyone's name individually."

Alderman Jones: "Why are you commenting, if I never mentioned your name."

City Clerk Figgs; "Because I handle money in my office and you should not do that."

Alderman Jones: "I never mentioned your name."

## City Clerk Figgs

City Clerk Figgs; "My name is listed on the lawsuit, so you are talking about me also."

Alderman Jones: "I never mentioned your name clerk."

City Attorney Odelson: "Clerk, the transcript will speak for itself."

Alderman Jones: "It will, and I never mentioned her name."

City Clerk Figgs: "You never mentioned anyone's name, but I am part of the council, despite what you say."

Alderman Jones: "You are not a voting member of this city council, city clerk."

City Clerk Figgs; "I am a city wide elected official and reside over all of the city. You should get it together."

Alderman Jones: "Thank you."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:12 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Munda.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs, Gity Clerk

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