

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

NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Public Comment There was no public comment.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. in a regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	5	ALDERMEN:	Woczynski, Williams, Munda (6:33 p.m.), Manousopoulos, Bullocks
ABSENT:	2	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Jones

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Finance Director Kasperek, Police Chief Fletcher, Housing Director Tyler, Deputy Director Gomez, Purchasing & Personnel Director Patton, Assistant to Mayor Perez and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Alderman Woczynski had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities Alderman Jones was absent.

Ord. & Resolution Alderman Bullocks had no report.

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

Permits & Licenses Alderman Schneider was absent.
Public Works Alderman Munda was absent.
Ald. Munda entered mtg. Alderman Munda entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

2nd Ward Food Drive Alderman Wosczynski announced the 2nd Ward Food Drive. There will be a Toy Drive in early December.

All donations for food and toys will be donated to the Calumet City Resource Center for the needy of Calumet City.

Ald. Williams - report Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams thanked the residents of Bernadine Manor and those in the community that attended to the 4th Ward Annual Holiday dinner.

4th Ward Holiday Dinner

Alderman Williams thanked the city officials that attended, Mayor Michelle, City Clerk Figgs, Treasurer Tarka and Township Officials.

Alderman Williams announced this week he will be giving away food baskets throughout the 4th Ward for families in need.

Happy Thanksgiving Alderman Manousopoulos wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving Alderman Bullocks wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving Mayor Michelle wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving City Clerk Figgs wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving City Treasurer wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A: Kenneth Jones/thanking Mayor Michelle Thanking Mayor Michelle.

B: IDOT/resolution for construction on state highway RE: Resolution for Construction on State Highway.

C: Township Supervisor Zuccarelli/2016 Christmas Care Program RE: 2016 Christmas Care Program.

Direct City to prepare resolution/Construction on State Highway

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to direct the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution for IDOT/Construction on State Highway.

MOTION CARRIED

Read in Entirety

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to read communication #7A in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

(see attached page 3A for communication #7A)

Accept & place on file

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Catch Basin/634 Merrill

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the placing of a catch basin in the alley adjacent to 634 Merrill Avenue to resolve the standing water issue at that location.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE PERMITS

1590 Wentworth - 6th Ward
(Flood zone)

981 Hirsch - 5th Ward

29-164th St. - 6th Ward
(Flood zone)

498 Crandon - 4th Ward

Approve permits

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to approve the building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res.#1: Compliance with Illinois Truth in Taxation Act for 2016 Tax Levy

Resolution of the City of Calumet City for Compliance with the Illinois Truth in Taxation Act for the 2016 Tax Levy Collected in 2017 Relating to the Corporate Fund, the Library Fund, the IMRF Pension Fund, the Police & Fire Pension Fund and the Debt Service Funds. (see attached page 3B)

Steff Perez

From: Kenneth Jones <kennethjones@ameritech.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 9:04 PM
To: sperez@calumetcity.org; Kenny Jones
Subject: Thank you 10/30/2016

Good Morning Mayor Michelle,

My neighbors and I want to thank you for taking our concerns very seriously, we notice the progress you are making;

1. Left turn signal from Sibley onto Exchange completed. This will saves lives and prevent so many accidents.
2. The house at 411 Campbell Ave - completed
3. Widen the north ended of Campbell. work in progress.

again, we want to thank you!

Kenneth Jones

RES. #16-42

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT FOR THE 2016 TAX LEVY COLLECTED IN 2017 RELATING TO THE CORPORATE FUND, THE LIBRARY FUND, THE IMRF PENSION FUND, THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUNDS AND THE DEBT SERVICE FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Section 35 ILCS 200/18-60 provides that the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois shall determine the amounts of money, exclusive of election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the tax year 2016 collected in 2017 upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60, the City Council of the City of Calumet City on June 23, 2016 approved and authorized the public display of a City of Calumet City Corporate Fund, a City of Calumet City Library Fund, a City of Calumet City IMRF Pension Fund, and a City of Calumet City Police and Fire Pension Funds Budget prepared in tentative form for said City for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the budgets for said City of Calumet City Corporate Fund, City of Calumet City Library Fund, City of Calumet City IMRF Pension Fund, and City of Calumet City Police and Fire Pension Funds (hereinafter referred to as the Corporate & Special Purpose Funds) were adopted by the City Council of the City of Calumet City at a legal meeting held on the 28th day of July, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City has Debt Service Funds created for the payment of outstanding general obligation bonds and notes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said budgets and general obligation bond and note ordinances, the following amounts of money, in the aggregate, are estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2016 tax year upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City;

Corporate and Special Purpose Funds Aggregate 2016 Levy:	\$ 23,962,210
Debt Service Funds Aggregate 2016 Levy:	\$ 4,945,092
Less-Amount of Tax Levies abated as follows:	
2015B G.O. Bond	(270,400)
1999A G.O. Bond (Special Service Area)	<u>(170,950)</u>
Anticipated Aggregate 2016 Debt Service to be extended:	<u>4,503,742</u>
Total 2016 Property Tax Levy to be extended:	\$ <u>28,465,952</u>

WHEREAS, the total amount of taxes extended for the 2015 tax year for the Corporate and Special Purposes Funds was \$23,962,210, the total amount of taxes extended for the 2015 tax year for the Debt Service Funds was \$ 4,790,150, and the total amount extended for the 2015 tax year for all the Funds was \$28,752,360; and

WHEREAS, it appears that by virtue of the foregoing amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation that the 2016 tax levy for the City of Calumet City's Corporate and Special Purpose Funds is 100.00% to the amounts extended for 2015, that the 2016 tax levy for the City of Calumet City's Debt Service Funds is 94.02% to the amount extended for 2015, and that the 2016 tax levy for the City of Calumet City for all levied Funds is 99.00% to the amounts extended for 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED by the City of Calumet City Council of the City of Calumet City that the following amounts of money, in the aggregate, are hereby determined to be necessary to be raised for the 2016 tax levy upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2016 tax year for the Corporate and Special Purpose Funds are 0.00% increase of the amount extended for the 2015 tax year, that the 2016 tax levy for the Debt Service Funds is a 5.98% decrease of the amounts extended for the 2015 tax year, and the 2016 tax levy for all tax levied Funds is 1.00% decrease of the amount extended for the 2015 tax year.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the following roll call vote this 21st day of November, 2016.

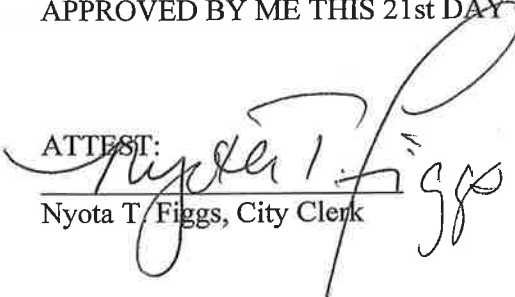
AYES: (5) **Woczynski, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks**


NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: (2) **Schneider, Jones**

APPROVED BY ME THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

Pass Resolution
(Res. #16-42)

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

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Finance Director Kasperek, do you want to come up. I know you had a report you would like to read into the record, before we take the vote."

Finance Director Kasperek

Finance Director Kasperek: "Thank you Mayor, City Council and members of the public. I am going to read a brief memo that I gave to the City Council when we were considering the tax levy that was supposed this past Thursday. I am going to read this into the minutes.

"Another year has passed and we need to address the City's real estate tax levy. Like last year, the City Council is faced with the continuing challenges of increased costs on services and trying to find revenues to pay for those services. While we have seen major retail stores close in our City, we have also had new businesses open in the mall area as well.

Last year we discussed why major retail chains were closing so I will pass on further discussion on that subject. The new area the city council needs to be aware of how many commercial and industrial property tax payers are challenging their assessed valuations by the County Assessor's Office. These successful challenges by businesses continue to plunge the city's Equalized Assessed Valuation, commonly known as (EAV's) lower each year.

The City's EAV in 2008 was \$637,937,693 and at 201 the EAV is \$349,233,084. That is a roughly a 45% drop in the city's EAV over an eight-year span. The plunging EAV's have pushed the City's tax rate to 8.233 with the Library Levy included. This is an all time high and is directly related to the lost EAV's.

Recently JLP Properties which owns the mall in River Oaks West settled with the County Assessor's office and was awarded refunds for the years 2012 through 2014. The net impact to the city is over \$1.1 million dollars in refunds which will be coming off the top of the city's first installment of real estate tax collections in March, 2017. In addition, we are aware of a substantial reduction in the fair market value of the River Oaks East Shopping Center that the owners and the county assessor are discussing the County court system. Talk is that the city could be refunding as much as \$4 million dollars. In addition to these refunds of these two businesses, the fair market values will be greatly reduced and therefore will continue to have the falling trend of the EAV's for 2016.

In my discussions with the Mayor, I prepared a spreadsheet of the tax levy that shows no increase in the operating funds, and the debt service total levies will be less than last year. The overall impact is about 1% decrease in the proposed tax levy over last year's extended levy.

When we reviewed the spreadsheet, you will note that the Corporate Levy is being reduced by \$405,000. This is due to the ever-increasing pension contributions to the police and fire pensions. The police pension levy will increase \$270,000 and the fire pension levy will increase another \$175,000.00. I am able to slightly reduce the IMRF levy by \$30,000, and the Social Security Levy by \$10,000. The Library Levy currently will remain the same.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “So the overall resolution that we will be voted on by the city council at the last meeting in December, is that we are not raising taxes in Calumet City.

This is believe the fourth year in a row, or actually decreasing by 1 percent.”

Finance Director Kasperek: “Correct. That service levies of the city continue to drop. They will in fact drop, 5.98 percent this upcoming year and when we add that to the operating levies remaining the same, we actually have a 1 percent decrease in this tax levy that will extend into 2017.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “And the reason that the Debt Service is decreasing is because we are paying down our bonds, correct.”

Finance Director Kasperek: “Correct.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Very good, thank you John.”

Finance Director Kasperek: “Thank you city council.”

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #2: Approving Economic Incentive Agreement/Linz Meats

Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement Providing for the Expansion of Linz Meats.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Ordinance #2, I would like a motion to remove from the agenda.”

Remove ordinance #2

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to remove ordinance #2 from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- #1: Remit payment/Harvest Technology Group/\$4,250 Approve programming for utility billing in Spanish in the amount not to exceed \$4,250.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Harvest Technology Group and charge to account #01099-55120.
- #2: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,474.00 Approve repair due to water main break at 676 Douglas Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$5,474.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing; to be charged to account #03036-52349.
- #3: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$14,246.00 Approve repairs to sanitary sewer on Stanley Boulevard from the 1500 block north to River Oaks Drive in the amount not to exceed \$14,246.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing; to be charged to account #03036-52101.
- #4: Remit payment/OEM Micro Solutions/\$8,558.60 Approve replacement of microphone in police squads in the amount not to exceed \$8,558.60; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to OEM Micro Solutions, Inc.; to be charged to account #01060-51434.
- #5: Remit payment/Sibley bike path/Gallagher Asphalt \$32,949.36 Approve additional payment of \$32,949.36 to Gallagher Asphalt for Sibley Boulevard Bike Path; (City Council approved original amount of \$154,240.60 on 3/19/16; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$32,949.36; to be charged to account #04007-52990.
- #6: Remit payment/ESO Solutions/\$9,380.50 Approve annual EMS software application in the amount not to exceed \$9,380.50 direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to ESO Solutions, Inc.; to be charged to account #06607-52483.
- Remit payment/McShane's \$5,258.28 Approve purchase of classroom furniture for the training center in the amount not to exceed \$5,258.28; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to McShane's; to be charged to account #01070-55601.
- #7: Enter into Lease Agreement/Ford Motor Credit purchase police vehicles Approve the City of Calumet City to enter into a lease agreement with Ford Motor Credit Leasing, LLC for the purchase of eight (8) police vehicles and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents necessary for the lease agreement.
- #8: Approve 2017 IML membership dues/\$2,500 Approve 2017 Illinois Municipal League membership dues in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Illinois Municipal League; to be charged to account #01099-52353.
- #9: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$861,059.43)
- #10: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$597,254.79)

Approve financial matters

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve financial matters as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Happy Thanksgiving

Alderman Wosczyński wished everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving.

4th Ward Tutoring Program

Alderman Williams announced the Tutoring Program is in its second week of the Tutoring Program. Any child or a family that would like to get tutoring for a child.

The program starts at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday and the Calumet City Public Library.

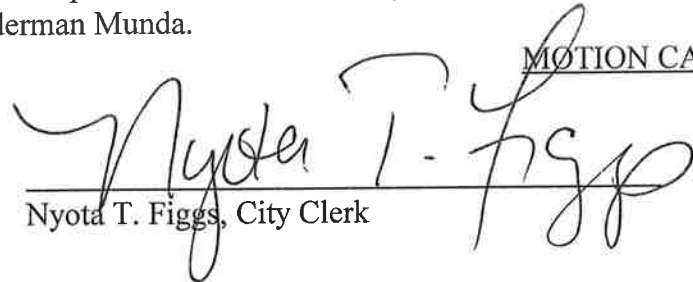
Happy Thanksgiving

Alderman Munda wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:44 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Munda.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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