

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**OCTOBER 8, 2015**

Public Comment

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

Joe Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding water bill ordinance and the late fee.

Judith Clarke, 122-157th Street, regarding water bill increase and late fee.

Darlene Johnson, 346 Campbell, regarding water bill increase and late fee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:35 p.m. with Alderman Wosczyński, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:	6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda (7:42), Manousopoulos
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Collins

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, Finance Director Kasperek and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

## Public Utilities

Alderman Jones: "There was a meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. There was an extensive agenda. Part of the agenda focused on the proposed amendment to the water bill late fee.

Although we didn't come to an agreement. I know many residents come up here this city council almost every council meeting complaining about the water bill and the late fees.

Many of those residents have placed the blame on City Clerk Nyota Figgs. I just thought tonight that it is important that many of you receive a time line or know about the time line of how this water bill, and I will be brief, because I know we have to get into the meeting. Just to know where we are and who voted.

I will repeat this in deference to the Mayor, she is not here tonight, but I will make sure to repeat this at the next city council meeting just to make sure that the Mayor has an opportunity to respond.

On September 29, 2014 Mayor Michelle proposed that the city council raise the water rates due to Hammond raising the rates on local communities including Calumet City.

At the time of that, I request and some of my colleagues requested that we consider implementing in phases instead of increasing the water rate 243% on residents. I voted against that and many others voted against that.

On December 29, 2014, the city council voted and raised the water rates, 243%.

On January 12, 2015, Mayor Michelle ordered the City Clerk to begin monthly water billing without the city council voting to approve the monthly water billing.

On February 10, 2015, the city council voted 4-3, to approve changing the water billing from quarterly billing to monthly billing where late fees were added.

On or around March 15, 2015, the city began collecting late fees.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, the city council voted to amend the water ordinance to change the late fee from \$50.00 to \$35.00.

The ordinance that many of you referenced had numerous errors which had the 14 day grace period that charges residents unfairly.

As Public Utilities Chairman, I am in charge in making sure that the Public Utilities Committee not only discusses water improvement, but also water rates.

Some of these items were in Public Utilities Committees that I voted against with increasing the water rates and late fees.

The end result of the Mayor rushing the passage of the water ordinance, of course, have been late fees.

This disastrous issue with the 14 day grace period, and plain and simple, this process was rushed by the Mayor and the blame should be squarely put on the Mayor, not the City Clerk.

I believe coming up, the Mayor is calling a special city council meeting to address and ask this city council to fix some of the mistakes of this water rate that was rushed.

I am going to ask my colleagues, not only not to attend that meeting, but make sure that any items that are containing those late fees be put on a regular city council meeting and not a special meeting so residents can attend.

I will submit this report, along with the dates of the meetings that resident can have of all of the items that I just explained, so that you will know for sure everything that happened and why we are at this point with late fees, with the water rate increase. So you know, how this city council moved forward with increasing rates.

That will conclude my public utilities report and I will submit this report to the City Clerk for the record.”

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins was absent.

H.E.W.

Alderman Williams had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda was absent.

Deviate - regular order of business

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to deviate from the regular order of business to present Resolution #2.

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #2: honoring life of Catherine Hayes-Jefferson

Resolution Honoring the Life and Memory of Catherine Hayes-Jefferson. (see attached page 3A)

Read in entirety

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to read Resolution #2 in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

# A resolution

RES. #15-33



adopted by *The City Council*  
of the *City of Calumet City, Illinois*

Presented by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush and Members of the Council

## Whereas

Catherine Hayes-Jefferson, a native of Paulding, Massachusetts, first moved to Chicago and began teaching in the Chicago Public School System, as well as for the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Catherine later became the Executive Director of Antioch Christian Academy, South Suburban Christian Academy and Albert J. Shegog Christian Academy before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Catherine moved with her husband, Alvin, and her two sons Charles and Alvin, to Calumet City in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Catherine loved Calumet City and actively encouraged her best friends to move here; and

WHEREAS, Catherine and her family lived in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> wards of Calumet City; and

WHEREAS, Catherine was an active participant in many civic activities and organizations, including assisting as a Deputy Registrar and Poll Watcher for elections, participating in the PTA and actively engaging in numerous programs and events at Wilson School, Wentworth Junior High School and Thornton Fractional North High School; and

WHEREAS, Catherine always attended and enjoyed the Freedom's Eve Celebration and Calumet City Labor Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Catherine recently passed from this world, but left behind for all those who knew and met her, fond memories of her grace, her blessed spirit, her smile and bubbly personality, and her many acts of kindness and love; and

WHEREAS, Catherine will be truly missed by her family, friends and all those who had the privilege of meeting and knowing her.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, 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 and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois wish to honor and commemorate Catherine Hayes-Jefferson for her years of service and participation in Calumet City and all of her wonderful accomplishments and acts of kindness to others during her life.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

*Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush*  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Nyota T. Figgs*  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Pass Resolution  
(Res. #15-33)

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to pass the Resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Present Resolution

At this time in the meeting, Alderman Wosczynski presented the Resolution of the family of Catherine Hayes-Jefferson honoring her life and memory.

Return- regular order  
of business

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Alderman Schneider requested a moment of silence for the passing of Barb Banske.

Moment of silence

There was a moment of silence for the passing and remembrance of Mrs. Barb Banske, who is the mother of Deputy Chief Banske and Police Officer Mike Banske and long time educator in the community.

Thank residents

Alderman Jones thanked the resident who come to the city council meetings and voice their opinion. He encourages participation of the community and city government.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward office hours

Alderman Jones stated his ward office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Sundays. Residents interested in making an appointment contact his office at 891-8193 for hours available.

Walking ward

Alderman Jones stated he will be walking the ward on Saturday and Sunday. Residents should contact his cell phone at (708) 417-1262 or the office at (708) 891-8193 regarding ward issues.

Senior Snow Removal  
Program

Alderman Jones stated last year he had Senior Snow Removal Program. He was able to offer to 25 residents in the ward. Seniors appreciated the program and announced the program for this year.

Residents should contact ward office or send an email regarding signing up for the Senior Snow Removal Program. The 11 senior sign up will carry over to the current year.

Fraud Prevention  
Seminary - 10/30/15

Alderman Jones announced himself, Alderman Williams and Attorney General Lisa Madigan will be hosting a Fraud and Prevention Seminar on Friday, October 30, 2015 at Bernadine Manor from 10 to 12 noon. He invited all elected officials to attend. He encourages residents to attend.

Fire Prevention Month  
October

Alderman Jones announced October is Fire Prevention Month. The National Fire Protection Association has ways and tips on how to prevent fire damage and test smoke alarms. Visit the website at [www.nfpa.com](http://www.nfpa.com) for more information.

Alderman Jones announced he has program that will be implemented next year with Walgreens. The City Council put money in the budget for fire and carbon monoxide detectors to offer to residents in conjunction with the fire department.

Ald. Munda entered mtg.

Alderman Munda entered meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Recognized Ald. Munda

Alderman Wosczyński recognized Alderman Munda present at the meeting.

Give honor to God

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Amend handicap parking

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 653 Chappel Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Amend handicap parking

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 1518 Kenilworth.

MOTION CARRIED

2<sup>ND</sup> Ward Summer Block  
meetings

Alderman Wosczyński gave a report for her 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Neighborhood Summer Block meetings.

The intent of the meeting was two fold. City departments sharing information with the residents and residents sharing information about what is going on in their neighborhood.

Alderman Wosczyński thanked the departments and residents for their participation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward school supplies  
giveaway - 8/15/15

Alderman Wosczyński announced school supplies were given to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward residents on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the Calumet City Public Library.

There was about 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward school aged children from pre-school to college that received supplies specific to their grade level.

The police department was their to provide fingerprinting. Calumet Memorial Park District was present to provide information about programs available for children.

Members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts signed up members for their program.

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

A:City Clerk Figgs/monthly report Sept. 2015 Submitting Monthly Report for September, 2015.

B:Comcast/changes service RE: Changes to Digital Premier Service & Simplification of Installation Fees.

C:Comcast/changes lineup RE: Changes to Channel line-up.

D:WOW Cable/cable tier option RE: Cable tier option.

E:Police Chief Gilmore/traffic enforcement RE: Traffic Enforcement @ stop sign located at Clyde & State Street.

F:Karen Blonski/thanking City Clerk Thanking City Clerk for having Amnesty Day on September 11, 2015.

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

MOTION CARRIED

#7E/Traffic Enforcement Clyde & State Street Alderman Jones: "Communication #7E contains information that may be sensitive. I will just state that the police department conducted a study based on meetings and information from residents that the stop sign on Clyde & State Street.

People were running the stop sign and speeding and may be a concern for children in the area. The police department conducted a traffic enforcement so that the details are contained in there.

We will share those details at the next 3rd/4th Ward Crime Watch Meeting. That is the item on the agenda tonight."

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

MOTION CARRIED

(see attached page 6A for communication #7F)

City Clerk Figgs; "I appreciate the city council for supporting me and passing that motion in order to allow the city clerk's office to offer that to residents. Thank you."

Note to Nyota T. Figgs<sup>1/F</sup>

Your care &  
cleverness with  
marking an  
amnesty on Sept 11  
is honored & appreciated

God Bless You

And  
God Bless America

from a friend —  
Yours in peace & justice



**NEW BUSINESS**

Police promotions

Direct the Police & Fire Commission to promote one current Patrolman to Sergeant; due to resignation of Sergeant Mason effective 9/28/15. (This promotion will be in compliance with the current salary ordinance)

Refer RFP'S Citywide Solid Waste/Public Works & Finance Committee

Refer the Request for Proposals for Citywide Solid Waste Recycling Collections and Disposal to the Finance and Public Works Committee for review. (Current contract expiring January, 2016)

Approve new business

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

ALDERMEN: Woczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos  
Schneider

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Collins

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Ord. #1: amending handicap parking by adding: 513 Freeland

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Handicap Parking, by adding: 513 Freeland Avenue. (see attached page 7A)

Adopt ordinance (Ord. #15-41)

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to adopt Ordinance #1 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider,  
Woczynski

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Collins

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Approve settlement/ Meier v. Calumet City

Approve the settlement in the Dennis Meier v. Officers Picicco, McBrayer, Coffey and Holstein, and City of Calumet City, United States District Court, 13 CV 2102; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount as stated in the communication; charge to account #01050-52270.

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

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**ORDINANCE**  
NUMBER 15-41

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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**  
**THADDEUS JONES**  
**RAMONDE WILLIAMS**  
**ROGER MUNDA**  
**NICK MANOUSOPOULOS**  
**ANTOINE COLLINS**  
**Aldermen**

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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:

513 Freeland 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.

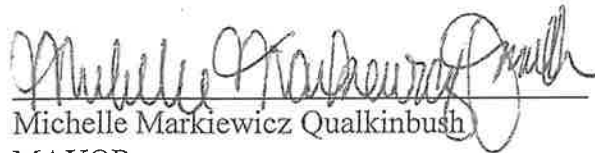
**Section 4.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**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 8th day of October, 2015 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczynski	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
Collins			X	
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	6		1	

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 8th day of October, 2015.

  
 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush  
 MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
 Nyota T. Figgs  
 CITY CLERK

By:   
 Deputy Clerk

#2: Remit payment/Xerox Business Services/\$6,466 Approve the Firehouse Cloud Annual Contract to Xerox Business Services in the amount not to exceed \$6,466.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #06607-52483.

#2: Remit payment/Fire Service/\$7,619.29 Approve repairs to Fire Engine #306 in the amount not to exceed \$7,619.29; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service, Inc; charge to account #06617-54150.

#3: Remit payment/Greentree Enterprises Approve disposal of wood chips from public works yard in the following amounts of \$7,268.80, \$7,762.40 & \$7,031.60; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Greentree Enterprises; charge to account #01041-52141.  
(Discussed at 9/29/15 Public Works Committee Meeting)

#4: Remit payment/Piekarski & Sons/\$7,195 Approve trimming of parkway maple tree and removal of a cottonwood tree in the alley at 393 Luella Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$7,195.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Piekarski & Sons; charge to account #01041-52119.  
(Discussed at 9/29/15 Public Works Committee Meeting)

#5: Approve purchase 2016 Elgin Pelican Street Approve purchase 2016 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper in the amount not to exceed \$208,396.00 from Standard Equipment Company. (Financing and account number to be determined by Finance Director Kasperek)

#6: Remit payment/Municipal Collections of America/\$89,798.90 Approve payment to Municipal Collections of America, Inc. in the amount of \$89,798.90; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01006-48125. (City Clerk collected a total of \$882,720.00 from the Illinois Debt Recovery Program since program began August, 2013.)

#7: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$840,076.42)

#8: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$524,737.03)

Remove item #5 Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to remove financial item #5 from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve financial matters Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve financial matters as presented, with the exception of #5.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Collins

MOTION CARRIED

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Go Cubs

Alderman Schneider wished Cubs good luck in playoffs.

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month October

Alderman Jones stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourage women and families to get involved and participate.

### CEDA Funds

Alderman Jones advised that CEDA funds have been reduced. October 1, 2015 is legally the day they can shut off residents gas and electric for overdue payment.

ComEd has a Hardship Program where residents can go to Thornton Township and work with CEDA to keep their lights and gas on. November 1 is the next priority period. Contact his office or CEDA at 800-571-2332 or visit the township.

### Distributing flyers

Alderman Jones encourages residents to be aware of people walking the neighborhood and distributing flyers relative to hail damage, etc.

Everyone needs a permit to solicit in Calumet City. Contact the police department if they don't process proper documentation.

### Chicago Museum Society

Alderman Jones announced his office offers residents a card that they can visit the Museum and Adler Planetarium for free done thru the Chicago Museum Society.

He has had 26 residents come into the office to participate to learn about the cultural history in Chicago.

### Prepare resolution/ School Board Members

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to prepare a Resolution in honor of School Board Members Day in Illinois on November 15, 2015 for School District #215, #149, #155, #156 and #157 in Calumet City.

### MOTION CARRIED

### Public Works Committee report

Alderman Munda gave his Public Works Committee report: "We did have a meeting on September 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Present were Alderman Munda, chairman and Alderman Wosczynski and Alderman Manousopoulos, members. Also in attending Public Works Commissioner Manousopoulos.

There was no public comment. Discussed was an item for Piekarski & Sons/tree removal and tree trimming, approval of payment to Greentree Enterprises, invoice #2032, #2038 & #2043 for yard waste removal from the public works property.

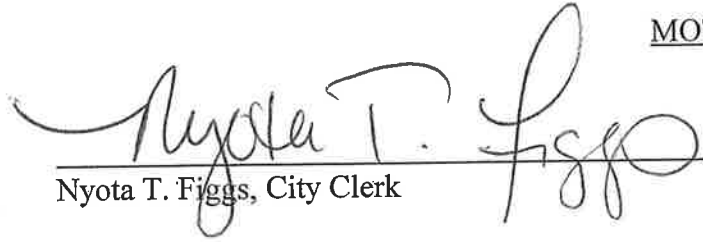
There was also discussion regarding manpower at the public works department and requested to send to the council for consideration at a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m."

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION CARRIED

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/rb