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

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Public Forum

No Public Comment; No Public Present

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:10 p.m. in a special meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

Pledge Of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7 ALDERMAN: Patton, Williams, Tillman, Gardner, Smith, Navarrete, Wosczyński

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMAN:

Alderman Navarrete arrived at 6:18pm.
Alderman Patton departed at 7:04pm.
Also present was Mayor Michelle Qualkinbush, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, City Engineer Roberts, Police Chief Fletcher, Fire Chief Bachert, Finance Director Kasperek, Street ,Alley, water Commr. Manousopoulos, Purchasing & Personnel Director Murray, Mayor’s Executive Assistant Bonato, Inspectional Services Deputy Director Manousopoulos, Deputy Clerk Deena Ballard.

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

Accept Meeting Call

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Patton, to accept the meeting call as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. amending Chapter 2:
Emergency Payments

Mayor Michelle stated that she was not requesting action on amending the ordinance regulating emergency payments, at this time. The Mayor reminded everyone that the freeze on nonessential spending was still in effect. The Mayor had a discussion with the City Treasurer about the recent emergency payment and whether it was an emergency payment or not. An understanding was reached. The Mayor asked the Treasurer whether he wanted to add anything to the explanation and he did not.

2019 Bond Issue Update

Finance Director Kasperek updated the City Council the process for issuing the 2019 Bond Issue, including the conference call with Standard and Poors, the bond rating company. The City received a rating of a BBB, with a stable outlook. Finance Director Kasperek stated the importance of the “stable outlook” rating stating that it was due to the City’s efforts to hold the line on spending and the aggressive attrition program. The bond offering statement contained a wealth of information which he encouraged the City Council to take the time to review.

During the Bond rating calls, the City was questioned if the City had a multi-year financial/budget; a fund balance policy and targets; and a debt management policy. Finance Director Kasperek and City Treasurer Tarka explained that it would be a difficult task to develop, but stated that they would compile information for each report and report back to the City Council for further discussion. A lengthy discussion followed.

2018-2019 appropriation ord.
Review; expenditures

Treasurer Tarka gave an analysis of expenditures to date. It was reported that the City will receive additional sales tax sales tax funds, due the Wayfair case. It was not known at this time how much additional sales tax revenue would be generated. The Treasurer submitted a revenue comparison report and expenditure comparison report by department.

Vehicle Fuel Tax ordinance
Discussion

The City Council adopted an ordinance imposing a 5 cent per gallon vehicle in June of 2018. Several gas station owners were in opposition of the tax. The City Council agreed to review the tax. The Alderman asked if research of what surrounding communities change would be compiled. Once this information is compiled, the matter would be presented back to the City Council.

Adjournment

Adjournment was at 7:47 pm, on a motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński.

MOTION CARRIED.



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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