

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

AUGUST 12, 2021

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:09 p.m. in a regular meeting on August 12, 2021 with Mayor Thaddeus Jones, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5 ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ABSENT: 2 ALDERMEN: Navarrete (excused), Wilson (excused)

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, City Attorney Kasper, City Engineer Akwesi Nketia, Police Chief Kolosh, Assistant Police Chief Andre Black, Fire Chief Bachert, Director Building & Zoning Sheryl Tillman, Water & Sewer Commissioner Randy Velasquez, Director Economic Development Val Williams, FOIA Officer, Christopher Clark, Media Consultant Sean Howard, and Deputy Clerk Danielle Smith.

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to approve the minutes as presented.

Committee of the Whole Mtg. June 28, 2021
Committee of the Whole Mtg. June 30, 2021
Special Meeting July 7, 2021
Regular Meeting July 8, 2021

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5 ALDERMEN: Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith, Tillman
NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 2 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Smith reported there will be a Public Utilities Committee meeting at the first available date in August.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported there will be an Ordinance & Resolutions meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (tentatively).

H.E.W

Alderman Patton had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson was absent.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete was absent.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Treasurer Tarka

City Treasurer Tarka informed residents he received a letter from the City of Chicago informing of an increase in water rates to the City of Calumet City of 1.10% effective with the June billing cycle.

City Treasurer Tarka cited Calumet City Ordinance #18-24 and informed residents water rates will increase from \$8.16 to \$8.25 per one-thousand gallons.

Alderman Tillman - 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman reminded residents the 3rd and 4th Ward will be hosting a back to school picnic at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Downey Park 300 Jeffrey Ave., where there will be food, book bag giveaways, dental and vaccination services and a Jesse White Tumblers performance.

Alderman Williams - 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God and thanked residents for attending the Town Hall and Crime Watch meeting August 2, 2021.

Alderman Williams encouraged residents to attend the 3rd and 4th Ward back to school picnic at 11:00 a. m., Saturday, August 14, 2021.

Alderman Williams announced that every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. food boxes will be given away at 1651 Sibley Blvd.

Alderman Gardner - 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner reminded 5th Ward residents to continue to call his office 708-891-8195 with concerns and complaints.

Alderman Gardner announced on Saturday, August 14, 2021, in partnership with Lincoln School District 156 and Salem Baptist Church, he will be hosting a back to school supply giveaway with food, music, vaccinations for children and haircut vouchers (good through September 6, 2021).

Alderman Gardner announced on August 30, 2021, there will be a meet and greet with Mayor Jones at the Jesus Shepherd of Souls located at 155th Freeland from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Alderman Patton - 6th Ward

Alderman Patton thanked residents for attending the recent installment of Coffee and Conversation with the Alderman and also thanked Thornton Township Assessor

Cassandra Holbert for attending and providing information regarding property taxes.

Alderman Patton thanked the Public Works department for their timely response to residents' issues and concerns.

Alderman Smith - 7th Ward

Alderman Smith announced Saturday, August 21, 2021 his office will be distributing school supplies with School District 157 at Hoover Elementary and anyone with questions should contact his office 708-891-8197 or asmith@calumetcity.org.

Alderman Smith informed residents the 7th Ward Newsletter is being drafted and he hopes to have it distributed before the end of August.

Alderman Smith encouraged residents to continue to call his office 708-891-8197 to report vacant and unclean properties.

Alderman Smith reported there will be information regarding the previously announced September Job Fair forthcoming.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones recognized Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Assistant Police Black, Director Inspectional Services Sheryl Tillman, Grant Facilitator Val Williams, Public Works Director Randy Velasquez, Media Consultant Sean Howard, Police & Fire Commission members, Carol Conditt and Stevon Grant.

Community Rating System Information

Val Williams thanked Fire Department, Department of Inspectional Services and reported the Calumet City Community Rating was reduced from 6 to 5 and residents can receive a 25% discount on their property insurance.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A Central Square Technologies submitting a plan for the Implementation Services and Project and a Management Summary.
- B Illinois Department of Commerce submitting information on the Illinois Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.
- C City Treasurer Tarka submitting the Investment Report for the Quarter ending June 30, 2021.
- D City of Calumet City submitting the Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit to the City Council and advising of action needed.
- E City of Calumet City submitting the Economic Disclosure Statement for Real Estate Tax Incentive and advising of action needed.
- F NFIP/CRS submitting positive news on the City of Calumet City's Community Rating System Verification Report.
- G ISO submitting the results for Community Rating System Cycle Verification.

- H Police and Fire commission advising of the upcoming testing for Policemen in the City of Calumet City.
- I Illinois Department of Public Health advising of partner vaccination clinics able to residents of Calumet City.
- J Resignation of Deputy City Clerk in the Clerk's Office; effective September 3, 2021.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to accept items A-J and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Police Department Applications

Police Chief Kolosh informed residents that testing has been announced and the application runs through August , written exam and orientation will be August 20th 21st, oral interviews will be August 30th and the academy for new recruits starts in October.

NEW BUSINESS

1): Amend Intergovernmental Agreement

Amend Intergovernmental Agreement between the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority and the City of Calumet City.

2): Authorize the Mayor to Execute

Authorize the Mayor to execute Quit Claim Deeds to the South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the following properties: 43 155th Street (30-17-205-002-0000); 122 Warren Street (30-17-214-030-0000); 431 W 155th Place (30-17-113-007-0000, 30-17-113-008-0000); and 246 156th Place (30-17-119-024-0000).

3): Approve BCBSIL fully insured accounts business associate agreement

Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois fully insured accounts associate agreement; authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

11): Approve Blue Insight account authorization

Approve Blue Insight account authorization form for the City of Calumet City; authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

5): Approve BCBSIL benefit program application

Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois benefit program application; direct the Mayor to execute the application.

6): Approve BCBSIL grandfathered health plan form

Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois grandfathered health plan form; authorize the Mayor to execute the plan form for the City of Calumet City.

7): Approve BCBSIL excess loss coverage PPO

Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois excess loss coverage for PPO.

fil; Approve BCBSIL excess loss coverage HMO

Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois excess loss coverage for HMO; authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

9): Approve request for 1168 Memorial Dr. fence installation

Approve request for 1168 Memorial Dr. fence installation and authorize Inspectional Services.

10): Approve the hiring of four (4) candidates from the current firefighter eligibility list

Approve the hiring of four (4) candidates from the current firefighter eligibility list; authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commission to begin hiring process.

11) : Approve temporary street closures for the 1st Annual 4th Ward Business Chamber Block Party

Approve temporary street closures for the 1st Annual 4th Ward Business Chamber Block Party and approve a special use permit for such; Oglesby Ave, Crandon Ave.-Sibley Blvd South to entrance of the T-Alley Merrill Ave, Paxton Ave. - Sibley Blvd. South to the entrance of the T-Alley. All participating businesses to comply with the terms set forth in the special use permit with amplified music from 12pm-9pm.

12) : Approve a resolution acknowledging and thanking Anthony DeFilippo for his 22 years of service as the Calumet City Pharmaceutical Director

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13) : Amend the handicap ordinance by adding 352 Yates Ave.

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14) : Amend the handicap ordinance by adding 872 Buffalo

Amend the handicap ordinance by adding 872 Buffalo; direct Public Works to erect said handicap sign at said location.

15) : Amend the handicap ordinance by adding 400 Yates Ave

Amend the handicap ordinance by adding 400 Yates Ave.; direct Public Works to erect said handicap sign at said location.

16) : Approve placement of "Resident Parking Only" signs at multiple locations

Approve placement of "Resident Parking Only" signs at the following locations: 532 Muskegon, 567 Yates, and 565 Yates; direct Public Works to install and erect signs at the approved locations.

17): Approve placement of "Resident Parking Only" sign at 247 156th (On Lincoln St. Sign)

Approve placement of "Resident Parking Only" sign at the following location: 247 156th (On Lincoln St. Sign); direct Public Works to install and erect said sign at the approved location.

18): Amend the Redevelopment Agreement and Lease between the City of Calumet City and Backyard Fresh Farms Inc.

Amend the Redevelopment Agreement and Lease between the City of Calumet City and Backyard Fresh Farms Inc. by extending each of the same on a month-to-month basis until further action of the City Council.

19): Approve block party on Sunday, August 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with temporary allowance of amplified noise not to exceed 4:00 p.m.

Approve block party on Sunday, August 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with temporary allowance of amplified noise not to exceed 4:00 p.m.; request Public Works to block off Saginaw from Saginaw & Harding to Saginaw & Stewart, and placement of garbage cans for the Higher Ground Community Church Back to School Event.

-Approve New Business items #1 - #19

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to approve new business items #1 - 19 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Smith, Patton, Gardner, Williams, Tillman
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

NEW FENCE CONSTRUCTION

401 Luella	Privacy	4 th Ward
338 Chappel	Privacy	3 rd Ward
1168 Memorial	Privacy	4 th Ward

Approve Permits

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Patton Smith, Tillman, Williams, Gardner

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

CJ Kari seeking Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment

CJ Kari spoke briefly to the City Council regarding request for Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment for property located at 626 River Oaks Dr. (Former Walgreens), Calumet City, Illinois.

Phillip DeGeratto seeking Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment

Phillip DeGeratto spoke briefly to the City Council regarding request for Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment for property located at 382-412 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1): A Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the Thirty-Five Year Union of Edward and Deborah Shegog

A Resolution Recognizing and Celebration the Thirty-Five Year Union of Edward and Deborah Shegog.

(Res. #21-35)

(See attached page 6A)

2): LWCF Grant Program Resolution of Authorization Calumet City: Blues Water Run-Park Development & Greet Infrastructure DOC-3

LWCF Grant Program Resolution of Authorization Calumet City: Blues Water Run-Park Development & Greet Infrastructure DOC-3.

(Res. #21-36)

(See attached page 6B)

3): OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization Calumet City: Blues Water Run Property Acquisition for Park Expansion DOC-3

OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization Calumet City: Blues Water Run Property Acquisition for Park Expansion DOC-3.

(Res. #21-37)

(See attached page 6C)

4): A Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Supporting a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property Located at 626 River Oaks Dr., Calumet City, Illinois

A Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Supporting a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property Located at 626 River Oaks Dr., Calumet City, Illinois.

(Res. #21-38)

(See attached page 6D)

5): A Resolution Supporting the Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification For 382-412 Torrence Avenue

A Resolution Supporting the Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification For, 382-412 Torrence Avenue.

(Res. #21-39)

(See attached page 7A)

Pass Resolution

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to pass resolution 1-5 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Smith, Gardner, Tillman, Williams, Patton
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1): Approve water main services

Approve water main services; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$9,460.36 and to charge account #03036-52349.

#2): Approve buy back for Dispatcher (amended) Joset Diaz-Garcia due to resignation

Approve buy back for Dispatcher (amended) Joset Diaz-Garcia due to resignation; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,237.56 and to charge account #01060-51179.

#3): Approve Calumet City Industrial Park Utility Improvements

Approve Calumet City Industrial Park Utility Improvements; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Mott MacDonald in the amount of \$15,828.20 and to charge account #01099-52600.

#4): Approve attendance of all elected officials to the Illinois Municipal League (IML) annual conference

Approve attendance of all elected officials to the Illinois Municipal League (IML) annual conference; authorize the City Treasurer to supply all attendees' \$1,500.00 stipends to be drawn from the appropriate conference travel line items of the elected officials.

#5): Approve design estimate and site mapping for Calumet City website of \$16,800 /\$70/hr.)

Approve design estimate and site mapping for Calumet City website of \$16,800 (\$70/hr.); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of monthly invoices for hours worked to Black Dove Design and to charge account #01099-52990.

#6): Approve hotel/motel tax collected from April 16, 2021 through May 31, 2021 in accordance with Resolution #02-40/Ordinance #02-21

Approve hotel/motel tax collected from April 16, 2021 through May 31, 2021 in accordance with Resolution #02-40/Ordinance #02-21; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor' s Bureau in the amount of \$1,639.00 to be charged to account #01099-52696.

#7): Approve payment for material for the continuous construction of the training tower

Approve payment for material for the continuous construction of the training tower; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to South Suburban Welding & Fabricating Co. in the amount of \$41,150.00 and to charge account #06617-55135.

#8): Approve payment for forensic auditing services

Approve payment for forensic auditing services; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Benford, Brown and Associates in the following amounts: \$6,860.50 (Invoice #14105), \$4,894.40 (Invoice #14106), \$9,468.00 (Invoice #14084) and to charge account #01099-52610.

#9): Approve payment as required by the economic incentive agreement

Approve payment as required by the economic incentive agreement; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Napleton River Oaks Cadillac Inc. in the amount of \$46,645.93 and to charge account #01099-52696.

#10): Approve the installation of a new pole camera to be located on Sibley Blvd.

Approve the installation of a new pole camera to be located on Sibley Blvd; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$24,700.00 and to charge account #01060-52336.

#11): Approve installation of vehicle-pet licenses. vehicle sticker scofflaw services software system

Approve installation of vehicle-pet licenses, vehicle sticker scofflaw services software system; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Third Millennium Associates (TMA) in the amount of \$39,383.60 and to charge account #01099-55120.

#12): Approve IMRF/ERI invoice for member Raymond J. Kowal

Approve IMRF/ERI invoice for member Raymond J. Kowal; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to IMRF in the amount of \$18,236.85 and to charge account #06107-51180.

#13): Approve camera licensing and associated data for 10 cameras to be moved from Geovision to Genetec

Approve camera licensing and associated data for 10 cameras to be moved from Geovision to Genetec; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$7,037.81 and to charge account #01060-52336.

#14): Approve bill listing 0.470.875.43)

Approve bill listing (1,470,875.43).

#15): Approve payroll (\$810,169.15)

Approve payroll (\$810,169.15) July 23, 2021 (amended to include date)

#16): Approve 2nd payroll (\$803,742.42)

Approve 2nd payroll (\$803,742.42) August 6, 2021 (amended to include date)

Approve financial items #1 - #20

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve financial items #1 - #20 as amended.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson,

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing potential and pending litigation.

MOTION CARRIED

City Council met in Executive Session from 6:31 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Return to regular order of business

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to return to regular order of business at 7:26 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grants

Mayor Jones reported a list of grants was distributed to the Aldermen (available to the public upon request) and reported that the City will be going after a funding request amount of \$29 million dollars and has received much of the money requested, with plans on requesting \$56 million more.

Back to School Event

Mayor Jones announced, in partnership with Senator Napoleon Harris he is hosting a back to school event on Friday, August 13, 2021 at Thornton Township High School in Harvey, IL from 11 :00 .a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and all are welcome.

Aldermen Back to School Events

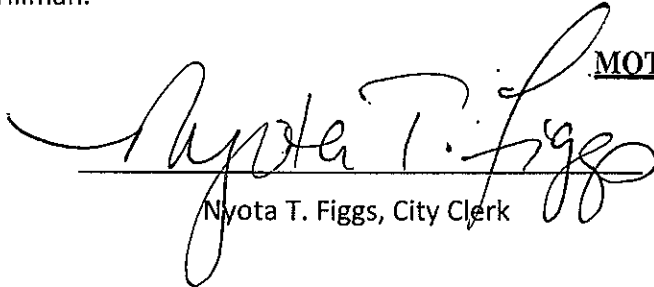
Mayor Jones encouraged residents to go out and support the back to school events sponsored by the 3rd & 4th Wards, and the 5th Ward, scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2021.

Resurfacing Project

Alderman Smith informed residents of the 600 block of Buffalo Avenue that he is working with the Mayor and City Engineers to get the Resurfacing Project back on track and more information will be available soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:33 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Tillman.


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED