

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**JULY 12, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 7	ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda (7:36), Manousopoulos, Collins (7:37)
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Attorney Montana, City Engineer Roberts, Finance Director Kasperek, Deputy Chief Banske and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

Approval of minutes

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński: "The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alderman Wosczyński in the council chambers on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:36 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Manousopoulos, member. Also attending were Alderman Schneider, Alderman Munda, City Treasurer Tarka, George Vallis, John Kasperek, Tom Rybarczyk, Rich Matthews, the public and the press.

Finance (cont'd)

Finance Director Kasperek and Rich Matthews presented to the committee the following information about the annual health insurance information renewal by August 1, 2012 which is Blue Cross and Blue Shield, PPO and HMO. The PPO and RX increased by 11.32 percent and HMO RX increased by 14.5 percent. There has been no change in the plan.

I would like to thank the negotiators George Vallis, John Kasperek and Rich Matthews who were able to decrease the Blue Cross and Blue Shield 18.84 percent increase request.

The City of Calumet City is opting to enter into a new dental company by the name of Ameritas. Ameritas is offering a very competitive package, projected claims, soft cost of a savings of \$51,294.00 annually compared to Blue Cross and Blue Shield renewal.

Ameritas Network is one of the largest dental networks in Illinois and has deep discounts to help lower projected claims costs. The life insurance is the same one because no other life markets were competitive.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to recommend the health, dental and life insurance renewals for approval at the July 12, 2012 council meeting.

Tom Rybarczyk gave the committee some information regarding several companies for a new phone system. Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to have Tom Rybarczyk seek out the best proposal and come back to the committee for further review.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report. He announced a Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

I have also been informed by Fire Chief Galgan that the fire department has been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$469,575.00 to hire three firemen for two years with no cost to the city. Benefits and everything paid by the federal government.

I would like to thank Deputy Chief Banske for the great job on writing the grant.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins was absent.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Ald. Munda entered meeting

(Alderman Munda entered the meeting at 7:36 p.m.)

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Ward Best House on the Block Contest

Alderman Schneider announced the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Best House on the Block Contest is going on. My office is working with Neighborhoods Inc. to provide this contest to the residents of the first ward.

Winners are selected based on degree on improvement to the front of the home and yard and other exterior elements. This includes landscaping, sidewalks, driveways, etc.

All contestants receive a complimentary consultation with professional staff to review the project proposal.

The prizes are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$400, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$300 and 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$200. All participants will also be eligible to win a door prize valued at \$100 at the award ceremony this fall.

The deadline to enter is August 13, 2012. The project must be completed by September 16, 2012. For more information contact his office (708) 891-8198.

Ald. Collins entered mtg

(Alderman Collins entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.)

Thank Mayor & city participating Freedom's Eve

Alderman Schneider stated on behalf of the Calumet Memorial Park District and Board of Commissioners thanked Mayor Michelle and Members of the City Council for participating in Freedom's Eve.

He thanked School District #215 School Board for letting the park use the venue.

He thanked Police Chief Gilmore and the police department for providing security and also thanked Chief Galgan and the fire department for providing cooling center for residents.

Alderman Schneider thanked Thornton Township Supervisor Frank Zucarrelli for sending out a cooling bus.

Alderman Schneider thanked Mayor Michelle for donating two tents to be used as cooling stations.

View Calumet Memorial  
Park District website  
watch Drew Hubbard video

Alderman Schneider gave a background on first ward resident Andrew Hubbard. He was enrolled in park district programs. He then became a junior leader, a recreational leader and camp counselor and graduated from T..F. North in 2006 where he was student council president. He earned his bachelor degree from Eastern Illinois and did an internship with Atlantic Records and Cease Fire in the Roseland community.

Andrew Hubbard came to Freedom's Eve to promote something he is doing. He encourages residents to visit Calumet City Memorial Park District website [www.mycmpd.com](http://www.mycmpd.com) and click on link for Andrew Hubbard and watch his video and post comments.

Check on neighbors  
during extreme heat

Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents during extreme heat conditions to check in on neighbors and senior citizens. She stated that the police department lobby and Calumet City Public Library is a cooling station.

Neighborhood meeting  
July 23, 2012

Alderman Wosczyński announced the next summer Neighborhood Meeting will be on Monday, July 23, 2012 at Wilson & Manistee at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee  
meetings

Alderman Wosczyński announced the Finance Committee meetings of July 17, July 18 and July 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the budget.

Traffic Feasibility study  
@ Manistee & Cleveland

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the police department to conduct a traffic feasibility study for a four-way stop sign on the corner of Manistee & Cleveland Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Proposals  
new phone system

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to have the city go out for Request for Proposals regarding citywide phone system and direct the City Treasurer Tarka and Systems Manager Rybarczyk to draw up the specifications and have them done and sent out in two weeks. (Also have Finance Director review the RFP's with Treasurer Tarka and Tom Rybarczyk)

MOTION CARRIED

Thank residents contacting  
ward issue

Alderman Jones thanked residents for calling his office regarding ward issues. His office received over 136 calls for the month of June for services.

Contact police to report  
crime

Alderman Jones encourages residents to contact the police department to report crime or suspicious activity.

Vietnam Veterans  
Organization - drop box  
@ 1910 Sibley Blvd.

Alderman Jones stated that Vietnam Veterans of America Organization in conjunction with Pete's Fresh Market placed a drop box at 1910 Sibley. The pickup service collects new and gently used clothing and household donations to support veterans organizations or contact them at 888-518-8387.

Community Open House  
7/14/12 - South Holland

Alderman Jones announced a Community Open House and Health Fair on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 901 E. Sibley Blvd. in South Holland, Illinois. There will be free health screenings, food and giveaways.

Illinois Hardest Hit Program

Alderman Jones announced there is a program to help residents keep their homes visit [www.illinoishardesthit.org](http://www.illinoishardesthit.org) Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 for more information.

Tax Seminar - 7/31/12  
@ South Suburban College

Alderman Jones announced on Tax Seminar at July 31, 2012 at South Suburban College in conjunction with his office and Commissioner Larry Rogers. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 or the commissioner's office at (312) 603-0900.

Department of Human  
Services

Alderman Jones announced that his office with the Department of Human Services regarding the done size and services provided. He will provide a report at the next meeting.

Approve block party/  
Michigan City Rd. &  
Luella Ave. - 7/21/12

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve a block party on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the intersection of Michigan City Road and Luella Avenue on the ½ block south to the dead end. Also to direct the public works department to provide barricades and trash receptacles be provided. (Also to allow mild, amplified music until 9:00 p.m.)

MOTION CARRIED

Amend handicap parking  
by adding: 1441 Wentworth

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 1441 Wentworth Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank residents attending  
7<sup>th</sup> Ward Celebration &  
Freedom's Eve - 7/3/12

Alderman Collins thanked the residents for attending the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Celebration and Freedom's Eve on July 3, 2012.

Tax Appeal Seminar  
7/31/12 @ South Suburban

Alderman Collins stated his office will work in conjunction with Alderman Jones and Commissioner Larry Rogers and conduct a Tax Appeal Seminar on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

Resurfacing - Park Avenue

Alderman Collins stated that construction has started on Park Avenue. The Park of River Oaks will be resurfaced.

Resurfacing - Arthur Street Alderman Collins stated that resurfacing will be starting on Arthur Street near Shrimp Express.

Contact ward office Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his office regarding sidewalk repair, tree trimming or any other ward issues.

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

City Clerk Figgs/  
submitting monthly report  
June, 2012 Submitting Monthly Report for June, 2012.

ComEd/submitting  
Emergency Preparedness RE: ComEd Amended Operating Protocol for Municipal Coordination of Emergency Preparedness and Response Management.

Robinson Engineering/  
re: timing of traffic signals  
Ring Road RE: Timing of traffic signals on Ring Road.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve tag day request Approve tag day request for the Jones Foundation on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at various intersections. (approved by the police department)

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

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

FENCE - PERMITS  
343 Campbell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
553 Saginaw - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
(variance)

749 May - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
1341 Hirsch - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

GARAGE PERMITS  
784 State Line Road - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve permits

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Res. #1: adopt annual 1,000 hour standard IMRF participation (Res. #12-32)

Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, to adopt the annual 1,000 hour standard for IMRF participation. (see attached page 7A)

Res.#2: approving bond record-keeping & compliance policy (Res. #12-33)

Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Approving a Bond Record-Keeping and Compliance Policy. (see attached page 7B)

Ord. #3: making appropriation for all Corporate Purposes 5/1/12 TO 4/30/13

Ordinance making appropriation for all Corporate Purposes of the City of Calumet for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013. (POSTED ONLY)

Pass Resolutions

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to pass Resolutions #1 & #2 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Award bid/Wentworth Ave. Reconstruction/ D Construction Company (\$140,683.80)

Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid to the low bidder for Wentworth Avenue Street Reconstruction to D Construction in the amount of \$140,683.80 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the T.I.F. I account.

#2: Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/2275 Harding Ave. \$4,700.00

Authorize the removal and replacement of the existing pavement dips and depressions and installation of one speed bump just in front of 2275 Harding Avenue with pavement markings and signs as appropriate and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services for a cost not to exceed \$4,700.00 and charge to the MFT account.

Authorize Robinson Engineering to verify the final inspection and payment processing for a cost not to exceed \$300.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2-600.

- #3: Remit payment/Otis Elevator Co./\$15,922.89 Approve service contract agreement with Otis Elevator Co. for the police department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$15,922.89 and charge to account #010-60-2-345.
- #4: Remit payment/Illinois EPA/\$21,000.00 Approve annual NPDES Permit Fee from 7/1/12 to 6/30/13 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.00; to be charged to account #030-36-3-452.
- #5: Remit payment/J & J Newell/\$13,855.00 Approve pavement repair (due to water main break) at northwest corner of 163<sup>rd</sup> & Burnham Avenue and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & J Newell Concrete in the amount not to exceed \$13,855.00 and charge to account #030-36-2-349.
- #6: Approve Settlement Authority Request/Powell v. Calumet City case Approve Settlement Authority Request for Maurice Powell v. Calumet City Case 10 WC 47930 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount as stated in the communication and charge to account #010-50-2-270.
- #7: Approve Sungard Public Sector, Inc. Approve agreement with Sungard Public Sector, Inc. for the upgrade and training for citywide computer system software; in the amount of \$179,759.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-5-120.
- #8: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$775,875.33)
- #9: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$455,901.89)
- #10: Approve legal bill Approve legal bill listing (\$59,809.02)
- #11: Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Premium Renewal Approve the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Insurance Premium Renewal for August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013 for the PPO policy, HMO policy and HMO Blue Advantage and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account's #010-99-1-130 and #030-36-1-130.
- #12: Remit payment/MHR Landlord, LLC (Sonic) \$13,906.11 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to MHR Landlord, LLC (Sonic) in the amount of \$13,906.11, representing 50% for the sales tax received by the City in Municipal and Home Rule Sales Tax for the calendar year 2011 pursuant to the economic incentive; to be charged to the Corporate Fund Contractual Obligation line item #010-99-2-696.
- Withdraw item #7 from agenda Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush withdrew financial item #7 from the agenda.
- There was discussion regarding what account to take item #2 from. City Engineer Roberts stated there was monies in MFT account. Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush asked for motion to amend #2 to pay from MFT account.
- Amend item #2 Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend financial #2 and remit payment from MFT account.

MOTION CARRIED



Discussion regarding speed bump in front of 2275 Harding Avenue

There was discussion regarding installation of one speed bump in front of 2275 Harding Avenue.

Approve financial matters authorize City Treasurer to remit payment

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial matters #1 thru #6 and #8 thru #12 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Happy Birthday

Alderman Collins wished his wife a Happy Birthday.

Support Ald. Jones motion

Alderman Munda stated he supported Alderman Jones motion to have a speed bump placed at 2275 Harding Avenue.

Support Ald. Jones motion

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush stated for the record that she supports Alderman Jones’s efforts to ensure the safety of this residents regarding speed bump being placed at 2275 Harding Avenue.

Thank colleagues for support

Alderman Jones thanked all his colleagues for their support for the speed bump on Harding Avenue.

Math & Science Fair July 30 thru August 3

Alderman Jones announced his office will be sponsoring a Math & Science Fair for students entering grades 5-7 starting July 30 through August 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Faith Family Future Center. Contact his office for further information.

McClain County Farm 8/3/12

Alderman Jones announced that he will be going down to McClain County Farm on August 2, 2012. The last day to register is July 17, 2012. He encourages to attend with their children. Everything is free sponsored by McClain County Farm Bureau and Jones Foundation. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Visit park website

Alderman Schneider encourages residents to visit Calumet Memorial Park District website and click on link for Andrew Hubbard and watch his video and post comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:18 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Wosczynski.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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