

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

City Council of the City of Calumet City

Cook County, Illinois

August 23, 2012

Public Comment The following individuals spoke before the public form held at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Victor Carl Edwards, 619-621 Sibley, requesting a meeting with the council regarding programs within the community.

George Lenard, 1945 Wilson Ave, stated he will be conducting voter registration drives.

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, August 23, 2012 at 7:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, and City Engineer Roberts.

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

Approval of minutes Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczynski: The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alderman Wosczynski in the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 8:05 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Michelle Qualkinbush, all Alderman, City Clerk Figgs, Treasurer Tarka, Finance Director Kasperek, Cary Horvath, Fire Chief Galgan, and the press.

There was no public comment.

The purpose of meeting of this meeting was to discuss the possible action of the collective bargaining agreement for firefighters.

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to enter into executive session at 8:10 p.m. on the discussion and possible action of the collective bargaining agreement for firefighters.

After lengthy discussion in executive session, the Council reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

No action was necessary. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones: There was a Public Utilities meeting on August 21, 2012, the meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. The minutes are available in the City Clerk's Office.

The items discussed were the Com Ed power outages and also the elevated concrete tank; the water pumps, meter and water department.

For the benefit of the public according to Com Ed there were six major storms, the one that affected Calumet City was on August 4, 2012. There were 1,836 customers that were affected it took 0-12 hours to restore 1,498 customers which is the range that Com Ed uses. It took 12-24 hours to restore 28 customers and it took 24-36 hours to restore 310 customers. Many customers have called and asked about these numbers, this was the first storm that affected Calumet City with power outages. Com Ed also gave us information for residents which we will share on the City website and also

provide to resident if you call my office 708-891-8193. Residents can also call the Mayor's office and the City Clerk Office this information will be available if you want to follow some of the outage and sign up for the mobile app.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Ord. & Res. Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W. Alderman Schneider had no report.

Permits & Licenses Alderman Wilson had no report

Public Works Alderman Munda had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's report Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: " I would like to announce that one of our inspectors Dave Bortock for the Department of Inspectional Services, we would like to congratulate and commend him for his hard on graduating from South Suburban College with two degrees in Building Construction Technology and Building Code Enforcement. He taken advantage of the programs out there and certainly this is an asset to our department of Inspectional Services. So congratulations Dave Bartock, job well done!"

Ald. Collins-report Alderman Collins thanked all the residents that came to the 7th ward Soirée, this past Saturday and thanked them for all the school supplies that were donated. The supplies will go to students in Calumet City. He also thanked his colleges that were out to support that event as well.

Sidewalk List Alderman Collins requested that residents contact his office regarding the sidewalk list by noon the next day. If resident have not submitted he will not be able to address the issues. Alderman Collins stated that the tree list is still open and if you have any trees in the City parkway that need to be maintained, trimmed or removed because they are damaging any of your water or sewer lines to your home please contact his office.

Nuisance homes Alderman Collins encourages residents continue to report nuisance issues and any issues on your block please contact his office.

Back to School

Alderman Collins stated for residents to please be mindful that students are back in school, he requested that residents slow down and pay attention and watch over our babies as they come to and from school. He requested that people encourage students to do the right thing. Alderman Collins requested that if there are any concerns please contact his office at 708-891-8197; or visit the 7th ward website at www.calumetcity7thward.org.

Ald. Manousopoulos report Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Ald. Munda report Alderman Munda: "The Calumet City Police Department has been showing a presence in the 5th ward and combating crime in the 5th ward. I would like to commend the police department, for the amount of presence in the 5th ward and certain hot spots that was sent to my office by residents. And I will like to commend the police department for another month of great work and showing a strong presence in the 5th ward. And showing the people that commit crimes that Calumet City is not a place that we are willing to tolerate this behavior."

Ald. Wilson report Alderman Wilson state that his office has partnered with Networks Barber College to present our 2nd annual Back to School free haircuts event. Any Calumet City student kindergarten through senior in high school can get a free haircut if needed. The event is this Sunday, August 26, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Networks Barber College 508 Burnham Ave. Alderman Wilson thanked Mr. Barfield who is the owner/leader instructor of Networks Barber College.

Job Fair Alderman Wilson announced that his 3rd Annual Job fair is coming up soon, if you are unemployed or under employed please bring your resumes. There are several companies that are hiring. The event is Thursday September 20, 2012 at Saint Andrews Church in the gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Alderman Wilson gave a special thanks to Father Jack and the Saint Andrew staff for hosting the event this year.

Amend Handicap Parking:515 Merrill

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to amend handicap parking ordinance at 515 Merrill Ave.

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Jones report Alderman Jones thanked the residents that has called. For the month of August his office received 197 calls for service and completed 121 of those calls. The office

received ninety-seven emails and responded to all emails. Removed six trees in the ward and repaired three alleys. Also residents in South plank plaza area have a beautiful street from Luella from Dolton to Harbor. Alderman Jones thanked the City Council for putting it on the list and getting the street done. Also partial of the alley was completed at South Point Plaza that was bad. Alderman Jones encourage residents to call him and email at calcity3@yahoo.com

Discussion Valero

Gas Station

Alderman Jones stated that in the last 60 days 18 calls for service, two arrests, and two guns were found at this location. Alderman Jones stated that he has been getting a lot of calls at the crime watch meeting about the gas station selling loose cigarettes. He stated that numerous residents reporting that this gas stations is violating state and local laws, it is imperative that the Council do something.

Direct City Attorney

To investigate Valero

Gas station

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the City attorney to investigate Valero Gas station and bring findings before the Permits & Licenses Committee to revoke the business licenses.

MOTION CARRIED

3RD Ward event

Alderman Jones invited his colleges to the 3rd ward Community Event. It was switched from Downey Park on Saturday September 8, 2012. Alderman Jones thanked Walgreens for donating the 1,000 school supplies. He also thanked Forrest Printing for printing the flyers. He thanked Sam's Club for the donation. He stated that he will have a list at the next council meeting in order to mention the sponsors. The event is at Children's Home Center located at 1652 Dolton Road residents are invited 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

Direct Public works

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos to direct Public Works to provide barricades, trash receptacles, and a porta potty, and ESDA to provide two cars for traffic control measures.

MOTION CARRIED

3rd & 4th Ward

Crime Watch mtgs

Alderman Jones stated that the 3rd and 4th ward will no longer have joint crime watch meetings.

Ald. Wosczyński

Report

Alderman Wosczyński reported that Monday, August 20, 2012 was the last 2nd ward

Summer neighbor to neighbor meeting. They were seven meetings scheduled and they were very well attended. Alderman Wosczynski thanked Police Department, Commander Billy Siems, Officer Jack Newbury, Public Works Commissioner Nick Yovkovich, and Deputy Commissioner Paul Freyman and Gerry Surfurka for attending. A special thanks to all the residents that attended.

School Supply

Give away

Alderman Wosczynski reported that on Saturday August 18, 2012, she gave away school supplies to sixty students from kindergarten to college.

2nd ward Health & Wellness

Alderman Wosczynski thanked all business and vendors that participated in the 2nd ward Health & Wellness Fair on May 12, 2012. She thanked Walgreens on Torrence & Sibley, BMO Harris Bank, and family members. She also thanked the volunteers: Pastor Tyler, his daughters, and family members, Ms. Anderson from Walgreens, Dan from BMO Harris Bank, Leslie and Miguel from T.F. North.

Taste of Thornton Township

Alderman Wosczynski announced on August 25, 2012 the Taste of Thornton Township will start at 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The new addition is a breakfast with princesses; parents can have their daughters meet with the princesses. There will be rides, entertainment, arts and crafts.

Ald. Schneider Report

Alderman Schneider apologized to the residents of the 1st ward that called his office between August 11th - 19th, he set up a new fax machine and mistakenly sent voice mails directly to fax. If he has not responded to you please give him a call back so that he may assist you at 708-891-8198.

Labor Day Parade

Alderman Schneider reported that the Calumet Memorial Park District Labor Day Parade is Monday, September 3, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. The theme is generations of fun and is honoring the Park Districts 90th anniversary. The parade runs along Wentworth Ave and starts at Michigan City Rd. to Memorial Park. Bring your lawn chairs and bags for candy and expect lots of surprises. He requested that if you are an organization or business and wish to sign up call the park district or visit www.mycmpd.com.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Comcast Re: Additions to Channel line-up

Robinson
Engineering Re: Drainage Problem Study at 1421 Freeland Ave.

IDOT Re: Maintenance of Municipal Streets.

Dept. Of Planning
Economic
Development Re: CDBG Program Year 2012

David Koeing Re: Commending Alderman Schneider & Alderman Munda

St. Victor Church Re: Commending ESDA

Robinson
Engineering Re: 6,000,000 Gallon Concrete Storage Water Reservoir

Ald. Thaddeus
Jones Re: Back to School Event on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Children's Home Center,
1652 Dolton Road

Items to be
Read Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to have communications
7 F – G, read in its entirety. (see attached pages)

MOTIONCARRIED

Accept &
Placed on file Alderman Manousopoulos, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to accept the
communication and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Preliminary
Maintenance
Inspection

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to authorize Dixon Engineering under direction of Robinson Engineering, Ltd. to perform a preliminary maintenance inspection and have Robinson Engineering review the inspection report for a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00 to be charged to the water/sewer account.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: NONE

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Approve block
Party

Approving a block party between the blocks of Greenbay Avenue and Mackinaw Avenue and authorize the closing of Memorials Drive from Greenbay to Buffalo on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and direct the public works department to provide trash receptacles and barricades to 666 Memorial Drive and notify the property public safety personnel.

Tag Day
Request

Approve a tag day request for the knights of Columbus on September 21 thru September 23, 2012 at the various locations. (approved by the police department)

Approve new
Business

Alderman Wosczynski, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve new business items as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

NONE

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RES. #1 amend

Chapter 90 Handicap

Parking

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code, Handicap Parking, by adding 227 Pulaski Road.

Remove Ord. 2 & 3

Mayor Michelle Qualkinbush removed Ordinance # 2 & 3 from the agenda.

Adopt Ordinance

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to adopt the ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: NONE

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Amend motion

purchase

police vehicles

Amend the motion of July 26, 2012 regarding the purchase of new Police Interceptor vehicles from Curry Motors in the amount of \$311,995.00 and direct the Finance Director to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Ford Motor Company; to be paid from account #011-10-5-199.

#2 Authorize

Refund on TIF 4

Authorize the City Treasurer to issue a refund to the Cook County Collector, Tax Distributions Department, for over payment of taxes on TIF 4 in the amount of \$56,340.59; to be paid from account #304-07-2-990.

#3 Authorize

Refund on TIF 5

Authorize the City Treasurer to issue a refund to the Cook County Collector, Tax Distributions Department, for over payment of taxes on TIF 5 in the amount of \$36,180.24; to be paid from account #306-07-2990.

#4 Amend motion

For demolition

635 Wentworth

Amend motion of June 28, 2012 for the demolition and debris removal for the property at 635 Wentworth to charge the amount to account #010-99-2-645.

#5 Authorize

AT&T contract

thru 2015

Authorize the renewal of the AT&T Centrex Phone Contract through 2015 and direct the City Treasurer to remit the necessary payment.

#6 Approve

Membership dues

Approve the Under Billed Membership Dues from 6/1/11 thru 5/31/12 in the amount of \$736.00 and approve the Membership Dues from 6/1/12 thru 5/13/13 in the amount of \$26,031.00 for a total of \$26,767.00 to South Suburban Mayors and Managers; to be charged to account # 010-99-2-350.

#7 Approve

Settlement Ramsey

v. Calumet City

Approve the Settlement of Case # 10 L 10988- Ronald Ramsey v. Calumet City, et al in the amount as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-50-2-270.

#8 Award bid

demolition

Award the bid to the low bidders for demolition and debris removal of the following properties: Holland Asphalt (19 Pulaski Road- \$5,900, 21 Pulaski Road- \$5, 900, 23 Pulaski Road- \$9,800 & 502 155th Place- \$3,800), JM Industrial (453 Gordon-\$7,200, 638 Douglas- \$6,800, 108 Mason- \$7,200, 1584 Shirley Drive- \$6,800 & 18-154th place- \$6,800 & 1451 Stanley Blvd-\$6,800) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2-645.

#9 remit payment

Jimboo/3rd ward

Catering

Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Jimboo's Catering in the amount of \$1,100 for the 3rd ward Back to School Event on Saturday, September 8, 2012; to be charged to account #010-99-2-723.

#10 Remit payment

3rd ward printing

Forrest Printing

Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Forrest Printing in the amount of \$2,995.19 for the printing for the 3rd ward Back to School Event on Saturday, September 8, 2012; to be charged to account #010-10-2-323, 3rd ward printing.

#11 Approve

Payroll

Approve payroll (\$825,169.23)

#12 Approve Bill

Listing

Approve bill listing (\$103,049.89)

#13 Approve Legal

Bill listing

Approve legal bill listing (\$4,071.65)

#14 Approve
Purchase Eco-
Chem Corp.

Approve the purchase from Eco-Chem Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$6,997.00 for public works department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-41-3-420.

#15 Approve Purchase
Home Safe Plows

\$15,794.00

Approve the purchase from Lindco Equipment Sales in the amount not to exceed \$15, 794.00 for two Home Safe Plows for public works department and direct City Treasurer to remit payment to account #010-41-4-140.

#16 Approve
Purchase/Air One

Approve the purchase of three sets of bunker gear for the fire department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One in the amount not to exceed \$8,500.00; to be charged to account #010-70-440.

#17 Approve
Dog Walk

\$6,500

Approve 2012 Dog Walk in Calumet City on Saturday, September 29, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Neighborhoods, INC. in the amount of \$6,500; to be charged to account # 101-99-2-728.

#18 Authorize
IML Registration
Fee Oct 18-20, 2012

Authorize the City Treasurer to pay the registration fee for an elected official or department head to the Illinois Municipal League for the attendance at its annual conference in Chicago on October 18-20, 2012 and also to direct the City treasurer to provide each registered attendee with sufficient funds for reasonable expenses incurred at the conference.

Approve Financial
Matters

Alderman Wosczyński, seconded by Alderman Jones; to approve financial matters items # 1 thru #18 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
ALDERMEN: NONE
ALDERMEN: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Schneider Alderman Schneider thanked Pastor from Celia Gregg Church in the 1st ward for the church fest. He commended 5th ward Alderman Munda for donating a dunk tank and jumping in at the American Legion 330 Annual Picnic for fundraising.

Ald. Jones Alderman Jones encourage residents to go online and support the Red Ribbon cast that supports HIV/AIDS program; \$3 per ticket at any participating businesses that sell Lottery tickets.

Ald. Wilson Alderman Wilson stated also receives complaints regarding Valero Gas Station and wants the business to be held accountable for the incidents.

Ald. Collins Alderman Collins thanked the residents that accompanied him on a day trip to Milwaukee; he enjoyed himself. He requested that residents get involved in event in the community. Alderman Collins also wished his wife a happy anniversary and thanked Alderman Jones for tickets to the White Sox game.

Happy Birthday

Rosie Bonato Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished Deputy Clerk Rosie Bonato a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:13 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Woczynski.

MOTION CARRIED

X

Nyota T. Figs
City Clerk

