

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 2012.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyznski, Jones, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Wilson

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Finance Director Kasperek, Fire Chief Galgan, City Engineer Roberts and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Mayor -statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "For the record, Alderman Wilson text the Deputy Clerk, City Clerk and the City Treasurer and he is unable to be at the meeting tonight.

Approve minutes

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyznski: "We had a joint Finance/Public Utilities Committee of the Whole on December 12, 2012. I will yield to Alderman Jones for report."

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report. "I will be scheduling a meeting after the holidays."

<u>Ord. & Res.</u>	Alderman Collins had no report. "I will also be having a meeting coming up in the next couple weeks."
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Schneider had no report.
<u>Permits & Licenses</u>	Alderman Wilson was absent.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Munda: "I would like to thank the residents for attending the recycling day held at public works. He thanked the Mayor for her cooperation and the residents for their participation."
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Jones: "There was a joint Finance/Public Utilities/Public Safety Committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:32 p.m. The items discussed was the tax levy, consideration of an agreement for Intex and discussion for a purchase agreement with MSI and the City of Calumet City for data conversion of our files. In attendance were the Mayor, City Clerk all aldermen, City Treasurer and Finance Director Kasperek was present. The minutes of meeting will be prepared by the City Clerk. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m."
<u>Harmony Healthcare presentation</u>	At this time in the meeting Anita Miller, Community Relations Specialist from Harmony Healthcare addressed the city council regarding outreach programs for the community.
<u>Illinois Hardest Hit program</u>	At this time in the meeting, Joseph S. McGavin, addressed the city council regarding the Illinois Hardest Hit Program and the eligibility requirements.
<u>2nd Ward Toy Drive</u>	Alderman Wosczyński announced the second ward toy drive is still in progress thru December 18, 2012 The toy drive is in conjunction with City Clerk Figgs and Alderman Wosczyński. She encourages residents to help needy children in Calumet City. All toys will be sent to be distributed to the Calumet City Resource Center.
<u>Lights near bike trail</u>	Alderman Wosczyński advised residents in the area of Memorial Drive to Sibley Boulevard, Torrence Avenue to the bike trail, the lights have been on day and night and will be repaired once the part comes in.
<u>Sewer repair on Prairie Avenue</u>	Alderman Jones advised residents on Prairie Avenue that there will be sewer repair work being done. No part of the street will be impacted with the repairs, just the sidewalk and possibly the parkway.
<u>Tax Seminar - 12/17/12 @ South Suburban college</u>	Alderman Jones announced a Tax Appeal Seminar on Monday, December 17, 2012 at South Suburban College at 6:30 p.m. All residents encouraged to attend.

- Town Hall meeting @ River Oaks Estates Alderman Jones announced a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. All residents encouraged to participated. He invited the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer to attend.
- Electric aggregation Alderman Munda advised residents that there are alternative energy companies going throughout the city. He stated to the residents that the companies have to be registered for a solicitation permit with the police department.
- Christmas dinner - 12/23/12 @ St. Andrew gym Alderman Munda announced a Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 23, 2012 from 1:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle gym.
- Electric aggregation Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "She advised residents that more information regarding electric aggregation will be coming out to the residents. She stated the city's program is an opt out program and official notice will be coming from the city."
- Merry Christmas Alderman Manousopoulos wished the residents a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.
- Youth summit - 1/26/13 @ T.F. North High School Alderman Collins announced a Youth Summit on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at T. F. North High School from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information contact his office at (708) 891-8197. Information is also available on the website www.calumetcity7thward.org

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- Comcast/price changes RE: Price Changes, effective 1/1/13.
- Comcast/programming contract renewal RE: Programming contract renewal website.
- Metra/2013 Capital & Operating budget RE: Revised 2013 Capital and Operating Budget.
- City of Chicago Dept./ 2013 Water Rates RE: 2013 Water Rates.
- T-Mobile/lease 1701 Dolton RE: Lease for 1701 Dolton Road and the transfer to T-Mobile USA Tower, LLC.
- IEPA/notification of ownership & responsible operational personnel RE: Notification of Ownership and Responsible Operational personnel.
- Diane Bentley/thanking State Representative Jones Thanking State Representative Thaddeus Jones.
- Tonya Harris/thanking Ald. Jones Thanking Alderman Jones.

Lansing Veterans Memorial/ Thanking Ald. Jones Thanking State Representative Jones for his participation in the Veterans Day ceremony.

Village of South Holland/ thanking Ald Jones Thanking Alderman Jones for supporting 7th Annual Heritage Haul race.

Calumet City Police Pension Fund/Tax Levy Request RE: Tax Levy Request.

Accept & place on file Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to accept and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Ross v. Calumet City Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division - John Ross, Plaintiff v. Village of Burnham, City of Calumet City, City of Hammond, Burnham Police Officer Russell, Burnham Police Officer Bolin, Burnham Police Officer Morency, Burnham Police Officer Daley, Calumet City Police Officer Jones, Calumet City Police Officer Burnet, Hammond Police Officer Siegfried, Hammond Police Officer Onohan, Hammond Police Officer Dillner and unknown Calumet City Police Officers, defendants.

Ross v. Calumet City Requesting the city to undertake the defense of Lt. Timothy Murphy in the John Ross, Plaintiff v. Village of Burnham, et al, defendant, civil action No. 12 C 9234.

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

SIGN - VARIANCE

1777 ½ River Oaks Drive - 7th Ward

Approve permit Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve building permit for sign variance as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1 amending Sec. 62-8 impoundment vehicles (Ord. #12-59) Ordinance amending Section 62-8 of the City Code regarding the impoundment of vehicles driven by drivers who license is suspended or revoked. (see attached page 5A for ordinance)

Ord. #2: Handicap Parking adding: 629 Forsythe Ave. (Ord. #12-54) Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code, Handicap Parking by adding: 629 Forsythe Avenue. (see attached page 5B for ordinance)

Ord. #3: Imposing temporary moratorium on new used motor vehicle sales lots (Ord. #12-55) Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Licenses for New Used Motor Vehicle Sales Lots until December 13, 2013. (see attached page 5C for ordinance)

Res. #4: conveyance of 108 Mason Street (Res. #12-43) Resolution approving Donation Agreement for the conveyance of 108 Mason Street, Calumet City, and authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said Agreement. (see attached page 5D for resolution)

Res. #5: congratulating President Barack Obama (Res. #12-44) Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, congratulating President Barack Obama on his November 7, 2012 election victory. (see attached page 5E for resolution)

Res. #6: approving real estate sales contract/147 Pulaski (Res. #12-45) Resolution approving real estate contract for the purchase of 147 Pulaski Road Road, Calumet City, authorizing the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said real estate sales contract (see attached page 5F for Resolution)

Ord. #7: execution of Master Lease Purchase Agreement btwn Ford Motor Credit & Calumet City (Ord. #12-56) Ordinance authorizing the Execution of a Master Lease Purchase Agreement by and between Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC and the City of Calumet City Cook County, Illinois for the Acquisition and Financing of Police Vehicles. (see attached page 5G for ordinance)

Pass Resolutions/Adopt Ordinances Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to pass Resolutions and adopt Ordinances #1 thru #7 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #8: levying taxes
5/1/12 to 4/30/13
(Ord. #12-57)

Ordinance levying taxes in the City of Calumet City for the fiscal year
May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. (see attached page 6A)

Adopt ordinance

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to adopt the
Ordinance #8 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

Mayor - statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "For the record and for the viewing
audience and the press, the City Council is not increasing any operating levies for
the overall tax levy. The overall tax levy is going down 1.13 percent because the
debt service levies are going down.

Thanks to the City Council and all of our financial team for working hard. Again,
there is no tax increases this year for the City of Calumet City for our residents
due to the hard work of this city council and the financial team."

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #9: levying taxes
Special Service Area 98-2
(Ord. #12-58)

Ordinance levying taxes in the Special Service Area 98-2 in the City of
Calumet City for the 2012 Tax Levy Year extended in the year 2013 for the fiscal
year May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. (see attached page 6B)

Adopt Ordinance

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to adopt
Ordinance #9 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6 ALDERMEN: Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyznski, Jones,
Munda
NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- #1: Award bid/demolition JM Industrial Services & Holland Asphalt Services Award the bid to the low bidder for the demolition of the following properties 568 Ingraham (\$4,800) & 1484 Lincoln Place (\$4,800)-Holland Asphalt Services, 330-155th Street (\$6,800), 336-155th St. (\$6,800), JM Industrial Services and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment; to be charged to account #010-99-2-645.
- #2: Remit payment/J & J Newell/2012 Sidewalk Concrete Program Approve payment to J & J Newell Concrete for 2012 Sidewalk & Concrete Program in the amount of \$39,988.28 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #040-07-2-459.
- #3: Remit payment Scot Decal/\$7,510.16 Approve purchase the 2013-2014 Calumet City vehicle license stickers and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Scot Decal Company in the amount of \$7,510.16 and charge to account #010-22-3-200.
- #4: Remit payment/City of Blue Island/\$10,500.00 Approve payment to City of Blue Island in the amount of \$10,500 for Cal-Sag Trail Phase II Engineering match and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to account #010-85-2-350.
- #5: Remit payment/Tierra Environmental/\$6,800 Approve payment to Tierra Environmental for televised sewers at Patricia Place and Downs Drive and direct City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,800.00 and charge to account #030-36-2-111.
- #6: Remit payment/Cook County Collector/past due real estate taxes Authorize the City Treasurer to issue individual checks made payable to the Cook County Collector, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 112, Chicago, IL 60602, for past due real estate taxes on the properties listed on the communication and charge to account's #010-99-2-990, #010-01-1-117, #301-07-2-128. (breakdown attached)
- #7: Approve buy-back Officers Hynek & W. Coffey Approve buy-back for Officers R. Hynek and W. Coffey in the amounts as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.
- #8: Approve buy-back Lt. DiFiori Approve buy-back for Lt. T. DiFiori in the amount as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.
- #9: Approve purchase agreement N. Harris & Calumet City/\$31,625 Approve a Purchase Agreement by and between N. Harris Computer Corporation (formerly MSI) and the City of Calumet City for the conversion of data files to support the city's new software system and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$31,625.00; to be charged to account #010-99-5-120.
- #10: Remit payment/M & D of Chicago/\$9,250.00 Approve payment to M & D of Chicago, Inc. for Winter 2012 newsletter and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$9,250.00 to be charged to account #010-99-2-237.

- #11: Remit payment/
NEMRT/\$7,740.00 Approve payment to NEMRT for annual membership for training in the amount of \$7,740.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-2-390.
- #12: Remit payment/Miner
Electronics/\$7,868.00 Approve payment to Miner Electronics for equipment purchases in the amount of \$7,868.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-5-100.
- #13: Remit payment/River
Oaks Center/\$5,000.00 Approve payment to River Oaks Auto Center in the amount of \$5,000.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-4-151.
- #14: Remit payment/Miner
Electronics/\$5,282.50 Approve payment to Miner Electronics for equipment purchases in the amount of \$5,282.50 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-5-100.
- #15: Remit payment/River
Oaks Center/\$5,226.96 Approve payment to River Oaks Center in the amount of \$5,226.96 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-4-151.
- #16: Remit payment/
Hawthorne Suites/\$5,436.00 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Hawthorne Suites in the amount of \$5,436.00 for six week lodging for probationary firefighters and charge to account #010-70-2-390.
- #17: Remit payment/
C.O.P.S. Testing/\$9,000.00 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to C.O.P.S. Testing in the amount of \$9,000.00 and charge to account #010-91-2-528.
- #18: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$868,058.52)
- #19: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$737,404.13)
- #20: Approve legal bill Approve legal bill listing (\$4,105.00)
- #21: Approve GEICO v.
Calumet City Authorize and approve settlement of case number 11 M1 124103 entitled GEICO a/so/o Derek Edwards, deceased v. Calumet City in the amount of \$24,000.00 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.
- #22: Approve DiBenedetto
v. Calumet City Authorize and approve settlement of case number 11 CV 8974 entitled DiBenedetto v. Calumet City and James Burnett in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.
- #23: Approve proposal
Intex Lighting Solutions Approve the proposal submitted by Intex Lighting Solutions to reduce street light energy usage and maintenance cost and further authorize Intex to submit the appropriate application documents to DCEO for grant funding and to finalize finance documents and submit same for final approval.

Defer item #23 next mtg. Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to defer item #23 until the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve financial matters Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters #1 thru #22 as presented .

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Happy Birthday Katlyn Alderman Schneider wished his sister Katlyn a Happy Birthday.

Merry Christmas Alderman Wosczyński wished everyone a blessed, healthy Christmas.

Clean & televise sewer lines Dolton Road Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve Sheridan Plumbing and Sewer to clean and televise the existing sewer lines along the south side of Dolton Road and the mobile Home entrance (Timothy Lane) and the catch basin at the median and to provide reports and recommendations for remediation for a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to authorize Robinson Engineering to inspect and oversee the completion of the work for a cost not to exceed \$550.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account. The cost for the work and inspection to be charged to the MFT agreement.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Merry Christmas Alderman Jones wished everyone a blessed and healthy holiday season.

He encourages residents to volunteer for organization and provide assistance to the less fortunate.

Merry Christmas

Alderman Munda wished the residents a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and happy new year.

Merry Christmas

Alderman Collins wished all the residents a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Merry Christmas

City Treasurer Tarka wished all the residents a Blessed and Happy Holiday season.

Merry Christmas

City Clerk Figgs wished on behalf of the city clerk's office the entire city a happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished on behalf of her office and her family, to all of my colleagues extend a very Merry Christmas and prosperous new year. To the residents of Calumet City Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was 8:10 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Jones.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/rb