

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

JANUARY 10, 2013

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, January 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda (7:40), Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

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

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

Approve minutes

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the minutes of December 13, 2012 and December 27, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Deviate - regular order
of business

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to deviate from the regular order of business to present the awards to the winners of the 2012 Holiday Decorating Contest.

MOTION CARRIED

Present holiday contest winners

At this time in the meeting CED Coordinator Gigliotti and aldermen from each ward presented winners of the 2012 Holiday Decorating Contest.

1st Ward

1 st Place	Adolph & Antoinette Aguilar	660 Greenbay Avenue
2 nd Place	Bernice Plys	420 Pulaski Road
3 rd Place	Sharon Parker	506 Sibley Boulevard

2nd Ward

1 st Place	Vernon & Rose Harris	589 Saginaw Avenue
2 nd Place	Gloria Szablewski	460 Muskegon Avenue
3 rd Place	Eddie & Tallsa Adigun	365 Saginaw Avenue

3rd Ward

1 st Place	The Tillman Family	262 Prairie Avenue
2 nd Place	Jacqueline Koronkowski	6 Timothy Lane

4th Ward

1 st Place	La’Nya Rhodes	509 Oglesby Avenue
2 nd Place	Otherine Preston	306 Oglesby Avenue
3 rd Place	Nichelle Holmes	543 Oglesby Avenue

5th Ward

1 st Place	Rob & Shirley Howard	126 Detroit Street
2 nd Place	The Kolczynski Family	308 Warren Street
3 rd Place	Bernardo Delgado	430-154th Place

6th Ward

1 st Place	The Kresich Family	1379 Stanley Boulevard
2 nd Place	The Vargas family	1630 Shirley Drive
3 rd Place	Rachel Churilla	1688 Stateline Road

7th Ward

1 st Place	Joyce Stefancic	771 Buffalo Avenue
2 nd Place	Christopher & Tiffany Marshall	1079 Virginia
3 rd Place	Lenny Modrezjewski	816 Henry Avenue

Mayor - statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I would like to thank all the residents who decorated and brought spirit to the holidays and everyone who participated. The city look beautiful during the holidays.

I would like to give a special thanks to our Community & Economic Development Coordinator Jim Gigliotti and his Administrative Assistant Nancy and those who judged. Thanks for a job well done.”

Return - regular order of business

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider: "January is Thyroid Awareness Month. Thyroid condition such as hyperthyroidism, crave disease and thyroid can significantly effect a person's quality of life. Over 30 million Americans are effected by thyroid disorders. Only 15 million have been diagnosed and are being treated. This means that 15 million Americans are effected by thyroid conditions and are not being treated.

A simply self examination at home can give an indication of a dysfunctional thyroid gland. Information of how to conduct a neck check and other additional information can be found at www.thyroidawareness.com

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency notifying that they have received notification that Gerry Surufka is the operator of the Calumet City Water System.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to accept the communication and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Congratulated G. Surufka

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush congratulated Gerry Surufka on a job well done.

Rescind motion - 12/27/12

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to rescind the motion made on December 27, 2012 and refer this matter for consideration during upcoming appropriation discussion on salaries.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I would like to give a report under the Mayor’s Report on Electric Aggregation. The city attorney’s office has reported to me Attorney Mike Stillman that this is progressing forward.

Electric Aggregation

They have received all the data from Com Ed for all potential customers in Calumet City. As required, two public hearings are scheduled for a Plan of Operation and Governance.

The first public hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2013 and Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers. Anyone wishing to participate in that public hearing is welcome. They also have issued a Request for Qualifications which are due back to the city by January 23, 2013.

Copies of the Request for Qualifications are posted on the website and will be published in the newspaper and will be sent to all electric suppliers.

I would like to appoint Alderman Thaddeus Jones, Public Utilities Chairman, City Treasurer Tarka, Rochelle Jackson, Office of Professional Standards Director and Attorney Mike Stillman to accept those Request for Qualifications and review them and make a presentation and possible recommendation to the city council at a special meeting tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2013.

If everyone can check the date to make sure they are available so we can schedule. That is a report of where the city is with the electric aggregation, which everyone knows that the referendum passed on November 6 and it will save our residents money on their electric bills. We are anxious to get it moving forward and get it complete.

Mayor’s report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Our City Engineer reported that IDOT’s area programmer noted that Sibley Boulevard from Dixie Highway to Torrence Avenue, which is the state road. The target letting for resurfacing of that which is the part in Calumet City is the expressway to Torrence Avenue.

The target letting is included in their five-year plan. It is scheduled for June, 2016, however we are still hopeful that we can encourage them to move it up in the five year plan as we have completed our portion of Sibley Boulevard from State Line which we own to Torrence Avenue. We are kind of excited about that.

Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "In the newspaper, Alderman Wilson made a statement that I think obviously not true and I want the public to be aware of it.

He said that the reason he is running as an independent candidate was that because the Mayor had no opposition that it allowed the Mayor to boost her salary and benefits which will go into effect May 1 when the new term begins. That is what happens when there is no opposition on the ballot. That is absolutely untrue. The Mayor has not seen an increase in her salary for over four years and in fact has recommended on the city council of which Mr. Wilson voted "yes" approved to reduce the salary of the Mayor which will take effect May 1, 2013 for who ever sits in this chair.

I would kindly ask that statements that are not true not be said. It is in The Times I would ask the report that when statements which he knows the law as it relates to state law. No one can change their salary during their term office. That he kindly make that the little subsection if people choose to tell things that are not true."

VFW Post 8141 spaghetti dinner - 1/30/13

Alderman Schneider announced that VFW Post 8141 will be hosting their fifth Wednesday of the month Spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

Thank residents holiday decorating contest

Alderman Wosczyński thanked the residents that participated in the holiday decorating contest.

2nd ward food & toy drive

Alderman Wosczyński thanked the residents for participating in the annual second ward food and toy drive and proceeds went to the Calumet City Resource Center.

She reported that during the month of November, over 1600 food items were collected and distributed by the Calumet City Resource Center to over 300 needy families in Calumet City.

She reported that during the month of December, over 600 toys were collected and distributed by the Calumet City Resource Center to those families of Calumet City.

She thanked City Clerk Figgs for working with her in conjunction with the toy drive. The businesses and residents also donated \$750.00 in cash donations to the Calumet City Resource Center for the food and toy drive.

Ald. Jones - report

Alderman Jones thanked those who came to Springfield for his swearing in of his second term as State Representative. I want to thank City Clerk Figgs, Supervisor Frank Zucarelli, Don Manning, President South Suburban College, Darlene Gray and her crew from School District #149 for attending the ceremony.

Congratulate State Rep.
Thaddeus Jones

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush congratulated State Representative Thaddeus Jones.

National Day of Service
1/19/13 @ Caroline Sibley
School

Alderman Jones announced that the inauguration of President Barack Obama is on Sunday, January 20, 2013 as part of that is a National Day of Service is January 19, 2013 where the President commits and volunteers nationwide to do things in the community.

President Obama's inauguration committee is having a national day of Service in Calumet City on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at School District #149. All elected officials are invited to participate "Let's Paint the School" Caroline Sibley School Project from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information visit donate.2013pic.org/page/event/detail/w4y.

Ald. Munda - report
Graffiti - 400 blk Webb

Alderman Munda reported a graffiti issue in the 400 block of Webb Street. He reported to the police department. Any resident with more information or suspicious activity contact 868-2500.

Condolences Rodriguez
family

Alderman Munda extended condolences to the Rodriguez family for the passing of Dominga Rodriguez.

Condolences Jurkovic
family

Alderman Munda extended condolences to the Jurkovic family for the passing of Mirko Jurkovic.

Condolences Gonzalez
family

Alderman Munda extended condolences to the Gonzalez family for passing of former Alderman Ed Gonzalez wife.

Condolences McRoberts
family

Alderman Munda extended condolences to the McRoberts family for the passing of David McRoberts.

Lincoln Avenue project

Alderman Manousopoulos thanked the residents of Lincoln Avenue for being patient during the construction and the streets will be patched this year to get thru the winter and the new street will be resurfaced at spring time due to the water main replacement.

Happy New Year

Alderman Collins wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Condolences Spaulding
family

Alderman Collins extended condolences to the Carrie Spaulding family for the passing of her mother.

The Collins Fresh Youth
Fest - Jan. 25-26, 2013

Alderman Collins announced The Collins Fresh Youth Fest on January 25-26, 2013 at T. F. North High School. This event is workshop/seminars on various topics related to youth and the community. He encourages youth to attend. For more information to volunteer or to donate contact (708) 808-7177 or visit www.calumetcity7thward.org.

Happy Birthday
Ald. Collins

Alderman Jones wished Alderman Collins a Happy Birthday on January 19.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Calumet City Resource
Center/thanking city for
donation

Thanking the City for their donation.

City Clerk Figgs/submitting
Monthly Report Dec. 2012

Submitting Monthly Report for December, 2012.

Jones Foundation/advising
accomplishments 2012

Advising of accomplishments for 2012.

McClain County Farm
Bureau/commending Ald.
Jones

Commending Alderman Jones

The Bonton Stores/advising
closing Carson Pirie Scott

Advising Carson Pirie Scott will be closing effective 1/31/13.

West Shore Pipe Line Co/
re: Pipeline Hydrostatic
Pressure test

RE: Pipeline Hydrostatic Pressure Test.

William Borah/reappoint-
Fire & Police Commission

RE: Reappointment to Fire & Police Commission.

Illinois Commerce
Commission/advising of
hearing 1/9/13

Advising of hearing for January 9, 2013.

Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy
& Sadler, PLC/redevelop-
ment agreement/603 River
Oaks West

RE: Redevelopment Agreement 603 River Oaks West.

Robinson Engineering/
re: annual water use audit
form

RE: Annual Water Use Audit Form LMO-2-2 10/1/11 to 9/30/12.

IDOT/submitting final
plans Torrence & Sibley

Submitting final plans and special provisions for the improvement of Torrence Avenue from Sibley Boulevard to I-80. (Plans available in the city clerk's office)

IDOT/improvement
of Burnham Ave.@ River

RE: Improvement of Burnham Avenue at River Oaks Drive.

American Water Resources
of Illinois/upcoming mailing
Calumet City

Advising of upcoming mailing in Calumet City.

Antea USA, Inc/groundwater
Ordinance - 2074 Sibley

RE: Groundwater Ordinance Notification LPC No. 0310295058 - 2074 Sibley.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Repairer of
Breach - tag day

Approving tag day request for Repairer of the Breach for January 17-19, 2013 at various intersections. (approved by the police department)

Approve new business

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

NEW GARAGE CONSTRUCTION

324 Luella Avenue - 3rd Ward

Approve permit

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve building permit for 324 Luella Avenue new garage construction.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: authorizing
Grievance Procedures
with American with
Disabilities Act

Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, authorizing Grievance Procedures in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act. (see attached page 8A)

Pass Resolution
(Res. #13-1)

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to pass the Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider Wosczyński
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Remit payment/MB Financial loan/IMRF loan Authorize the City Treasurer to remit an additional principal payment not to exceed \$300,000 on the MB Financial loan that is due on January 15, 2013. Funds for payment to be paid by the IMRF Fund.

#2: Remit payment/River Oaks Auto Center/\$5,000 Approve payment to River Oaks Auto Center in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for repair of police department Unit B-11 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-4-151.

#3: Remit payment/Roeda Signs/\$9,440.00 Approve the purchase of graphics for new police vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$9,440.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Roeda Signs and charge to account #010-60-5-100.

#4: Remit payment/Piekarski & Sons/\$9,850.00 Approve the removal of select trees and brush on the levy in the amount not to exceed \$9,850.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Piekarski & Sons and charge to account #030-36-3-450.

#5: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$846,855.83)

#6: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$712,648.58)

#7: Approve legal bill listing Approve legal bill listing (\$19,052.25)

Approve financial items #1 thru #7 Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve financial items #1 thru #7 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Collins Fresh Youth Fest 2013

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the use of funds in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for the Collins Fresh Youth Fest 2013 and direct the aldermen to provide the appropriate individual invoices to the city council for final authorization and payment at future meeting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Woscyznski, Jones, Wilson
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve 7th Ward Unity Events

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve use of funds in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the 7th Ward Unity Events taking place in February 2013 and direct the aldermen to provide the appropriate individual invoices to the city council for final authorization and payment.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Woscyznski, Jones, Wilson, Munda
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve printing & mailing materials/Collins Fresh Youth Fest 2013

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the use of funds in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the mailing of materials related to the Collins Fresh Youth Fest 2013 and the 7th Ward Community Calendar and direct the aldermen to provide the appropriate individual invoices to the city council for final authorization and payment.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Collins, Schneider, Woscyznski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve posting & airing Collins Fresh Youth Fest

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the posting and airing of the Collins Fresh Youth Fest Save the Date Flyer and video footage from the Collins Fresh Youth Fest on the Calumet City's Public Access station.

MOTION CARRIED

#9: Remit payment/Hewlett Packard/\$7,434.28 Approve the hardware & software contract with Hewlett-Packard from 3/1/13 to 2/28/14 in the amount of \$7,434.28 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2-630.

#10: Remit payment/Hewlett Packard/\$852.00 Approve the hardware & software contract with Hewlett-Packard from 3/1/13 to 2/28/14 in the amount of \$852.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2-630.

Approve financial matters #9 & #10 Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial matters items #9 & and #10 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Condolences Gonzalez Family Alderman Schneider extended condolences to the Gonzalez family.

Condolences Jurkovic family Alderman Schneider extended condolences to the Jurkovic family for the passing Mirko.

Condolences Gonzalez & Jurkovic families Alderman Wosczynski extended condolences to the Gonzalez and Jurkovic families.

Thank Home Depot Alderman Wosczynski thanked Home Depot for donating hoses to the public works department.

Resident Only Parking 310 Cornell Avenue Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to post "Resident Only" parking at 310 Cornell Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Report crime police dept. Alderman Jones encourages residents to report crime or suspicious activity in the neighborhood to the police department.

Crime Watch Meetings Alderman Jones announced the crime watch meetings will begin in February. Notices will be sent to residents and will be conducted by Darius Hogans and Cassandra Hobert. Residents encouraged to attend.

Condolences Harris family Alderman Jones extended condolences to Napoleon Harris on the passing of his grandmother.

Condolences Gonzalez family Alderman Wilson extended condolences to the Gonzalez family.

Happy Birthday Mayor

Alderman Manousopoulos wished Mayor Michelle a Happy Birthday on January 16.

Congrats Ald. Collins

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush congratulated Alderman Collins on being selected as the Chicago Defender 2013 Men of Excellence Award.

Thank family

Alderman Collins thanked his family for birthday wishes.

Condolences Gonzalez family

Alderman Collins extended condolences to the Gonzalez family.

Condolences Gonzalez & Jurkovic families

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush extended condolences to the Gonzalez and Jurkovic families.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:25 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczyński and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/rb