

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

JULY 10, 2014

Public Forum

The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.

Marilyn Freeman, 1532 State Line Road, regarding the police department, crime in the city and residents complaint form.

Kyle Kasperek, 1057 Wentworth Avenue, Treasurer Calumet City Youth Organization, regarding Babe Ruth Tournament and asking if elected officials would like to announce games.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 7:34 p.m. with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Woscyznski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, Police Chief Gilmore, Fire Chief Galgan, Economic Development Coordinator Swanson and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to take each minutes for approval separate with discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve 5/22/14 minutes

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the minutes of 5/22/14 Regular Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve 5/29/14 minutes

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve the minutes of 5/29/14 Committee of the Whole Council as presented.

(Alderman Jones voted no)

MOTION CARRIED

Approve 6/18/14 minutes

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve the minutes of 6/18/14 minutes as presented.

Alderman Collins: "I would respectfully request that you consider and execute your executive authority and veto any and all action that was taken on 6/18/14. City Attorney can we accomplish that during discussion?"

City Attorney: (His comments were not audible)

Alderman Collins: "Mayor, would you veto the action of 6/18/14."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "You can't veto minutes. So exactly what is it your asking?"

Alderman Collins: "Specifically the action that took place on 6/18/14."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Specifically what are you speaking of alderman?"

Alderman Collins: "It is in the communication but I can say it."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman, I will take your request under consideration."

Alderman Collins: "Will you respond by the next city council meeting."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I will respond in the time that is so set forth as it requires for a veto, yes I will."

Alderman Collins: "I appreciate it. I am not attempting to grandstand. This is a public meeting and I respectfully requesting that, while this discussion is open."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "There is a motion to approve these minutes as so presented."

Alderman Jones: "While we are under the discussion, City Attorney."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Point of order please. Is there a motion on the floor?"

Alderman Jones: "You can't call for a point of order while we are under discussion Mayor."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The point of order is there a motion on the floor and the clerk says yes there is. You have a question Alderman Jones?"

Alderman Jones: "While we are in discussion, I am directing my inquiry to the City Attorney because the time frame for you to have a veto message is at this meeting so don't be disingenuous and not say that your going to respond and give him an answer when today is the day you have to give an answer to veto it."

The ordinance in question is an ordinance with the labor agreement, city attorney. So at this meeting, the Mayor has to either veto it or the next meeting we have to have a motion to rescind it, correct."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "There was no ordinance Alderman Jones, I don't know what your speaking of?"

Alderman Jones: "It was an ordinance passed on 6/18/14."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "It was not an ordinance passed at that meeting."

Alderman Jones: "What was passed at the meeting."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "It was a motion to approve a collective bargaining agreement."

Alderman Jones; "The collective bargaining agreement was an ordinance."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "No it was not."

Alderman Jones: "Yes it was. The document that I have is a collective bargaining agreement."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "The contract is what we had in front of us."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Correct, not an ordinance."

Alderman Jones: "The motion to veto would actually be to veto the action that taken which was the labor agreement. So, City Attorney are you going to response."

City Attorney Montana: (His comments were not audible)

Alderman Jones: "It wouldn't have been the June 26 meeting."

City Attorney Montana: (His comments were not audible)

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Was there a meeting on that date?"

Alderman Jones; "Not to belabor, could you check that and verify before the meeting is over City Attorney."

City Attorney Montana: (His comments were not audible)

Alderman Jones: "The only other action is for the action to be rescind it. A motion to rescind it."

City Attorney Montana: (His comments were not audible)

Alderman Jones: "No, a motion to rescind can be introduced at any time."

City Attorney Montana: (His comments were not audible)

Alderman Jones: "Is that an opinion of the city attorney's office? Can you put that in writing please? I would appreciate that. Your saying that the action can't be rescinded in the veto message was passed to date, which was June 23, 2014, that was a special meeting."

City Attorney Montana: "Yes, 6/18/14 is a special meeting. (His comments were not audible)

Alderman Jones: "I would like to received that in writing."

City Attorney Montana: "(His comments were not audible)

Alderman Jones; "We are not dealing with hypothetical. You are saying this is an opinion. I am not asking you a hypothetical question. I am asking you a legal opinion.

If your legal opinion is that we are passed that point."

City Attorney Montana: "For the Mayor to veto, yes."

Alderman Jones: "And we are passed the point for rescinding because the action was taken place then please put that in writing."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman, you were not at the meeting on June 26, 2014? You were ill."

Alderman Collins: “No, I was out of the country. I was at a wedding that I gave notice to this body months in advance that I would not be available. This issue is a issue that my residents, not me because I am only the spoke person for the residents of the 7th Ward. My vote mattered and I believe that the timing here, I won’t speculate.

I am not happy with the timing of this issue in something being called when I provided my calendar to this body. The residents of the 7th Ward have not had an opportunity to allow me to say what they want me to say. I will express that now.

The residents of the 7th Ward oppose that collective bargaining agreement for record.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “As a point of order, my question to you Alderman Collins was were you present at the June 26, 2014 regular city council meeting?”

Alderman Collins: “Mayor, I said no.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Because that is when the matter should have been discussed.”

Alderman Collins: “The record will reflect that said no I was not present. I wanted to make it perfectly clear. It is just my opinion. We can move forward.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Another statement that I would like to reflect in the record, if any aldermen wish me to consider vetoing or wish to have that discussion with me, certainly that could have taken place upon your return and prior to that June 26 meeting. I didn’t have a call from anyone of you.”

Alderman Jones: “You don’t provide us courtesy.”

Alderman Collins: “Alderman Jones, please. Mayor one last item. I understand what you are saying. Put yourselves in my shoes and the constituents that I represent.

What is the point in providing calendars if meetings are going to be called on important matters where everyone can’t be present.

What is the purpose of me saying I am not going to be present. It is a very important issue. I have been there for the other sessions that I needed to be present for. This was something that I could not avoid. I gave my calendar in advance. I could have called you today.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Prior to the June 26, alderman is what I said prior to the veto date. “

Alderman Collins: "This information wasn't even on the previous meeting. It could have been on there at that time too on a meeting following June 19."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "What could have been on there?"

Alderman Collins: "The approval of the minutes."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The minutes have nothing to do the veto or the situation. The motion on the floor is just to approve the minutes. All of this discussion has to do with is in the minutes and it doesn't have anything to do with the approval of the minutes.

As a point of order, this discussion is really out of context. The motion on the floor is to approve the minutes. The motion on the floor is not to talk about what was contained in it."

Alderman Collins: "What brought about the discussion was the action that was within the minutes. That is the reason that it is relevant. I will leave it as that. "

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "All in favor of approving the minutes, there is a motion on the floor."

Approve 6/18/14 minutes

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve the minutes of 6/18/14 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

(Alderman Jones and Alderman Collins voted no)

Approve 6/23/14 minutes

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve the minutes of 6/23/14 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński: "Thank you Mayor. The Finance Committee meeting of the Whole was called to order on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 in the City Council Chambers by chairman Alderman Wosczyński at 8:09 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Finance Director Kasperek, Purchasing & Personnel Director Vallis, City Attorney Odelson and City Attorney Gianopolus.

Finance (cont'd)

The purpose of the meeting is to review 2014-2015 annual appropriation for the following departments: Revenues, Legislative, Executive, City Clerk, Finance, Purchasing & Personnel department, Legal department and Insurance Department.

A copy of this meeting will be available at the City Clerk's Office for a fee. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m."

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Williams had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda: "Just a brief report Mayor, I would like to wrap up the summary of the thunderstorm that we previously experienced. I would like to commend ComEd. With the number of outages out and the affected storm area throughout the region, it was quite extensive.

ComEd latest date with people without power was three to four days, which was extremely fast for the amount of people affected throughout the whole region. They brought in contractors from other states, other workers from branches of ComEd. They worked vigorously throughout the evening trying to get the power restored and removing trees from the affected power lines.

I would also like to commend the public works department. They went at it night and day until they couldn't burn anymore hours. Some guys had to go home because they would out all night and needed to get some rest.

I would also like to commend Mayor Michelle for approving the overtime to the public works department to remove the trees. The damage was quite extensive especially on the south part of town. I thought the public works department in conjunction with ComEd did another great job.

I know it seemed long for some people, considering the severity of the storm and the amount of outages they took of Calumet City relatively quickly. There are still other towns in the region that are still experiencing problems where our power is all restored at 100 percent and our streets and trees are cleared. "

Mayor's report

At this time in the meeting, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush recognized Detective James Burnett, Calumet City Police Department who has been honored by the State of Illinois.

“On April 22, 2013, Detective Burnett observed a man fitting the description of a suspect involved in a shooting. The suspect fled after being ordered to remove his hand from his pocket. As a foot chase ensued, a handgun was observed protruding from his pocket. The suspect fell and the gun hit the ground. As the suspect grabbed the gun, Detective Burnett drew his weapon and repeatedly commanded the suspect to drop the gun. The suspect did not comply and pointed the gun at Detective Burnett who fired two fatal shots.”

Present award/Detective James Burnett

At this time in the meeting, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush and Police Chief Gilmore recognized Detective James Burnett and presented an award from the Illinois State Police.

City Treasurer - report

City Treasurer Tarka: “I wanted to let the city council know that on Tuesday, July 2, 2014 Finance Director Kasperek and myself sat down with Moody's Investors Rating Services Agency and were interviewed on the financial status of the City of Calumet City.

We are also in the middle of answering our financial questionnaire for Standard & Poor's Rating Services. While the city face financial challenges we are hopeful that we will be able to maintain our current A rating. I will keep the city council and the mayor apprised as that information is sent to me.

Second item on communication #7C, from the Illinois Department of Transportation. This is a information for the city. It is applicable for local governments regarding single audit requirements. I just wanted to advise the council that we are not being audited by IDOT. Thank you.”

Review demolition agreements

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the Inspectional Services Department to review the demolition agreements of the following locations to determine if the actual final, contractual obligations were fulfilled after the demolition process: northwest corner of Wentworth Avenue & Sibley Boulevard; northwest corner of Wentworth Avenue & Wilson Avenue; northwest corner of Freeland Avenue & Sibley Boulevard; and the empty lot approximately at 650 Burnham Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

2ND Ward Summer Block meetings

Alderman Wosczyński reminded the 2nd Ward residents of the Summer Block meetings every Monday throughout the summer and encourages them to attend.

3rd Ward office hours

Alderman Jones reminded the residents that Saturday, July 12, 2014 will be 3rd ward office hours. They are three open times between 10:00 and 11:30. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193. He thanked the residents who visited his office.

<u>3rd Ward services</u>	Alderman Jones will give a report at the next meeting of all the 3 rd Ward services and doors that have been knocked on. He will bring his interns to the next meeting to greet everyone on the council.
<u>Men's Bible Study - 7/12/14</u>	Alderman Jones announced that Pastor Eric Jefferson, resident of the 3 rd ward will conduct a men's Bible Study on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at his ward office. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193.
<u>HIV Aids Run/Walk @ T.F. North High School</u>	Alderman Jones announced the HIV Aids Run and Walk for September 6, 2014 at T.F. North High School from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He thanked T.F. North and Magic Johnson Foundation for their support and several other sponsors. To register visit www.jones-foundation.org and support.
<u>Give honor to God</u>	Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.
<u>Thank 4th Ward residents attending July 4th block party</u>	Alderman Williams thanked the 4 th Ward residents for participating the 1 st Annual Holiday Block Party celebration that took place on July 4, 2014 on the block of Hoxie Avenue.
<u>Extend condolences family of Piere McLoyd</u>	Alderman Williams extended condolences to the family of Piere McLoyd who passed away last week from a head injury. He was 11 years old and played for a basketball organization that he coaches.
<u>Moment of silence</u>	There was a moment of silence for the passing of Piere McLoyd.
<u>Thank 6th ward residents</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos thanked the residents for contacting his office for assistance during recent rain storm. He asked resident to continue contacting his office if they need assistance and will respond in a timely manner.
<u>Gun Informational Seminar 7-9-14 @ city hall</u>	Alderman Collins stated that on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 in partnership with State Representative Elgie Sims, Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, Illinois State Police, Cook County State's Attorney office hosted an informational seminar on concealed carry.
	The informational provided the residents with the opportunity to learn a bout the conceal carry law and how it impacts Illinois residents. For more information contact his office (708) 891-8197.
<u>Storm cleanup</u>	Alderman Collins asked residents to be patient with storm cleanup in the ward.
<u>Commend Calumet Memorial Park District</u>	Alderman Collins commended the Calumet Memorial Park District for Freedom's Eve and for their hard work with the event.

Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Under the Mayor's report I forgot to remind the City Council our Economic Development Coordinator Brian asked to remind everyone that Calumet City is hosting the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Forum on Friday, July 25, 2014 at T. F. North High School, 755 Pulaski Road at 8:30 a.m. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. I hope my colleagues can attend and this is a first for Calumet City to host the meeting in our town. I commend Economic Development Coordinator Brian."

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

City Clerk Figgs/submitting monthly report June, 2014 Submitting Monthly Report for June, 2014.

IDOT/advising lane closures 159th & Torrence Avenue Advising of lane closures on 159th Street and Torrence Avenue in Calumet City beginning July 7, 2014.

IDOT/use of federal pass-through funds Advising audit by the Office of the Auditor General concerning use of federal pass-through funds administered by IDOT.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency RE: Ordinance #06-37 prohibiting the installation and use of new potable water supply wells within a portion of Calumet City.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Grant permission police escort/Salvatorian Fathers Granting permission for a police escort on Saturday, August 9, 2014 for the Salvatorian Fathers Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine which is coming through Calumet City.

Approve tag day/First Baptist Church Hammond Approve First Baptist Church of Hammond to conduct a tag day on July 22, 2014 at the intersection of River Oaks & Torrence Avenue. (approved by the police department)

There was discussion regarding the tag day request from First Baptist Church relative to their certificate of insurance.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to approve the tag day request for the First Baptist Church of Hammond pending they provide to the city a different copy of their certificate of insurance naming Calumet City as an additional insured in order to be approved to tag on July 22, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve new business item #1

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve police escort on Saturday, August 9, 2014 for the Salvatorian Fathers Our Lady of Czetoehowa Shrine coming through Calumet City.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE

- 555 Price - 1st Ward
- 338 Campbell - 2nd Ward
- 1111 Memorial - 2nd Ward

Approve permits

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: amending (Res. #13-33) real estate sales contact (137 Pulaski) (Res.#14-27)

Resolution amending (Res. #13-33) real estate purchase contract for 137 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL, authorizing the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said real estate contact, and authorize the Director of the Department of Inspectional Services to pursue and obtain bids regarding the demolition of the property. (see attached page 11A)

Ord. #2: handicap parking by adding: 659 Buffalo, 334-152nd Place & 533 (Ord.#14-34)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90, of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Handicap Parking, by adding: 659 Buffalo Avenue and 533 Mackinaw Avenue. (see attached page 11B)

Pass Resolution/Adopt Ordinance

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to pass the Resolution and adopt the ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Res. # 14-27

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

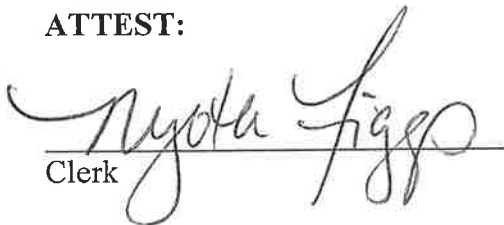
1. That Resolution No. 13-33, which approved the residential real estate contract pertaining to the property commonly known as 137 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, Illinois is hereby amended to reflect an increased purchase price of \$45,500.00.
2. Resolution No. 13-33 in all other provisions of the contract shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Upon conveyance of subject property to the City of Calumet City, the Director of the Department of Inspectional Services is hereby authorized to pursue and obtain bids regarding the demolition of subject property.

PASSED this 10th day of July, 2014.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 14-34

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL
CODE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA FIGGS, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO.: 14-34

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 90-317 (Handicapped parking) of Article V [Stopping, Standing and Parking] of Chapter 90 [Traffic and Vehicles] of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding the following language to subsection G (Signed areas) to read, as follows:

659 Buffalo Avenue

334-152nd Place

533 Mackinaw Avenue

Section 2. The Commissioner of Streets and Alleys is hereby authorized and directed to install the proper signs in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

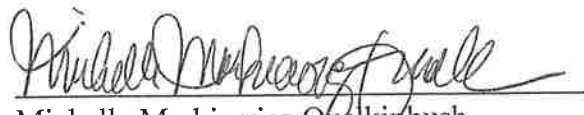
Section 4. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 10th day of July, 2014, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczynski	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
Collins	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	7			

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 10th day of July, 2014.


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 Nyota T. Figgs
 CITY CLERK

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: approve Settlement Authority Request/McGannon v. city

Approve the Settlement Authority Request for Timothy McGannon v. Calumet City, Case: 12 WC 27563 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01050-52131.

#2: remit payment/Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau/\$3,870.98

Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$3,870.98; payable from account #01099-52696.

#3: remit payment/Van Drunen Ford Co/\$9,100.00

Approve repair to public works truck Unit #9 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Van Drunen Ford Co. in the amount not to exceed \$9,100.00; to be charged to account #01041-54150.

#4: remit payment/Otis Elevator/\$16,934.21

Approve payment to Otis Elevator for elevator for the police department from 7/1/14 to 6/30/15 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$16,934.21; to be charged to account #01066-52345.

#5: approve payment/Holland Asphalt/\$5,561.35

Approve payment to Holland Asphalt Services in the amount not to exceed \$5,561.35 for alley improvements behind 516 State Street and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01041-52341.

Approve financial items #1 thru #5

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters items #1 thru #5 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#6: Attendance IML Conference

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to amend the motion directing the City Treasurer to pay registration for any elected official or department head for attendance to the Illinois Municipal League annual conference in Chicago and issue an expense check in the amount of \$1,500.00 for each; expenses with receipts and any unused funds to be submitted to the Finance Department upon return and put on the next agenda including name/title of any elected officials for expenses for those attending the IML conference.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#7: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$850,551.97)

#8: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$555,738.65)

#9: Approve emergency payments

Approve the City Treasurer's emergency payment in the amount of \$3,936.50 to the United State Post Office and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the following accounts: (\$372.92 - postage 2nd Ward Mailing - #01010-52322) & (\$3,563.58 - postage for annual water report - #03036-52030)

Approve items #7 thru #9

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve financial items #7 thru #9 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Direct City Attorney issue legal opinion relative to action taken 6/18/14 labor agreement

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to direct the City Attorney to issue a legal opinion stating there was not a conflict of interest that existed with any members on the city council for the action that was taken on June 18, 2014 (labor agreement).

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "That motion requires expending of monies, so if you wish to have that motion you should put that on the next city council meeting agenda."

Alderman Jones: "I will put that on the next city council agenda. So just so we are clear what my motion is and put it in writing."

Commend Calumet Memorial Park District

Alderman Munda commended the Calumet Memorial Park District on the Freedom's Eve Celebration on July 3, 2014.

Ald. Manousopoulos - statement

Alderman Manousopoulos: "I just want to clear the air on the article that ran in the paper about a week ago, when Alderman Jones accused me of having illegal meetings with Finance Director Kasperek to discuss city business.

Just to let everyone know there was nothing illegal about it. I am an elected official and can discuss city business anytime with the Finance Director. I just want to put it out there."

Alderman Jones; "I appreciate that. But never once at this city council meeting did I ever accuse you."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "The paper wrote it and said Alderman Jones stated illegal meetings. I received a lot of phone calls and I wanted to clear the air."

Alderman Jones: "If he printed that Alderman Nick, direct it to them. The minutes will clearly state that I never said you conducted illegal meetings. If the Times Enquire printed that you should direct it to them. I never accused you and I wouldn't do that."

Alderman, I apologize if you assume I said that. I didn't say that and the minutes reflect. I direct the City Clerk to give me a copy of the minutes and give to the Times Enquire."

I never accused him of having illegal meetings. What I said was you said have called us before the meeting if you were going to bring that issue up and you met with the Director."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "I just said that I seen it on the agenda. I apologize I thought I was very professional. When I read the paper four days later."

Alderman Jones: "I have to see that, if he printed that I don't know maybe he should apologize. I am sure he won't."

Encourage residents
be safe during summer

Alderman Collins encourages residents to watch out for children outside especially during summer months.

Recognize Taylor

Alderman Collins recognized his daughter Taylor and her best friend who were present at the meeting.

Mayor - statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman Jones, I just have a question. You just stated that you would like to be called before the meeting. Obviously you brought up all this stuff about the past contract.

You were at the meeting on June 26, why didn't you bring the matter at that meeting?"

Alderman Jones: "The point that I made to the City Attorney. I am not going to answer."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I am asking that you brought this matter up tonight with the minutes, which was not an appropriate time to bring it up. The meeting after that meeting, why didn't you bring this matter up or why didn't you contact me and express your concerns.

Alderman Jones; "I did bring it up in the session. I am not going to violate executive session."

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "You brought this up tonight in public session. Why didn't you bring this up on June 26 in public session which would have been the appropriate time to bring this up."

Alderman Jones: "Mayor, I am not going to violate executive session minutes that were discussed. If you asking me a question about executive session."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "It was about the veto and what you discussed earlier. All the things that you brought up publicly tonight. Why didn't you do it on the June 26?"

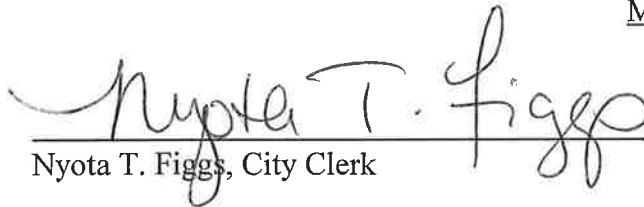
Alderman Jones: "I am not going to violate executive session. If you could put it in writing to me, I will respond."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman, as usual you are convoluting the issue and just not answering the question. Thank you very much."

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:14 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Munda.

MOTION CARRIED


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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