

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

Appoint Ald. Wosczyznski  
chairman pro tem

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to appoint Alderman Wosczyznski as chairman pro tem.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Forum

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

Larry Caballero, 594 Forsythe Avenue, regarding crime in the neighborhood.

Paula Vega, 551 Forsythe Avenue, regarding crime in the neighborhood and regulating Section 8 housing.

City Attorney Odelson stated that the City of Calumet City doesn't control Section 8 Housing and suggested she talk to the federal government or cook county.

Monet Forte Wilson, 403 Hoxie Avenue, Calumet City Chargers, stated they are the 2012 10u State conference champions and the 2012 Midwest Regional Cheer Champions and will attend Tampa, Florida, November 30 thru December 9, 2012 to represent the City of Calumet City and the Chicago Southtown United Youth Football League. She is requesting donations to help defray costs for the conference in Florida.

Domingo Hernandez, 551 Forsythe Avenue, regarding foreclosed and abandoned homes.

City Attorney Odelson stated the City of Calumet City has an aggressive demolition process in Calumet City and look for homes that have been abandoned. Proceedings are started to acquire the home and demolish the property.

## 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, November 8, 2012 at 7:41 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Woscyznski, Jones, Wilson, Munda (7:37),  
Manousopoulos  
ABSENT: 1 ALDERMAN: Collins

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

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

### Approval of minutes

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Finance

Alderman Woscyznski had no report.

### Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

### Public Utilities

Alderman Jones: "There was a public utilities committee meeting called on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. City Clerk has the minutes of the meeting.

For the residents benefit, the city council addressed two critical items that residents should be concerned about. The first item is looking at the city phone system. We know that residents are frustrated with the phone system.

At the direction of the Mayor, City Council and City Clerk we met and came up with three people that the team met with to make sure that the city has a system can properly answer residents call.

Also at the direction of the Mayor, we are going to make sure that our employees are trained in answering phone calls when residents call city hall and have customer service training classes for our employees. That is an ongoing process that started.

This meeting with the public utilities committee was to make sure that the phone system is upgraded and have a system that residents when they call into our system and get their questions answered and the phone system won't hang up on them.

The meeting also addressed the possibility of improving our meter reading system. In a future meeting, we will have information about the city working with the state to acquire a loan so we can upgrade the city meter system so residents can have faster answers regarding their water system.

It will improve communication with the city clerk's office. This is going to be important not only for our residents in paying their water bills but getting answers regarding your water bills.

We had two huge items that we discussed at the public utilities meeting. I want to thank the aldermen that attended and also the minutes of the meeting will be prepared by the city clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins was absent.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda: "The truck for leave removal is out in the area. If any residents has any tree trimming or alley grading contact the alderman of the ward before the first frost hits. Rock Salt has been purchased and the plow trucks will be going general maintenance to be prepared for the snow.

Mayor's Report

Advising that Gerry Surufka received a certificate as a Class C Public Water Supply Operator, effective October 1, 2012.

American Legion Post  
#330 Cancer fundraiser  
11/9/12

Alderman Schneider announced a Cancer Fundraiser on Friday, November 9, 2012 at American Legion Post #330 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Holiday Cooking Seminar  
Demonstration - 11/18/12  
V.F. W. Post #8141

Alderman Schneider announced at the V.F..W. Post #8141 will be host a Holiday Cooking Seminar Demonstration and Sampling Buffet on Sunday, November 18, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 sold in advance. More information visit the V.F.W. Post #8141, 664 Hirsch Avenue.

Street sweeping second  
ward

Alderman Wosczyński announced that the street sweeper will be from Torrence to Exchange, Sibley to Pulaski Road and urges residents to adhere to posted signs.

Second Ward Food Drive  
11/7/12 to 11/30/12

Alderman Wosczyński announced the Second Ward Thanksgiving Drive from November 7, 2012 to November 30, 2012. The drop off locations will be Bank Financial, 1901 Sibley Boulevard, BMO Harris Bank, 530 Torrence Avenue and First Savings Bank of Hegewisch, 1100 Sibley.

Second Ward Food Drive She encourages residents to participate in donating non-perishable food items for the needy in Calumet City.

Second Ward Toy Drive Alderman Wosczyński announced Second Ward Toy Drive in December. More information will be forthcoming.

Commend residents voting November 6, 2012 Alderman Jones congratulated residents for coming out to vote on November 6, 2012 for everyone on the ballot.

Prepare resolution President Barack Obama Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to prepare a Resolution congratulating President Barack Obama on his victory.

MOTION CARRIED

Congratulate Mayor & City Council Alderman Jones congratulated Mayor Michelle and City Council for their efforts in making residents aware of the electric aggregation referendum on the ballot.

Education Summit Alderman Jones advised he has been meeting with Superintendents with regard to education summit. The topic of discussion is general state aide but also funding from the State of Illinois.

Toy & Coat Drive 1910 Sibley Blvd. Alderman Jones announced a Toy and Coat Drive in the third ward. The veteran's drop box is outside of Pete's Fresh Market, 1910 Sibley Boulevard. Any residents wanting to donate proceeds go to the Vietnam Veteran's Association.

Thank colleagues & residents for condolences Alderman Jones thanked his colleagues and residents for their prayers and condolences for the passing of his uncle.

Thank residents attending town hall meeting Alderman Wilson thanked all the resident for attending the Town Hall Meeting regarding the electricity aggregation. He thanked residents for their participation and concerns.

Prepare ordinance/loitering Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that prohibits loitering by police order, when the police goes their they can enforce it. Also to make landlords responsible for posting the signs.

MOTION CARRIED

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

City Clerk Figs/submitted monthly report Oct, 2012 Submitting Monthly Report for October, 2012.

CED Director/Fair Housing Administrator Gigliotti RE: CDBG Performance Hearing/Needs Assessment Hearing on 11/13/12 at 5:00 p.m. in the city council chambers.

<u>T-Mobile/re; lease 1701 Dolton Road</u>	RE: Lease for 1701 Dolton Road, Calumet City, IL and the transfer of the Lease to T3 Tower 2 LLC.
<u>WOW Cable/advising cable increases 2013</u>	Advising cable increases for 2013.
<u>St. Victor Parish/advising of VictorFest celebration</u>	Advising that St. Victor Parish will be having their VictorFest celebration on July 25 through July 28, 2013.
<u>Pace Suburban Bus Co./re: 2012 Pace Ridership report</u>	RE: September 2012 Pace Ridership Report.
<u>Aqua Green Dispositions/commending city employees</u>	Commending city employees
<u>City Treasurer Tarka/re: Treasurer's Report</u>	RE: Treasurer's Report for the City of Calumet City.
<u>City Treasurer Tarka/re: 2010 Financial Statement</u>	RE: 2010 Financial Statement, Single Audit & Management Letter
<u>CED Director/Fair Housing Administration Gigliotti/re: EPA clean up grant \$200,000</u>	RE: Publication seeking EPA Clean Up Grant of \$200,000.

**NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Delete item #1</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to delete item #8A-1 Request for Proposals (city towing) and authorize the City Clerk to advertise for RFP's for city towing and reject the originals for new proposals.
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MOTION CARRIED

<u>Advertise demolition bid</u>	Directing the City Clerk to advertise for demolition of the following properties: 330-155th Street, 336-155th Street, 568 Ingraham & 1484 Lincoln Place.
<u>Release titles/public works</u>	Directing the City Clerk to release titles for vehicles from public works as submitted in the communication and remove from the city insurance. (Vehicles to be scrapped)
<u>Submitting holidays 2013</u>	Submitting Holidays for 2013.
<u>Refer to City Attorney Gilbert v. Calumet City</u>	Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division - Warren and Durriyya Gilbert, Plaintiffs v. Calumet City and Calumet City and Calumet City Police Officers Oliva, Star #204, and

Unidentified Calumet City Police Officers, defendants.

Requesting city undertake defense Gilbert v. city

Requesting the city to undertake the defense of Assistant Chief D. Zorzi in the Warren and Durriyya Gilbert v. Calumet City case.

Approve new business

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczynski  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMAN: Collins

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

ADDITION TO HOME  
630 State Street - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Approve permit

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve building permit for 630 State Street.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMAN: Collins

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Res. #1: approving real estate sales contract/323 Pulaski Road (Res. #12-39)

Resolution approving a real estate contract for the purchase of 323 Pulaski Road, Calumet City and authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to effectuate said contract. (see attached page 6A)

Ord. #2: adding Chap. 14 requirement of roof covering (Ord. #12-52)

Ordinance adding to Chapter 14 of the City Code for the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Sec. 14-3, Requirement for roof covering of unheated accessory structures (see attached page 6B)

Pass Resolution/Adopt Ordinances

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to pass Resolution and adopt Ordinances, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Remit payment/monthly water bill payments Authorizing the monthly water bill payments to the City of Hammond and the City of Chicago for fiscal year 2013 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #030-36-2-470.

Remit payment/KRC Calumet City 836/ \$39,938.11 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to KRC Calumet City 836, Inc in the amount of \$39,938.11 representing the city's 50% share of sales tax received by the city for the accounting period April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 through June 30, 2012 to be charged to the Corporate Fund - Contractual Obligations line item #010-99-2-696.

Approve settlement 2011 2013 Sears tax appeal refund schedule Approve the settlement of 2011-2013 Sears tax appeal cases and refund schedule for 2011 tax appeal case and authorize the City Attorney to execute same.

Remit payment/Lindco Equipment Sales/\$5,381.00 Approve purchase of supplies for tailgate spreaders for the public works department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$5,381.00 to Lindco Equipment Sales, Inc.; to be charged to account #010-41-4-140.

Remit payment/Desplaines Office Equipment/\$1,769.40 Approve lease agreement for copiers from November, 2012 thru April, 2013 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,769.40; to be charged to account #010-10-2-321.

Remit payment/Crowe Horwath/auditing services Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Crowe Horwath, LLP for auditing services for year ending April 30, 2011; to be charged to account #010-99-2-610.

Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$774,466.46)

Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$250,742.85)

Approve legal bill listing Approve legal bill listing (\$97,188.74)

Remit payment/Working Well/\$25,000 Approve the annual physical test for firefighters and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Working Well in the amount not to exceed \$25,000; to be charged to account #066-07-2-484.

Remit payment/Fire Service \$9,351.87 Approve repairs to Fire Engine #306 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service in the amount not to exceed \$9,351.87; to be charged to account #066-17-4-150.

Remit payment/Tri-State Distributors/\$5,277.60 Approve purchase of 24-5 gallon white paint for Sewer Department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Tri-State Distributors in the amount not to exceed \$5,277.60; to be charged to account #030-36-2-344.

Approve financial matters Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to approve financial matters as presented and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Contact ward office Alderman Schneider advised residents to contact his ward office at 891-8198 regarding ward issues.

Amend Ordinance payment of water Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to amend the ordinance for the payment of water to include the City of Hammond and City of Chicago.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Corporate Record Services Alderman Jones advised residents about Corporate Record Services that Secretary of State has reported as a scam organization.

The Secretary State Police and the Illinois Attorney General's Office is investigating this business. For more information contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

New third ward phone system Alderman Jones advised that the third ward has a new phone system. It has the ability when resident call and leave a message it will have the capability to email and text his phone. It will improve the communication process. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 for ward issues or concerns.



Purchase breast cancer  
& HIV Aides lottery ticket

Alderman Jones encourages residents to visit Illinois Lottery locations and purchase breast cancer or HIV Aids lottery tickets for \$5.00 which goes toward cancer organizations.

Extend condolences  
Ald. Jones uncle

Alderman Munda extended condolences to Alderman Jones in the passing of Alderman Jones uncle.

Second Ward Food Drive  
11/7/12 to 11/30/12

Alderman Wosczyński announced the Second Ward Food Drive on November 7, 2012 to November 30, 2012 and encourages residents to participate and help the needy in Calumet City. The Resource Center will be receiving the non-perishable food items.

Leaf Pick-up Program

Alderman Munda announced the Leaf Pick-Up Program started November 5, 2012 until November 30, 2012. Each section of the city gets pickups as follows: Monday - between State Line Road and Wentworth Avenue, Tuesday - between Wentworth and Burnham, Wednesday, between Burnham and Torrence, Thursday, between Torrence and Paxton and Friday, between Paxton and Stony Island.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:12 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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