

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**OCTOBER 11, 2012**

Public Forum

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

Valerie Love, 289 Yates Avenue, regarding electric aggregation and the letter sent out by the city explaining aspects of aggregation.

**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, October 11, 2012 at 7:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of September 27, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Finance</u>	Alderman Wosycznski had no report.
<u>Public Safety</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Jones had no report.
<u>Ord. &amp; Res.</u>	Alderman Collins had no report.
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Schneider had no report. "I will be scheduling an upcoming meeting possibly with the Public Utilities Committee regarding the quiet zone train whistle situation on State along the railroad."
<u>Permits &amp; Licenses</u>	Alderman Wilson was absent.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Munda had no report.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

<u>Mayor - report</u>	<p>Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "There has been a question on the jurisdiction of Sibley Boulevard by some residents. Currently the city is resurfacing the city owned portion of Sibley Boulevard which goes from State Line Road to Torrence Avenue.</p> <p>Torrence Avenue to the expressway is owned by the State of Illinois. I have written a letter to the State of Illinois requesting them to place resurfacing of their portion of Sibley Boulevard to move up on their five year plan. I have not heard back from them. In order to keep it consistent and get all of Sibley beautiful we have asked them to do their portion and we are waiting on an answer back.</p> <p>For some of the residents who had questions about this that is why it is being done that way. I am happy to report that the city was able to obtain \$1.4 million dollars in grant funding to do our city owned portion of Sibley Boulevard and hopefully the state will grant us some good news and they will do their portion so that all of Sibley will be resurfaced in the City of Calumet City.</p> <p>Sometime back the city council directed Robinson Engineering to do a comprehensive or condition rating study which is complete and back from Robinson. I know the city council will review this after the first of the year to develop a comprehensive five year plan utilizing our MFT funds and any other grant monies that we may have. Their street rating is done and that will now be put to the city council to discuss and use this tool to decide which streets will be done and maybe develop a multi-year plan to do streets that need to be resurfaced.</p>
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As many of you may know, the city has allocated motor fuel tax funds. It comes from when you buy tax. The tax on gas goes to the State of Illinois. Calumet City gets a portion of that money. It is based on our population. We receive about \$90,000 a month for that. I encourage everyone to buy gas in Illinois whatever the amount of money is we get a portion based on what they collect and on the city's population. That is what is used motor fuel tax funds to help resurface roads, repair curbs and sidewalks. I encourage everyone to be aware of this and when possible buy gas in the State of Illinois.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer has touched the lives of either your family or friends. Like many organizations, corporations, athletes, social network sites, Calumet City is joining in the effort to raise this awareness.

Mrs. Smiley water tower is "going pink" to inspire our residents, visitors and especially our youth to educate themselves about breast cancer, educate about we eat, what our personal care products are that we use and what chemicals they contain and what the study say about these chemicals in order to make conscience choices.

I believe this conscience choices must start with our youth, you have to know what you are putting in your body when you eat. What you are putting on our bodies, in terms of deodorant, hair care products, body lotions, etc. Search out the many organizations offering information such as the Keep a Breast Foundation which directs it awareness efforts toward the youth through art, education, awareness and action.

I encourage all of us who are over 50 years of age to get your yearly mammograms and clinical examinations for breast cancer.

Mrs. Smiley is "going pink" as an aspiration to our residents, visitors and especially our youth to live strong."

Reappoint/appoint Library Board Members

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to reappoint and appoint Library Board Members as submitted.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	5	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyński, Jones, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Wilson
RECUSE:	1	ALDERMAN:	Schneider

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Schneider - report

Alderman Schneider: "To the residents on the 600 block of Gordon Avenue and around Memorial Park, many of you expressed concerns regarding having a speed bump installed in the area for the safety of the children in the area. Petitions will be going around door to door to get support from the entire block. That will be happening this weekend. For the residents on Harrison from Wilson to Sibley there is a new police surveillance camera. The second camera, the satellite camera to that system is going up on Garfield and Harrison, on the north side of Sibley."

Park District Halloween activities

Alderman Schneider announced the Calumet Memorial Park District announced their annual Halloween family fun activities on October 19, 2012 is the Haunted Hayride and pumpkin decorating and story time at Burnham Woods golf course from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On October 27 & October 28 is the Haunted House from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Finneran Pool. On Halloween itself Monster mini-golf and ghoulish games at Memorial Park at the Family Fun Center from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All the information is available on the website [www.mycmpd.com](http://www.mycmpd.com) and also running on the cable station on the message board.

Congratulate Chicago Marathon runners

Alderman Schneider commended former Calumet City Police Chief and current Park District Board Commissioner Pat O'Meara who started and finished the Chicago Marathon. Also there were four other individuals from Calumet City that completed the Chicago Marathon, Brandon Stokes, Fountain Mohamad, Angela Mancia and Hora Franco. Congratulations to all of them.

Fundraiser for Zachary 12/1/12 @ Bourbon St.

Alderman Schneider announced a fundraiser for Zachary who sustained a violent act of child abuse and neglect that caused a lifelong disability. The tickets are \$25.00 in advance. For more information visit the website [www.onestepforwardforkids.com](http://www.onestepforwardforkids.com)

Alderman Schneider encourages participation and or donation to the benefit Zachary to give him a better quality of life.

Traffic feasibility study @ Cleveland & State St.

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct the police department to conduct a traffic feasibility study at the following intersections: Cleveland & Exchange, Cleveland & Manistee and Lucas & Exchange for the purpose of a 4-way stop signs.

MOTION CARRIED

Direct Com Ed reinstall electric wooden pole Stewart & Muskegon

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct Com Ed to reinstall the wooden pole at the intersection of Stewart & Muskegon, due to an accident that occurred about two years ago.

MOTION CARRIED

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Town Meeting

Alderman Wosczyński announced the Second Ward Town Meeting to discuss

<u>10/23/12 @ library</u>	electric aggregation is on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Calumet City Public Library. All residents encouraged to attend.
<u>St. Andrew Fall Bazaar 10/13/12</u>	Alderman Wosczynski announced St. Andrew Church will be hosting a Fall Bazaar and parish rummage sale on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew gym at 156 <sup>th</sup> & Freeland. All residents encouraged to attend.
<u>Congratulate runners @ Chicago Marathon</u>	Alderman Jones congratulated all the runners in the Chicago Marathon.
<u>Thanks residents attending crime watch meeting</u>	Alderman Jones thanked the residents for attending the Crime Watch Meeting on October 2, 2012. The next meeting will be October 30, 2012 at Downey Park Fieldhouse. Most of the discussion will be about the electric aggregation. A report will be also given for the items discussed on October 2, 2012.
<u>Thank residents River Oaks Estates</u>	Alderman Jones thanked the residents of River Oaks Estates for attending the monthly meeting. He thanked City Clerk Figgs for attending. The next meeting will be in November.
<u>Thank residents for calls &amp; emails ward office</u>	Alderman Jones thanked the residents for calls and emails to his office. His office will be have a new system on October 31, 2012, that when a resident leaves a voice mail it will come directly to one of our emails and have a text system that his office can respond regarding concerns and issues in the ward.
<u>Free Shredding Event 10/14/12 @ 1910 Sibley</u>	Alderman Jones announced a free Shredding Event on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 1910 Sibley Boulevard from 3:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. He encourages residents to participate.
<u>Early Voting - 10/22 - 11/3 @ Calumet City Library</u>	City Clerk Figgs: "Early Voting runs from Monday, October 22, 2012 to Saturday, November 3, 2012. The hours are Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Calumet City Public Library, 660 Manistee Avenue."  Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Thank you City Clerk for getting early voting back and it is back to stay, Sunday hours as well."
<u>Contact utility companies</u>	Alderman Jones advised residents by law gas companies and utilities companies have the right to shut off people for non-payment. He encourages residents to contact companies with outstanding bills.
<u>Commend Treasurer Tarka</u>	Alderman Munda commended Treasurer Tarka for the Polish American Heritage Day that he sponsored on Sunday, October 7, 2012 and did a wonderful job representing his heritage.

Congratulate winners  
Best House on the Block  
Contest

Alderman Munda congratulated the winners of the Best House on the Block Contest. The award ceremony was October 9, 2012 at the Calumet Public Library. He commended Neighborhoods, Inc. for running the program.

7<sup>th</sup> Ward Town Meeting  
meeting - 10/17/12

Alderman Collins announced that 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Town Hall Meeting regarding electric aggregation will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Hoover School, 1255 Superior Avenue.

October Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month

Alderman Collins acknowledged all those affected including family members with breast cancer. October is Breast Awareness Cancer Month. He encourages residents to take preventive measures and encourage those going through the disease.

Contact ward office

Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8197 regarding ward issues or concerns in the ward.

Polish American Heritage  
event – 10/7/12

City Treasurer Tarka announced that for the 17<sup>th</sup> year a commemorative Polish American Heritage event was held in Calumet City on Sunday, October 7, 2012. He thanked everyone who participated in the event.

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

Illinois Environmental  
Protection Agency/RE:  
L173625

RE: Calumet City/L173625

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RE: Calumet City/L173625

Comcast/Changes  
channel line-up

RE: Changes to Comcast Channel line-up.

Commonwealth Edison/  
response power outages

RE: Response to power outages in second ward and sixth ward area.

Accept & place on file

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

MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

Changing Regular City Council Mtg. to 11/20/12 due to Thanksgiving

Changing Regular City Council Meeting of Thursday, November 22, 2012 to Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.; due to Thanksgiving.

Approve new business

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

MOTION CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: Handicap parking by deleting: 1474 Freeland (Ord. #12-45)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90, Handicap Parking, by deleting: 1474 Freeland Avenue. (see attached page 7A)

Ord. #2: Handicap parking by adding: 280 Prairie Ave. (Ord. #12-46)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90, Handicap Parking, by adding: 280 Prairie Avenue. (see attached page 7B)

Ord. #3: amending Chap. 54 Business License Fee (Ord. #12-47)

Ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet Cook County, Illinois. (Business License Fee) (see attached page 7C)

Ord. #4: amending Chap. 14 Electrical Code (Ord. #12-48)

Ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. (Electrical Code) (see attached page 7D)

Res. #5: approving Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Agreement/18-154th Pl. (Res. #12-37)

Resolution Approving the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Agreement for 18-154th Place, Calumet City, IL and authorizing the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Agreement. (See attached page 7E)

Ord. #6: amending Article I - Vehicle Impoundment (Ord. #12-49)

Ordinance amending Article I in General of Chapter 62 of the City Code for the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. (Vehicle Impoundment) (see attached page 7F)

Pass Resolution/Adopt Ordinances

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to pass the Resolution and adopt the ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

## ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

<u>Remit payment/Complex Network Solutions/\$12,805</u>	Amend the motion made on July 27, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions for the purchase of a pole camera; to be charged to account #010-99-5-106.
<u>Remit payment/DH Wireless Solutions/\$29,944.63</u>	Amend the motion made on July 27, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to DH Wireless Solutions in the amount of \$29,944.63; to be charged to account #010-99-2-990.
<u>Remit payment/Treasurer State of Illinois/\$865.07</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$865.07 to Treasurer State of Illinois, Unclaimed Property Division; to be charged to account #010-01-1-115.
<u>Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$7,448.42</u>	Approve purchase of equipment for traffic car (2012 Dodge Charger) in the amount not to exceed \$7,448.42 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-5-100.
<u>Approve payroll</u>	Approve payroll (\$787,336.06)
<u>Approve bill listing</u>	Approve bill listing (\$381,300.97)
<u>Approve legal bill listing</u>	Approve legal bill listing (\$1,670.60)
<u>Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$9,050.00</u>	Amend the motion of September 27, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Miner Electronics in the amount of \$9,050.00; to be charged to account #010-60-5-100.
<u>Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$1,000.72</u>	Amend the motion of September 27, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Miner Electronics in the amount of \$1,000.72; to be charged to account #010-60-5-100.
<u>Amend account number</u>	Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to amend the account number in financial items #4 to reflect #010-60-5-100.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>Approve financial items authorize City Treasurer</u>	Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to approve financial items and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.



ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Happy Birthday  
Andrea Evans Alderman Schneider wished Ms. Andrea Evans a Happy Birthday who was present at the meeting.

Congrats winners Best  
House on Block Contest Alderman Schneider congratulated all the winners for the Best House on the Block Contest.

Camera @ Harrison Ave. Alderman Schneider stated the camera system on Harrison Avenue is in partnership with the Calumet Memorial District.

Amend handicap parking Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 664 Freeland Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Schneider announced the fundraiser benefit for Zachary and encouraged everyone to participate. The website is :  
[www.onestepforwardforkids.com](http://www.onestepforwardforkids.com).

Neighborhood Watch Mtg.  
every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday month Alderman Wosczyński announced every first Monday of the month there will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting downstairs at the police station. Residents east of Torrence from Pulaski to State Street may attend.

Job Listing Alderman Jones announced any residents interested in job listing contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

October Breast Cancer  
lottery tickets Alderman Jones encourages residents to purchase lottery tickets to benefit breast cancer at a cost of \$5.00.

Amend handicap parking Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 339 Crandon Avenue & 270 Chappel Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Feasibility study/Stewart & Mackinaw (pole camera)

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to direct the police department to conduct a feasibility study for the installation of a camera around the water tank park at Stewart & Mackinaw Avenue to address the concerns of the residents; and also direct the City Clerk to write to the park district if it is determined a camera can be placed there if they can share on the cost of the camera.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 8:07 to 8:16 p.m.)

Return - regular order of business

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:16 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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