

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois
OCTOBER 22, 2015

Public Forum

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

Joe Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding late fee refund and monthly water bill ordinance.

Julius Henry, 439 Superior, regarding website update and monthly water bill ordinance.

Maria Sontoya, 306-155th Place, regarding street light outage and water bill ordinance.

Maria Padilla, 517-156th Place, regarding water bill ordinance and late fee.

Fidel Flores, 306-155th Place, regarding parts stolen from his vehicle and property taxes.

Isidro Barreda, 787 Mackinaw, regarding water meter reading and water bill ordinance.

Heriberto Gonzalez, 100-156th Place, regarding pit bull attack on 156th Place & Forsythe Avenue and assault.

Saul Quevedo, 344-154th Place, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Alberto Gonzalez, 321-155th Street, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Guadalupe Cervantes, 226-154th Place, regarding water bill rate and late fee.

Larana Diaz, 131-155th Street, regarding water monthly water billing, late fee and pit bulls in the neighborhood.

Manual Torres, 502 Buffalo, regarding water bill ordinance, late fee and pit bull in neighborhood.

Lorena Soto, 220-154th Place, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Brisa Pereyda, 579 Douglas, regarding monthly water bill and shooting in neighborhood.

Public Forum

Anita Martinez, 651 Douglas, regarding monthly water bill, property taxes and loose dogs in neighborhood.

G. DelReal, 1385 Kenilworth, regarding dog attack in neighborhood and loose dogs with no fence at property.

Julia Gonzalez, 526-156th Street, regarding monthly water bill, late fee, property taxes and safety in neighborhood.

Dolores Martinez, 138-154th Place, regarding monthly water bill and late fee and loose dogs in neighborhood.

Francesco Garcia, 503 Buffalo, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

A. Mireles, 143-156th Place, water bill ordinance and late fee; property taxes and loose dogs in neighborhood.

Guadalupe Lara Gonzalez, 518-155th Place, regarding water bill ordinance and late fee and garbage in the alleys.

Carlos Silva, 796 Greenbay, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Gloria Adias, 46-164th St, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Maria Violos, 569 Harrison, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Rosa Sevantes, 568 Harrison, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Antonia Rodriguez, 351 Marquette, regarding monthly water bill, late fee, property taxes and foreclosed homes in neighborhood.

Roberto Alva, 421 Sibley, regarding monthly water bill and late fee.

Christian Zamarron, Labor Organizer, Immigrant Workers' Project, interpreted on behalf of some of the residents during public forum regarding water bill ordinance and late fee. Also requesting a community forum.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 8:32 p.m. at City Hall in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

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

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

Approval of minutes Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve the minutes of 9/10/15 & 9/24/15 Regular Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities Alderman Jones; “At the last city council meeting, I made a statement regarding the water rates and the water rate increase. Some of the dates were incorrect, which I check and verified the new and correct dates that the City Council voted to implement the water rate increase and the late fees. As I stated at the last council meeting, many of you have before the city council and complained about the water bill.

I want to thank the residents for coming. Just to refresh the dates. September 29, 2014, the Mayor requested that this city council consider raising the water rates. This city council voted on September 29, 6-0 to increase the water rates, 80 percent, which represents \$2.80 per 1,000 on water bill.

At that time, of course we all know that Hammond raised the water rates on Calumet City and local communities 243 percent. This is not only not a burden that the city had to take, but this city council had to do something.

At the time, I requested that the city council phase the water increase in, that wasn't done.

On December 12, Mayor Michelle ordered the City Clerk to begin the monthly water billing. On December 29, the city council voted 4-3 to approve changing the water billing from quarterly billing to monthly billing and added late fees.

The monthly billing was included in the ordinance that was presented to the City Council on December 29.

On January 29, 2015, the city began collecting the late fees from residents and estimated 5,800 residents have paid late fees to date.

Ald. Jones (cont'd) That number may be off, but we will verify with the City Treasurer's Office. The \$35.00 late fee began collected in January, 2015.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, the City Council voted to amend the water ordinance to change the late fee from \$50.00 to \$35.00.

As I stated, I was always against raising not only the water residents, but also the late fees that have been charged. Tonight we have two ordinances on the agenda that address the late fees.

I was against raising and rushing this process because we didn't think this through. Now these ordinances that are on the agenda are seeking to correct wrongs that were done to residents and hopefully if we have another city council meeting where we discuss this as a body that we can get this corrected.

This was a statement that I made at the last council meeting. The Mayor wasn't at the last council meeting, so that is what I am making this statement again.

But I wanted the residents to have a clear time line of what happened with the water rates and who voted for it and how this city council made a decision to increase the water rates and implement the late fees. Thank you Mayor."

Ord. & Res. There is no report.

H.E.W. Alderman Williams had no report.

Permits & Licenses Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works Alderman Munda had no report.

Mayor's Report Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Under the Mayor's Report, I would like to ask the Finance Director to give the clear time line of what occurred with the water rates."

Finance Director Finance Director Kasperek: "Mayor, City Council and residents of Calumet City. My name is John Kasperek. I am the Finance Director for the City of Calumet City.

I was appointed to this position on February 1, 1990. So I have been here over 25 years serving as the city's Finance Director.

The Mayor has asked me to update the City Council on the water late fee issue.

However first, I would like to refresh the City Council's memory, as well as the public as to the water rate issues.

The 20 year contract with the City of Hammond Water Department, dated February 27, 1992, expired in 2012 and the City entered into a new contract dated June 28, 2012.

Finance Director

The City of Hammond stood firm on their increased price. Since they were lower than the rates charged by the City of Chicago, the City entered into a contract with Hammond.

(Water Rates went from 91 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons or a 243 percent increase imposed by the City of Hammond)

At the September 25, 2014 City Council Meeting, I recommended to raise the water rates. The City absorbed the increase imposed by the City of Hammond for two years causing a \$2.5 million dollar deficit in the water fund.

The ordinance was adopted by the City Council on October 23, 2015. Six aldermen were in favor.

On December 9, 2014, a letter from the City of Hammond to Calumet City was to inform us that the water rates would be increase from \$2.20 per 1,000 to \$3.3528 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the cost of water by another 52.4 percent effective February 7, 2015.

Hammond raised the price of our water 370% in less than three years. Putting it in a dollar perspective, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2012, which was at the old rates, Calumet City paid \$1.345 million for water.

For the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016, we anticipate paying \$5 million dollars for water.

I recommended adopting of an ordinance on December 29, 2014, changing the billing from quarterly to monthly and changing the late fee to \$35.00 due the day after the due date.

The reason for recommending monthly billing was to make the water increase more manageable for the residents to pay. The Council adopted this ordinance by a vote 4-3.

Unfortunately, I misinterpreted the language relative to late fees and therefore the late fee was administered incorrectly by the water billing department from January to August, 2015.

All accounts entitled to a credit have been identified and will be credited on the November bill due in December.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Thank you Finance Director Kasperek. Christian maybe you can get this message out as I promised the smaller group of this group had met with me previously and asked that we have community forums.

You are asking that again tonight. I will talk to the council members and see what dates works for them and schedule a community forum accordingly from this date

Thank you all for attending this evening to voice your opinions."

Deviate - regular order of business

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to deviate from the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #1: Proclaiming 11/15/15 School Board Members Day

Resolution proclaiming November 15, 2015 as "School Board Members Day."

Members Day

- A. School District #149
- B. School District #155
- C. School District #156
- D. School District #157
- E. School District #215

Read in entirety

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to Read Resolution #1 in its entirety. (see attached page 6A)

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolution (Res.#15-34)

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to pass Resolution #1 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Present resolutions

At this time in the meeting Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, presented Resolutions to the following School Districts proclaiming November 15, 2015 as School Board Members Day.

- School District #149
- School District #155
- School District #156
- School District #157
- School District #215

Return- regular

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

MOTION CARRIED

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "As everyone is aware October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You see the pink ribbons around town and our pink smiley water tower shining down on everyone reminding everyone to self exam, be aware of your health and your nutrition.

Also be aware of the chemicals in the beauty products that we use so that you make wise choices as it relates to your health.

I encourage mammograms during the month of October, to know your risk and be aware."

A resolution

15-34(A)

adopted by The City Council

of the City of Calumet City, Illinois



Presented by Mayor Michelle and Members of the Council on October 22, 2015

Whereas

School board members are elected to sit in trust for their diverse communities, and in that capacity are charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children; and

WHEREAS, School board members are entrusted with the guardianship and wise expenditure of scarce tax dollars, and they are responsible for maintaining and preserving the buildings, grounds, and other areas of the school district that the community has put in their trust; and

WHEREAS, School board members are responsible for providing leadership that ensures a clear, shared vision of public education for their schools, that sets high standards for the education of all students, and requires the effective and efficient operation of their district; and

WHEREAS, School board members adopt public policy to give voice to that leadership and employ a superintendent to administer board policy, and are also responsible for the regular monitoring of the district's performance and compliance with state policy; and

WHEREAS, School board members selflessly donate countless hours to public service with no compensation; and

WHEREAS, Employers are supportive of their employees who serve as school board members, generously lending support and time; employers give their employees the opportunity to better serve the needs of the school districts and community citizens they represent through sometimes tremendous sacrifice to the employer; and

WHEREAS, Decisions made by school board members directly impact the quality of life in their communities, placing them at the front line of American democracy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY the City of Calumet City, that we proclaim November 15, 2015, as "School Board Members Day" as a way to honor those citizens who devote their time and energy for the education of our children.

Section 1. That the Mayor and Members of the City Council on behalf of themselves and the entire community, do hereby congratulate Darlene Gray-Everett, Lolita Crisler-Liggon, Bertha Jolly, Pamela Eldridge, Rayya Ghani, Kim Knight-Anderson, and Wilbur Tillman, the school board members serving School District 149.

Section 2. That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to all school boards.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 22nd day of October, 2015.

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST

Nyota T. Figgs
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

A resolution

15-34(B)



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Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nyota T. Figgs
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

A resolution

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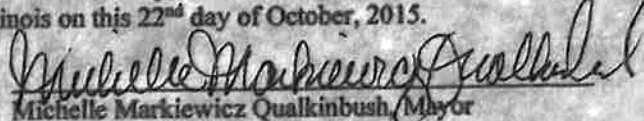
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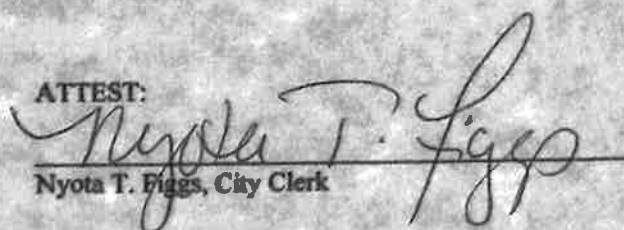
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Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

A resolution

15-34(D)



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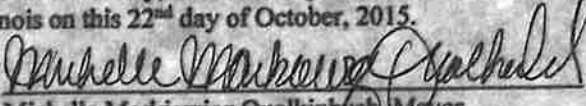
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Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

A resolution

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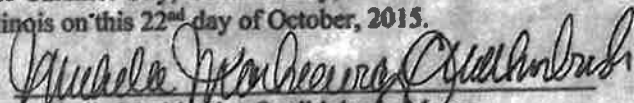
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Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "On Thursday, October 15, 2015, the Personnel Director received an email from Alderman Antoine Collins. It reads as follows:

Mr. Vallis, good afternoon, please let this email serve as my resignation as the 7th Ward Alderman of the City of Calumet City. Thanks you Antoine Collins.

To my colleagues on the council, I did not speak to Alderman Collins, but I certainly wish him well in his future endeavors and we will be seeking a appointment to fill the seat in upcoming meetings.

I encourage any 7th Ward residents who have concerns that they would like to be addressed to certainly contact the Mayor's Office at this time until that decision is made at (708) 891-8105.

The Fire Department has asked me to read this statement. In conjunction with Fire Prevention Month. The Calumet City Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau has started a Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation Program.

This program has our residents safety in mind. Members from the Calumet City Fire Department will come out and install a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, free of charge for any resident that is in need of one.

This program was made possible by the efforts of the City Council funding a line item that would allow the Fire Department to do this. The funding was approved by the City Council in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Fire Chief William Galgan and the department thank the Mayor and the City Council for their concern for the safety and the willingness to fund this program.

The Fire Department will be present at future, local city events for any residents that would like to sign up for the program or if you would like to contact Fire Chief William Galgan's office at (708) 891-8145 and sign up for the program or any questions you might have about the program answered that time."

City Treasurer Tarka City Treasurer Tarka: "We have received official notification from the State of Illinois IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Division that the city will no longer be receiving any allocations from the state due to the continuing budget battles ongoing in Springfield.

I wasn't able to get it on this agenda, but I will get that notification on the next agenda for all of you to read."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "For clarification, that means they are discontinuing it forever or until the budget is resolved?"

City Treasurer Tarka;"No, just due to the budget concerns."

Ald. Schneider

Alderman Schneider: "Thank you Christian for your translating of the issue and keeping the lines of communication open. You communicated more about the water bills in one hour than this administration has in almost a year to the people. I thank you for spending your time on the issue.

Ald. Wosczynski

Alderman Wosczynski announced the 2nd Ward Annual Food/Toy Drive. She asked the to donate and help the needy in Calumet City.

Ald. Jones

Alderman Jones thanked Finance Director Kasperek for his statement and adding the corrective dates.

Alderman Jones thanked the residents for attending the meeting tonight to express concerns about the water bill and other issues in Calumet City and responding.

Alderman Jones thanked the residents who came to 3rd Ward office for appointments. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 to make an appointment.

Alderman Jones announced the Senior Snow Removal Program. He stated last year he had 26 residents who participated in the program. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 to sign up for the program.

Alderman Jones announced on Friday, October 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, his office in conjunction with Alderman Williams and Attorney General Lisa Madigan will be holding a Fraud Prevention Seminar at Bernadine Manor. He invited the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer to attend.

Alderman Jones stated that last month the Secretary of State sent out a notice that they will not be sending out notices for Driver's License Renewals. He stated he has a link on his website and will announce at the next council meeting for everyone for their renewal process.

Alderman Jones announced October is Fire Prevention Month. He encourages residents to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams announced the annual Pre-Thanksgiving breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Bernadine Manor, 1700 Memorial. Please contact the office at (708) 891-8194 to attend.

Alderman Williams announced his office, in conjunction with Living Water Kingdom Ministries and State Representative Thaddeus Jones will be collecting perishable items. The drop off location will be at State Representative Jones Office.

Alderman Williams stated that the 4th Ward Scholarship Program stated in the 4th Ward Newsletter will be awarded in the next few weeks.

Alderman Williams stated that there will be a 3rd/4th Ward Meeting in November and he will advise the residents the date, time and location.

Alderman Munda thanked the residents for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns. He encourages them to contact his office at (708) 891-8195 to address any ward issues or city services.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

IEPA/Clean Air Act RE: Ashland Specialty Chemical Co. (Illinois EPA BOA ID#031039AAA) Clean Air Act Permit Program (96030071)

Comcast/changes channel line-up Changes to channel line-up.

Comcast/new price RE: New price for Field Collection charge fee.

City Treasurer Tarka/ Investment Report RE: Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2015.

Robinson Engineering Alley behind 563 Buffalo RE: Alley Drainage Investigation - Alley behind 563 Buffalo Avenue.

Police Chief Gilmore/ re: traffic enforcement RE: Traffic Enforcement at stop sign located at Clyde and State Street.

Zoning Bd of Appeals/ advising of hearing Advising of Zoning Hearing for 1582 Huntington Drive on 11/12/15 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Advertise RFP Authorize the City Clerk to advertise for Request for Proposal for Citywide Solid Waste Recycling Collections and Disposal. (Specifications submitted by Purchasing & Personnel Director Vallis on 10/8/15 council meeting)

Accept ZBA finding Accept the Finding of Fact and Recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the property at 1129 Sibley Boulevard; direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting.

Approve holidays Approving the holidays for 2016; per city ordinance.

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE - PRIVACY

524 Exchange - 2nd Ward
 1275 Hirsch - 6th Ward
 311 River Oaks Dr. - 6th Ward
 615 Merrill - 4th Ward

FENCE - VARIANCE

524 Exchange - 2nd Ward

Approve permits Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to approve building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #2: amending Chapter 6 Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, amending Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. (reduce number of liquor licenses) (see attached page 10A)

Adopt ordinance (Ord. #15-42) Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to adopt the ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczynski
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #3: handicap parking/adding 653 Chappel & 1518 Kenilworth Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal code of the City of Calumet City Cook County, Illinois, Handicap Parking, by adding: 653 Chappel and 1518 Kenilworth. (see attached page 10B)

Adopt ordinance (Ord. #15-43) Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to adopt the ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 15-42

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

MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA FIGGS, City Clerk

ERIC SCHNEIDER
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ANTOINE COLLINS
NICK MANOUSOPOULOS
ROGER MUNDA
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Aldermen

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ORDINANCE No. 15-42

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF
ORDINANCES 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, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. That Sec. 6-83 of Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code entitled "*Limitaion of Number of Licenses*" is hereby amended by deleting subsection 6-83(a) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"Sec. 6-83(a)

(a) The total number of licenses for the indicated classification to be issued under this chapter shall not exceed the indicated number:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Number</i>
B	13
C	9
C-B	0
D	4
E	6
R	7
R-E	0
W	0
W-R-E	0
B-E	1 (B-E licenses are non-transferable)
B-A	1
R-B-W	1

Section 2. That all ordinances and regulations contrary to this ordinance are hereby repealed as such conflicts exist.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this

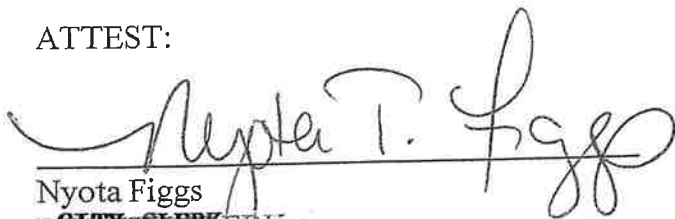
22nd day of October, 2015, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Jones	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
Munda	X			
Williams	X			
Woczynski				
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	<u>10</u>			

APPROVED by the Mayor on October 22, 2015.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota Figgs
CITY CLERK

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 15-43

**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

ERIC SCHNEIDER
MAGDALENA J. "LENI" WOSZYNSKI
THADDEUS JONES
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ORDINANCE NO.: 15-43

**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:

653 Chappel Avenue

1518 Kenilworth Drive

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.

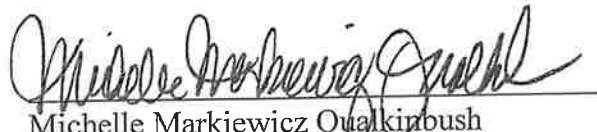
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Illinois this 22nd day of October, 2015 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

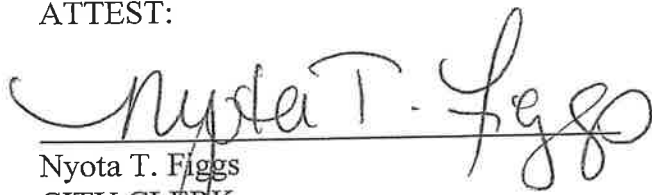
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczynski	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	6			

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this

22nd day of October, 2015.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs
CITY CLERK

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #4: authorizing Agreement 2015 CDBG Program Resolution Authorizing Execution and Submittal of Subrecipient Agreement for the 2015 Community Block Development Grant (CDBG Program) (see attached page 11A)

Pass Resolution (Res. #15-35) Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to pass Resolution #4 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #5: handicap parking/deleting: 279 Hoxie Ave. Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City Cook County, Illinois, Handicap Parking, by deleting: 279 Hoxie Avenue. (see attached page 11B)

Adopt ordinance (Ord. #15-44) Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to adopt ordinance #5 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Jones Alderman Jones: “Can I make a motion to delete item #6 & #7 from the agenda. Unless this city council is prepared to take this items up. At our last meeting, our communication was that we would discuss this before it came on the agenda. It is on the agenda tonight.”

Mayor Michelle Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Alderman, with all due respect, at the committee meeting which you chaired, the committee couldn’t come to a recommendation. So I indicated to the committee at that time that I would present the two thoughts that were presented that night to the city council.

I think in your last meeting, a presentation during your committee report you stated not to do it during a special meeting but to bring it to the city council. That is the reason why these are on the agenda tonight.”

**RESOLUTION Authorizing Execution and Submittal of Subrecipient Agreement for the
2015 Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) Program**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby directed and authorized to submit the Subrecipient Agreement, all understandings and assurances and to execute the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Agreements with the County of Cook, Illinois for Project Number 1506-006, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City that the Mayor be and is hereby directed and authorized to execute any and all additional documents necessary to carry out the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program for the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois.

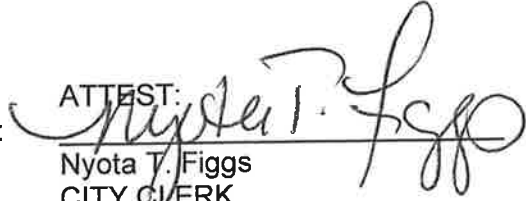
Dated this 22nd day of October, 2015.

By:


Michelle Markiewicz-Qualkinbush
MAYOR

By:

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs
CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 15-44

**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

ERIC SCHNEIDER
MAGDALENA J. "LENI" WOSZYNSKI
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ORDINANCE NO.: 15-44

**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 deleting the following language in subsection G (Signed areas), as follows:

279 Hoxie Avenue

Section 2. The Commissioner of Streets and Alleys is hereby authorized and directed to remove such 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 22nd day of October, 2015, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

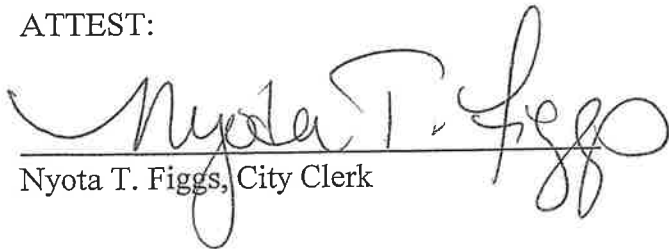
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczyński	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	<u>6</u>			

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this
22nd day of October 2015.



Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Alderman Jones; "At the conclusion of that Mayor, you were calling a special meeting to address this item. It is on the agenda tonight. No member has discussed this beyond that. So if everyone is prepared to move forward. I am voting no, if it is on the agenda tonight.

My motion is to have Ordinance #6 & #7 deleted and referred to Public Utilities Committee."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The motion would be to table. But alderman just for clarification. So at the committee meeting where we discussed these two options, you want to send back to committee?"

Alderman Jones: "I want to send it back to the Public Utilities/Finance Committee meeting. Right now, there are two options on the agenda tonight. You have a 5 day after the late fee will be imposed at \$35.00. And Ordinance #7 is \$20.00 late fees with 3 days.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Those were the two options stated at the meeting. Do I have a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented without the necessity of prior posting.

Ord. #6: amending
Chapter 90/Water
Sewer Rates/Billing

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. (Water/Sewer Rates, Billing Cycle and Fees - \$35.00 late fee imposed 5 days after due date) (see attached page 12A)

Adopt ordinance
(Ord. #15-45)

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to adopt ordinance #6 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	3	ALDERMEN:	Wosczynski, Munda, Manousopoulos
NAYS:	2	ALDERMEN:	Jones, Williams
PRESENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Schneider
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Mayor voted yes.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The Attorney has advised that the present goes with the "yes" votes because there is 3 yes vote. For the record, I will support the city council and I will vote yes, if my vote is required also."

Ord. #7: amending
Chapter 90/Water/
Sewer Rates/Billing

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. (Water/Sewer Rates, Billing Cycle and Fees - \$20.00 late fee imposed 3 days after due date)

Table ordinance #7

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to table ordinance #7.

MOTION CARRIED

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE

NUMBER 15-45

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF
THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(WATER/SEWER RATES, BILLING CYCLE AND FEES)**

MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NUMBER: 15-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (WATER/SEWER RATES, BILLING CYCLE AND FEES)

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the “City”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “Home Rule Powers”); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City (the “Corporate Authorities”) may from time to time amend the text of the Municipal Code of Calumet City when it is determined to be in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities are charged with the responsibility of regulating water rates in manner to be able to continue to provide City services and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE 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 the above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. That Chapter 94 (“Utilities”) of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the following underlined language to read, as follows:

Sec. 94-71. Bills; penalty for late payment; persons liable.

Bills for water and sewer services shall be rendered monthly and shall be delinquent ~~fourteen (14) days after the due date stated on the bill.~~ In the event of failure to pay the bill ~~within the said fourteen-day period~~ by the said due date, a late fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) shall be added to the bill five calendar days after said due date. Accounts not paid ~~after~~ by the due date stated on the bills shall be designated for disconnection. ~~For any owner of any premises~~ if water is disconnected, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) turn on fee will be assessed for reconnection. The owner will be held liable to the city, regardless of any separate private agreements that the owner may maintain with a third-party liability.

Sec. 94-74. Nonpayment of water and sewer bills.

(c) Service charge on returned checks. Any water and sewer user who tenders a check to the city in payment of a water and sewer bill, which check is returned to the city unpaid, shall be assessed a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) service charge. If satisfactory evidence is furnished to the water department that the nonpayment was due to bank error, then said service charge fee may be waived.

Sec. 94-163. Application; turning on water; fee.

(a) No water service shall be turned on for use on or in any premises until an application therefor in writing has been made for that purpose and filed with the water superintendent stating the purpose for which the water is to be used.

(b) Each applicant for connection to the water system shall pay a service charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the cost of making each connection; in addition, he shall deposit with his application the following sum pertaining to the premises for which application is made:

- (1) Residents and tenants, per account... \$50.00
- (2) Taverns, laundromats, car washes, restaurants, and industrial, per account..... \$100.00
- (3) All other businesses, per account.... \$50.00

Such deposit shall be held by the city as security for the payment of water used by the applicant and may be so applied when any default is made in the payment of a water bill; provided, however, that any single-family premises occupied by the owner thereof, shall not be required to pay a security deposit in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Upon sale of property, the owner will be entitled to a refund of one-half (1/2) of the security deposit. The other one-half (1/2) of the security deposit will be applied to pay the administrative cost incurred by the City with respect to the sale.

Sec. 94-171. Established; due date.

The rate for all water supplied by the city to users who reside within the corporate boundaries of the city, payable on the first day of each period, shall be six dollars and sixty cents (\$6.60) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used starting January 1, 2015 or at such time thereafter upon the establishment and phased an issuance of a monthly bill cycle for water and sewer services to a user. The rate for all water supplied to those who reside in an unincorporated area, the rate shall be seven dollars and sixty cents (\$7.60) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used starting January 1, 2015.

Starting January 1, 2015, any water/sewer bill showing less than 1,000 gallons used will be assessed a minimum bill of six dollars and sixty cents (\$6.60) for water (or the current rate in effect) and sixty-two cents (\$0.62) for sewer (or the current rate in effect).

In addition starting January 1, 2015, water rates shall be adjusted upward automatically if the City of Hammond raises the water rates for the City and such adjustments will be administered by the Director of Finance. The dollar adjustment of water rates for the purchasers of water in the unincorporated areas will be in the same amount as adjustments for those living within the corporate boundaries of the city.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions 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. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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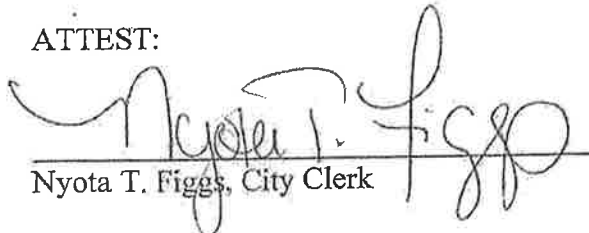
ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 29th day of December, 2014, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Jones		X		
Manousopoulos	X			
Munda	X			
Schneider				X
Williams		X		
Wosczynski	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)	X			
TOTAL	4	2		1

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 29th day of December, 2014.


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

5 Ord. #15-45

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- #1: approve buy-back Matthew Mason Approve buy-back for Matthew Mason in the amount as stated in the communication due to this resignation as of 9/28/15; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.
- #2: approve change orders work @ fire training center Approve the change orders for the work at the training center on the list of contractors; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment; to be charged to account #01070-55601: Circle R Electric - increase amount \$7,342.24; Concrete by Wagner - increase amount \$2,714.50; Douglas Floor Covering - increase amount \$375.00 - Calumet City Plumbing - increase amount \$1,532.19.
- #3: remit payment/ Calumet City Plumbing/\$7,489 Approve water valve repair at 1700 East/West Road in the amount not to exceed \$7,489.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing; charge to account #03036-52349.
- #4: remit payment/ Calumet City \$10,288. Approve main sewer repair at 434 Wilson in the amount not to exceed \$10,288.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing; charge to account #03036-52101.
- #5: remit payment/ Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,900 Approve water main valve replacement at the northwest corner of Muskegon Avenue & Memorial Drive in the amount not to exceed \$5,900.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing; charge to account #03036-52349.
- #6: remit payment/ Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,900 Approve water main valve replacement at the northeast corner of Muskegon Avenue & Memorial Drive in the amount not to exceed \$5,900.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing; charge to account #03036-52349.
- #7: remit payment/ J & J Newell/ \$13,632.50 Approve concrete and asphalt pavement repair due to sewer repair work on 8/10/15 at 434 Wilson Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$13,632.50; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & J Newell; charge to account #03036-52102.
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- #8: approve donation agreement/543 Forsythe Ave Approve the Donation Agreement for 543 Forsythe Avenue, Calumet City, IL; authorize the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said contract.
- #9: approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$1,185,421.83)
- #10: approve payroll Approve payroll (\$824,259.96)
- Approve financial matters #1 thru #10 Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters #1 thru #10 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

#11: Ratify collective bargaining agreement with FOP Council 1 Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Calumet City Council 1 for the period May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2016.

Approve item #11 Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve item #11 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Neighborhood Watch Meeting @ police department Alderman Wosczyński announced every 1st Monday of month there is a Neighborhood Watch Meeting for the 2nd Ward in the lower level of the police department at 6:30 p.m. She encourages residents to attend to express their concerns with crime in the neighborhood.

Ald. Jones Alderman Jones: "There is no easy way to say this. But tonight just for the public. Many residents came up tonight and talked about the late fees. The late fees didn't go anywhere. The City Council had the late fees at \$35.00 and just approved it again tonight, and changed from 14 days to 5 days.

You saw everyone that voted yes for this. But this is what you have and you have a \$35.00 late fees and also 5 days reduced from 14 days.

Just so the public understands what we did tonight, which wasn't made clear to everyone. We have the \$35.00 late fee, the 14 days was reduced to 5 days. That is the option that the council had, even though there was another option on the agenda that we discussed at a public utilities meeting.

I appreciated my colleagues for not only attending the meeting and talking about how the late fees have impacted our residents. But I wanted to make sure that the residents understood what we just did tonight. We heard you but we didn't hear you.

Ald. Munda (Alderman Munda's comments at the beginning of his statement were not audible)

Alderman Munda: "I invite you to my town hall meeting which will be named at another council meeting. After I coordinate with the Mayor and City Clerk and check her availability.

The Mayor and City Clerk are more than welcome to attend the meeting and defend yourself against this accusation. But it is my belief that this council acted in the best interest of the residents to keep our bills paid to the City of Hammond and the late fees were implemented in order to counteract another financial issue that was going on within this city in regards to the water payments that brought to the attention of the city council by the Finance Director.

Ald. Munda (cont'd) I commend those aldermen tonight that voted for this. It is not an easy decision but it is what I feel is correct and right as a leader in my community. I know it is not easy for some people to get by.

It hurts them financially and I understand that some people are living in financial strife and maybe the Mayor and myself can come up with some ways to help people going through those things.

But when it comes to the water rates and the increases, I stand firm by my decisions to keep the late fees in place and the water rate increases in place for good financial reason.

We can argue all night long on how it was done and how it came about and how we decided to do it through the committees. I am choosing not to let it go on forever.

I made my decision tonight and I am standing by it and I am moving forward. I would like to thank the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Finance Director and my colleagues that did support that decision tonight.

I think you made a wonderful and right decision to keep this city afloat and up on its feet and I commend you for that. Any residents that would like to discuss those things with me feel free to contact me through my office and I will be available after the meeting if you would like to address me in person.

We will also have a town hall meeting with the Mayor and any other elected officials that wish to attend. Thank you.”

Mayor Michelle

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I just want to add to the conversation briefly as everyone heard the Finance Director tonight explain the 14 day period does not work with monthly billing in the way that it has to be administered.

It was an error because of a misinterpretation of the ordinance and it was administered incorrectly. But the 14 days cannot work with the monthly billing as the Finance Director explained in our committee meetings and this evening.

The reason for changing it to 5 days is because that works with monthly billing. I certainly encourage my colleagues and those that don't like the monthly billing, perhaps we can have a Public Utilities or Finance Committee meeting and we discuss it again,

I hear what the residents are saying, if we go back to quarterly billing. I don't know if that truly is a good option. I think we have to listen to what the Finance Director is recommending.

The water rates, the majority of this city council listened to the Finance Director's recommendation because we have to pay the bills to Hammond. We don't agree on the monthly billing issue That is what we don't agree on. We don't agree on the late fee issue.

Mayor (cont'd)

But we agree that we have to pay the rates that are imposed by us, first of all, Chicago who dictates what Hammond charges us which is 88 percent of what Chicago charges as well. We took the least expensive way of providing water for our residents.

I agree with Alderman Munda, there is not one elected official sitting up here that wants to raise the water rates and that wants to impose this on our residents.

But we have no other option as the Finance Director has put out here before us. I will as I promised this group who met with me, a month or so before and I will attend Alderman Munda's meeting and we will schedule town hall meetings in the wards and we certainly can talk about these issues and perhaps there is another way of looking at it.

But we have to follow what the Finance Director is recommending to us. I don't see another way but certainly I am willing to listen to everyone and perhaps there is a way to help residents as well.

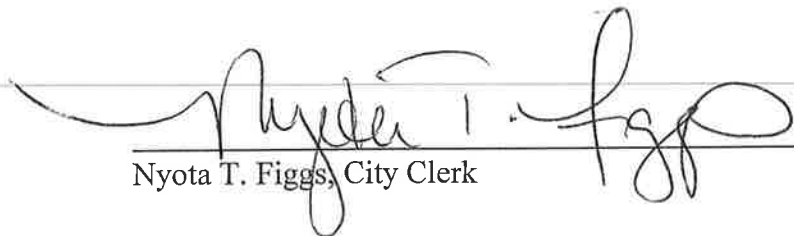
Again, nobody here wanted to raise the water rates, but the 14 days just doesn't work with monthly billing as the Finance Director explained. That is all I want to say on this issue this evening and I sure we will have much more conversations about this as we move forward, especially thought the town hall meetings.

Thank you everyone for attending.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 9:32 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Munda.

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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