

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

Public Comment

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

Harry Jean-Simon, 494 Yates Avenue, thanked Alderman Williams for his quick response for his complaint regarding garbage in the alley. He spoke regarding street cleaning and garbage pickup in the alley.

Mike Cavilone, 451 Saginaw, regarding property foreclosure next door with trash weeds and issues with responses from Animal Control and Department of Inspectional Services to maintain property.

Darryl Jester, 660 Escanaba, regarding attendance of elected officials to the Illinois Municipal League Conference and cost of legal fees for the city.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m. in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, Police Chief Fletcher, ESDA Director Chiaro, Pharmaceutical Commissioner DeFilippo, Economic Coordinator Saunders, Systems Manager Wachowski, Inspectional Services Director Tillman, Deputy Director Gomez, Purchasing & Personnel Director Patton, Steff Perez, Mayor's Assistant, Public Works Commissioner Manousopoulos and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Finance Alderman Wosczynski had no report. She would like to reschedule the Finance Committee next Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.
- Public Utilities Alderman Jones had no report.
- Ord. & Resolution Alderman Bullocks had 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 Presentation by Economic Development Coordinator Saunders: "I am here to give what has become my semi-regular, bi-monthly report on economic development activities.
- I am going to start off with a couple activities that are related to economic development but directly in terms of the business climate in the city but two strategies that are in progress right now.
- First is Rain Ready, which is a program to look at flooding concerns in the Calumet City area where we are coordinating with the Center for Neighborhood technology.
- A community meeting was held at the end of August where we had about 40 to 50 community members in attendance in the council chambers.
- We looked at where flooding concerns were greatest and looking at strategies to do what could be considered non-traditional flood mitigation measures throughout the community.
- We will be hearing more about the proposals that are going to be presented by the team at a subsequent council meeting.
- Also the complete streets draft policy has been put together by a Steering Committee of staff with the city.
- The complete streets policy is a policy that looks at immigration of street design and construction that accounts for all sorts of transportation activities. Whether they be bikes, trails and the light so that we have a full range of transportation uses available to us.

Those are recommendation that are going to be coming to the council in a future meeting as well. Again, a couple of activities that are under my pervue that I wanted to give you a heads about.

In terms of direct economic development activities, there are two things that are proceeding right now Divita Dialysis on Sibley. The exterior is up. The interior is being worked on right now. There are certainly on pace for a fall opening at that location.

Fullers Car Wash on Torrence Avenue. We had a utility issue with ComEd which required some coordination and assistance from the city.

We think we have a resolution on that, which has halted construction, but we hope to see construction start up again and hoping to have a spring opening.

Wicks Furniture space on River Oaks Drive. We have a Class 8 application that has come through for a furniture store at that location. I think that it will be a wonderful opportunity.

The leaser of that sight is one that has done some furniture store business in the area and has been impressed by the success of Bob's Furniture and sees this as an opportunity for their store to compete more directly with Bob's Furniture and see this is as a good climate for that kind of business.

That is a project that will be coming before the city council also. Shrimp Express vacant site on River Oaks, it looks like they are ready to re-open. They have also submitted a Class 8 property tax incentive application and they will be coming before the council.

Not too far from there, the former Pancake House has been painted and a new sign has been installed called "The Shack". I had some preliminary conversations with the owners of that site. They look like they are also going to be submitting an application and putting forth a new business at that site that would provide a sit down seafood restaurant at that locations.

The Fuddruckers site, I have been receiving numerous inquiries about that site that range from banquet halls and sport bars. It is kind of interesting because the number of inquiries has really risen substantially.

There are probably about 4 to 5 different serious inquiries that are competing with each other for moving to that site.

I am also looking at the possibility of franchise restaurants at that location as well. I think it is an opportunity for us to seek out the best and the highest use for that site. I think it is a wonderful opportunity.

I am very close to landing a significant food processing manufacturer on 100 Riverside next to Gelita. We are hoping for a redevelopment agreement with that business. They would be bringing at the time they would move in about 20-25 jobs into the area but they see the potential to expand to as many 70 to 100 jobs within the next 3 years should everything work out for that business.

I think it would be an opportunity for us to turn that area along Riverside Drive combining them and Gelita and other uses in the area into what could really be a food manufacturing type of District corridor.

I am also working with Meats by Linz who has been looking at an expansion and renovation of their site. We have been going back and forth on some incentive and redevelopment issues and negotiations and we are hoping to tie that about in the next 6 weeks or so.

Related to the mall, if there is anything that I get regular questions or inquiries about is what's going on with the mall. I think the last time I was here was prior to the announcement Macy's made that they were going to be closing some 100 stores nationwide.

I don't have any indication that Macy's at River Oaks is going to be on that list, in fact, I hear otherwise that they are invested in the site and wish to remain there.

On our side what we are doing is working hard to provide them with the best service that our city can offer to them. We are going to have a coordination meeting as we go into the holiday season where we will bring police and fire so that we have a chance to provide shoppers and residents with a safe and pleasant shopping environment throughout the holiday season. That will be coming up with the mall management.

Lastly, the economic development strategy that I eluded too at the last presentation I made. I am endeavoring on that and still moving forward. Right now I am doing a commercial corridor analysis and looking at the districts and trying to quantify commercial space in the area, not only the space but the amount of vacant land the amount of vacant spaces.

In just having that as a starting point in terms of our data base. That we have the information so we can move forward with the right strategies and a strategic plan. I think once we have that information we will look at each of the corridors like Sibley, north part of Torrence and south part of Torrence, Burnham, River Oaks Drive, looking at the River Oaks Mall and River Oaks West as separate entities as well.

I think we will start to look at what are the best uses put forward, per site, so that we can strengthen our ability to have functioning and successful businesses in the areas. That is where I am right and I welcome any questions."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Thank you Pete, I know you will be back. This is under the Mayor's report does anyone have any questions?"

Alderman Jones: "Could I ask him a question. You presented a lot of businesses that you said are hoping to come to Calumet City but none of materialized and this plan has been going on for how long?"

Pete Saunders: "Well, those are two different things. One I have been working on several businesses and there is a process for bringing those businesses here. They have all been going to meet with attorneys to talk about property tax incentives.

They have been doing there own due diligence. They have been working on the purchases of those properties over lease agreements with those properties and that is one thing.

As far as the strategic plan goes, I am doing my own due diligence in getting the information about our corridors here so that I have the information that will plague into the strategies that we will have for the community."

Alderman Jones: "With all due respect Mayor, we can't afford to keep bringing in furniture store after furniture store, this is the economic development plan, then I want to know if he comes before the city council again, the number of businesses that are closed and what we are going to do, instead of coming and saying businesses may come to Calumet City.

This is the second presentation where there maybe businesses coming to Calumet City."

City Treasurer Tarka

City Treasurer Tarka; "This past Saturday, The Treasurer's Treasure Trek Family Bike Ride and Bike Registration took place at Castaways Bowl from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The rain passed through early in the day and turned out to be a great day. My thanks go out to Castaways Bowling alley for allowing us to use their parking lot and the Calumet City Police Department for bringing out the Nascar and the Mobile Command Center.

Everyone who brought a bike to the event that day now has their bike registered with the Calumet City Police Department. If something should happen to that bike and the police department recovers it, we can now return to their rightful owner now that the bikes are registered.

Thanks goes out to Mayor Michelle for her assistance in planning the event and City Clerk Figgs for stopping by to say hello. My thanks go out to Commissioner Billy Manousopoulos and Public Works staff.

City Treasurer (cont'd)

Thanks to my staff in the Treasurer's Office, Nancy and also River Oaks Gyros who provided hotdogs for the day.

Last but not least, a great big thank you goes out to MB Financial Bank for their very generous sponsorship of the event. We had almost 100 participants in the grand raffle and some lucky kids came away with many great items for their bikes.

Two very luck kids came home with a brand new 26 inch Mongoose Racing Bike. We were able to spend some time with some great residents, met a lot of great kids, although someone from my office passed out the whistle a little too early in the day.

My thanks go out to all that participated.”

Ald. Wosczynski - report

Alderman Wosczynski announced that she will be having 2nd Ward Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. More information will be forthcoming next month.

Alderman Wosczynski reminded residents that every Monday of the month there will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting in the lower level of the police station.

Second Ward residents Neighborhood Watch Meeting is the first Monday of the month. Any residents that have concerns or issues in the neighborhood attend the meeting.

Moment of silence

Alderman Jones announced that Commissioner Joan Murphy passed away and requested a moment of silence.

Ald. Jones - report

Alderman Jones thanked residents for coming into ward office for meetings. Any resident having issues or concerns please contact his office at (708) 891-8193 or his cell phone at (708) 417-1262.

Alderman Jones thanked the residents on Madison Avenue and Police Chief regarding the issue and was resolved in a peaceful manner.

Alderman Jones thanked the public works department for their assistance on Madison Avenue.

Alderman Jones advised at the last meeting that his office will be videotaping the city council meetings. He encourages residents not only to videotape the meetings and DVR because the city council doesn't allow for the videotaping to be shown.

Alderman Jones thanked the residents for watching meetings and participating.

Alderman Jones announced at the last meeting there were some incorrect numbers about legal fees that is being paid to Odelson & Sterk law firm.

Ald. Jones (cont'd)

According to our budget book the city has spent in the last four years 7.3 million dollars on legal fees. 2.7 million dollars spent on election year in 2013, 1.7 million in 2014, 1.3 in 2015 and 1.3 in 2016.

Alderman Jones stated he requested an ordinance be drawn and advised that the city attorney will not be drafting the ordinance.

Alderman Jones encourages residents to attend the meetings and be aware of where taxpayer dollars are going.

Alderman Jones encourages residents to participate and join block clubs and report crime and contact the police department.

Alderman Jones announced on October 5, 2016 Crime Watch Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at his ward office at 1910 Sibley Boulevard and encourages residents to attend.

Alderman Jones stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. His office and other elected officials are supporting Calumet City Chargers who will be having breast cancer awareness game on October 2 at T.F. North High School at 10:00 a.m.

He encourages residents to attend the game and support the Calumet City Chargers.

Alderman Jones announced that Christian Community Health Center is a free place to receive screenings at the 300 block of Torrence Avenue.

Ald. Williams - report

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams gave his condolences to the family of Lula McKeever who was a 2nd and 4th ward resident.

Alderman Williams thanked the communities of Stonegate, River Oak Townhomes and Bernadine Manor for the times that he spent there the last couple of weeks.

Ald. Munda left meeting

Alderman Munda left meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Alderman Williams announced that the 4th Ward Newsletter will be going out in the next couple weeks with some upcoming events and information.

Ald. Munda returned

Alderman Munda returned to the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Alderman Williams advised residents if they have any ward issues to contact his office at (708) 891-8194. He will be contacting public works regarding street sweeping in the ward.

Ald. Bullocks - report

Alderman Bullocks thanked the departments of public works and police for their assistance with the block party on 600 block of Memorial Drive.

Alderman Bullocks thanked the residents of Park of River Oaks for coming out to dinner event.

Ald. Munda - report

Alderman Munda encourages residents to contact his office regarding issues or concerns in the ward at (708) 891-8195.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The City Attorney would like to address the city council."

City Attorney -statement

City Attorney Horvath: "I want to address some comments made by one of your fellow alderman concerning a claim that our office refused to prepare ordinances which he requested.

There was a discussion by email between Mr. Odelson and Alderman Jones earlier this afternoon. In that discussion Mr. Odelson indicated to Alderman Jones that he was not refusing to prepare the ordinances, but this council has tabled the ordinances and that he would follow the direction of the city council and not the direction of Alderman Jones.

I think it is important that this city council know the true substance of this email exchange as it took place and if you would like us to produce the email correspondence between Mr. Odelson and Alderman Jones, I will be happy to do that.

I want you to know, when you tell a story, particularly in front of the city council you should tell the complete story and not just the version you want people to believe."

Alderman Jones: I am sorry, it is nice to recognize someone that is not a voting member of this council. Let me just say for the record, that I responded and emailed and sent my reply to each and every one of you.

So you made a complete story. You know the city attorney did say at the last meeting, I will quote, because the reason that it is tabled, number one Alderman Manousopoulos made the motion.

It was tabled, the city attorney made the statement that any aldermen doesn't have to put a motion on there for an ordinance to be drafted., so we will happily draft it if we got the request.

At the last meeting, I said I would call you so you can draft those ordinances for me and he said he would.

Ald. Jones (cont'd)

I replied and sent him the email. So I have the email, so you don't have to provide them a copy because I copied everyone on it.

You can start by what you said, but you are not a voting member of this and you shouldn't be recognized to impugn what I say on this council. You are a city attorney who is getting paid.

You are not voting member of this council."

City Attorney Horvath: "Whether I am a voting member of the council or not, you tell the truth."

Alderman Jones: "Mayor he is out of order and he is not supposed to direct comments to an aldermen."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I am chairing the meeting, I can say who is out of order or not. Do you have anything else that you want to add to this."

Alderman Jones: "It is disrespectful for the city attorney to impugn the aldermen at a council meeting."

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Comcast/changes channel
line-up

RE: Changes to channel line-up.

Waste Management/Notice

RE: Notice of Class 1 and Class 1 Permit Modifications.

Zoning Bd. of Appeals/
advising hearing 10/6/16

Advising of zoning hearing on October 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. regarding rezoning of 508 Pulaski Road.

Mayor Michelle/proclaim-
ing October Polish American
Heritage Month

Proclaiming October as "Polish American Heritage Month."

Mayor Michelle/proclaim-
9/15/16 thru 10/15/16

Proclaiming September 15, 2016 thru October 15, 2016 as "Hispanic Heritage Month."

Accept & place on file

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Submitting holidays 2017 Submitting holidays for 2017, per city ordinance.

#2: Post clean up waste sign @ 1653 Sibley Blvd Alderman Williams requesting to place a "Clean-Up Dog Waste" sign on the wooden pole in the rear of 1653 Sibley Boulevard.

#3: Block Paxton Avenue 10/8/16 Alderman Williams requesting permission to block Paxton Avenue between Sibley Blvd. and Wilson Avenue on October 8, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#4: Resident Only parking @ 1763 Memorial Drive Alderman Williams requesting a "Resident Only" parking sign at 1763 Memorial Drive.

#5: Draft ordinance Alderman Williams requesting the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that allows for a warning, then fine/violation to be issued to persons that do not pick up or dispose of their dog waste that's discarded on property other than their own.

#6: Houston v. City Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court - Joshua Houston v. Village of Calumet Park, Calumet Park Officer Smith, Calumet Park Officer Montanez, City of Calumet City, Calumet City Officer Randle, City of Blue Island Officer Chanto Iverson.

#7: Requesting permission amplified music - 10/1/16 Requesting permission to have amplified music on October 1, 2016 at 217-153rd Street from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a birthday and notify the proper public safety personnel.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "On item #5, you are asking for fines and violations. The ordinance already allows for fines and violations.

I believe from \$50.00 to \$750.00 in the current ordinance."

Alderman Williams: "If it already exists, that we just remove from the agenda."

Remove item #5 agenda Alderman Williams removed item #5 from the agenda.

Alderman Munda stated that residents not picking up dog waste is a concern in his ward and he receives many phone calls.

Alderman Munda believes that the fines should be increased.

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to bring the issue regarding fines and violations for disposal of dog waste to committee for discussion and bring back before the city council.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve new business

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE PERMITS (Privacy)

619 Merrill Avenue - 4th Ward

2133 State Street - 3rd Ward

311-154th Place - 5th Ward

40 Schrum - 6th Ward

555 Freeland - 1st Ward

(already installed w/o permit)

407 Hirsch - 1st Ward

Approve permits

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: handicap parking
(Ord. #16-32)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Handicap Parking, by adding 11-164th Street, 1462 State Line Road & 304-155th Place. (see attached page 11A)

Ord. #2: parking ordinance

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, (No Parking on the West Side of Madison from the North Lot line of 416 Madison Avenue South to the Intersection of Madison & Harding Avenue.

Res. #3: congratulating
Capt. Joey White
(Res. #16-35)

Resolution congratulating Captain Joey White for his years of service to the Calumet City Fire Department. (see attached page 11B)

Remove Ordinance #2

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to remove ordinance #2 from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolution/Adopt
Ordinances

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to pass the Resolutions as presented and adopt the Ordinances without the necessity of prior posting.

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 16-32

**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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Aldermen

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ORDINANCE NO.: 16-32

**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:

11-164th Street

1462 State Line Road

304-155th Place

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.

A resolution

adopted by The City Council
of the City of Calumet City, Illinois



Presented by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush on September 22, 2016

Whereas

WHEREAS, Joey F. White, was employed by the City of Calumet City as a firefighter in its Fire Department beginning September 1, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Joey demonstrated a high degree of professional competency, dedication and conscientious discipline in the performance of his duties as a firefighter in the Fire Department during his twenty-six (26) years of service; and

WHEREAS, Joey, through his dedication to the fire service excelled in his job, rising up through the ranks of the department to become a captain; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a firefighter Joey was a great leader and trainer of other firefighters in the Calumet City Fire Department and was respected by those who worked with him for his professionalism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Joey was also an active and valued member of the Firefighters' Pension Board for more than twelve (12) years; and


WHEREAS, after twenty-six (26) years of honorable service, Joey retired on August 31, 2016 and will be greatly missed by his fellow firefighters, fellow City employees and the many City officials who came to know and appreciate his dedication and professionalism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on behalf of themselves and the entire community, do hereby extend their sincere appreciation to Joey F. White for his many years of dedicated and excellent service to the residents of Calumet City and wish to thank him for the many valuable contributions he made to the Fire Department during his employment.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law; and that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Joey F. White.

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 September, 2016.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush Mayor

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- #1: Remit payment/
Fire Service/\$10,843.86 Approve maintenance and repair to Engine 305 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service in the amount not to exceed \$10,843.86; to be charged to account #06617-54150.
- #2: Remit payment/Metro
Industries/\$9,808.00 Approve repair and replace storm-damaged components and the SCADA Pack at the Fresh Water Pump Station and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Metro Industries in the amount not to exceed \$9,808.00; to be charged to account #0306-52332.
- #3: Remit payment/Holland
Asphalt/\$6,750.00 Approve removal and replacement of driveway pavement at the Water Department (945 State Street) and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt in the amount not to exceed \$6,750.00; to be charged to account #03036-52344.
- #4: Remit payment/Calumet
City Plumbing/\$5,564.00 Approve repair to water main break at 1272 River Drive and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Company in the amount not to exceed \$5,564.00; to be charged to account #03036-52349.
- #5: Approve buy-back/Capt.
Joey White Approve buy-back for Captain Joey White in the amount as stated in the amount as stated in the communication upon his retirement effective September 1, 2016; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01070-5163.
- #6: Approve Community
Grant Awards for 2017 Approve the Community Grant Awards for the fiscal year 2017 to the following organizations; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment upon completion of the appropriate documentation by the awardees: Calumet City Resource (\$5,000.00 - #01099-52662); V.F.W. (\$10,000.00 - #01099-52664); American Legion Post #330 (\$10,000.00 - #01099-52665); Calumet City Historical Society (\$5,000.00 - #01099-52666); Ginger Ridge McKinney Center (\$2,500.00 - #01099-52701); Calumet City Chargers (\$2,500.00 - #01099-52702); Calumet City Youth Organization (\$2,500.00 - #01099-52703); Calumet City Thunderbolts (\$2,500.00 - #01099-52705).
- #7: Remit payment/SunGard
\$38,142.97 Approve SunGard Software Maintenance Support Contract in the amount not to \$38,142.97; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to SunGard; to be charged to account #01099-55120.

- #8: Remit payment/SunGard \$5,300.00 Approve SunGard Cognos Analytics Upgrade Contract in the amount of \$5,300.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to SunGard; to be charged to account #01099-55120.
- #9: Approve attendance/Chief Fletcher/IACP conf. Approve attendance of Police Chief Fletcher to the 2016 IACP Annual Conference in San Diego, California from October 15, 2016 to October 18, 2016; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for airfare/hotel/registration fee and per diem; to be charged to account #01060-52300; expenses with receipts and any unused funds to be submitted to the Finance Department upon return.
- #10: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$912,040.34)
- #11: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$1,673,798.44)
- Approve financial matters Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Jones - statement Alderman Jones: "Thank you Mayor. So again 7.3 million dollars, abuse of power and abuse and lack of respect. You saw it tonight with City Attorney Horvath you clearly has no respect for elected officials on this council, 7.3. million dollars in 4 years.

Not only an abuse of power but abuse of your taxpayer dollars."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman, are you talking to us please, this is our meeting."

Alderman Jones: "You can't tell me how to talk Mayor."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "This is a meeting of the city council."

Alderman Jones: 7.3 million dollars and I repeat it lack of respect on the part of the city attorney for elected officials on this city council. There is no way that the city attorney should respond to any aldermen on this city council and not treated as a lack of respect with those comments that were made.

Ald. Jones - statement

I am allowed to say anything. We have a budget book that I am reading the numbers verbatim. The Odelson & Sterk law firm was charged to the city 7.3 million dollars.

So when you wonder why your water bill is raised and high taxes remember that. At the next city council meeting, I will definitely propose to this city council that we reduce the legal fees and hiring new police officers.

I will put that on the next city council agenda.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Just for the record, your book that you are referring to, the 7.3 million dollars, that is the enter legal line item. That is just not Odelson & Sterk, correct?” Does it say Odelson & Sterk or the entire legal line item.”

Alderman Jones: “Mayor, you know where the money goes.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Alderman, you just approved legal bills tonight.”

Alderman Jones: “I am not going to answer your questions, what I am stating is what is in the budget.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “So the budget book reflects the legal line item. That legal line item is 7.3. million dollars and again, I will get the specific number, since we keep hashing this around.

That is the entire legal line item. That is all the attorneys that get paid for all the lawsuits that occur and all the work that we ask them to do, correct?”

Alderman Jones: “Are you defending Odelson & Sterk?”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I am asking you about your statement Alderman.”

Alderman Jones:”You know how the budget goes, it says legal line item Mayor.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “It is a line item in the budget, which you of course, approved in the past appropriation ordinance and every appropriation ordinance for the past 4 years.

You approved that legal line item and it is all lawyers. All I am asking, like I asked at the last meeting is that we all be fair. I want to further state that whatever is going on between you and Mr. Odelson, I pray and urge you to resolve it. He has been your friend, you guys have been friends for a number of years.

It has been your mentor. He has been a guidance to you. He has helped guide you through law school. He has helped you with personal items and he has helped you with election items. He even helped you do your homework.

Mayor Michelle - statement So whatever you have going with him, I urge you to resolve it and to please state the correct numbers.”

Alderman Jones: “So residents you see every council meeting why we are taping this because this is the Mayor you elected and if you could afford another four years of this, this is what you deserve.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Alderman, you voted for those line items. You voted for the appointment of Odelson & Sterk.. You did all that alderman. How do you explain that to the residents of Calumet City.”

Alderman Jones: “So Mayor since you said Odelson & Sterk did this, Odelson & Sterk has given you over \$300,000.00 in your campaign fund in the last four years. They probably even wrote checks for your son.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “So you are exaggerating again. Let us move on with conversation.

Alderman Jones: “So again, you see how disrespectful not only this Mayor, but her hand picked Attorneys have been in Calumet City. But this is what you have gotten and voted in the last four years.

If you continue to vote for this Mayor, that is what you are going to get in this administration. More legal fees, higher water fees and higher taxes.

So again, 7.3 million dollars in legal fees. Now, further on her abuse of power, which I will ask this council and do it in writing since everything is question.

There is a video surfacing of not only crews in Calumet City doing work that wasn't approved by this city council and getting overtime but there is a video of aldermen who have approved city issued sorry I missed you cards while campaigning and abusing your taxpayer dollars in our community.

Again, this needs to be stop. If you want to fight fair, stop using taxpayer money to support your political games. Stop doing it, or tell your residents why you are spending the money.”

Aids Walk - 10/1/16

Alderman Jones announced on Saturday, October 1, 2016 there will be a HIV and Aids Walk. Residents interested please contact the ward office.

Congratulate Disabo Museum

Alderman Jones congratulated the Disabo Museum in Washington, D.C. they had the grand opening African American Museum.

Disorderly house ordinance

Alderman Jones encourages residents that the city has a disorderly house ordinance and encourages them to work with Inspectional Services for compliance. Any residents that have ward issue contact (708) 891-8193.

Commissioner Joan Murphy funeral information

Alderman Williams announced the funeral information for Commissioner Murphy visitation was today and services on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Incarnation Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights.

Ald. Manousopoulos -

Alderman Manousopoulos: "At the last council meeting, myself and Alderman Jones had a disagreement regarding legal bills and items that I have tabled off the agenda.

Friday morning, I read the paper, Alderman Jones says to the Hammond Times that I moved and tabled his ordinances. I just want to make it clear for the record, that those were not ordinances and they were not drafts of an ordinance, they were nothing but memos by Alderman Jones wanting to change the structure of the city government.

As far as the legal bills, last Thursday, I believe it was, Alderman Jones put on Facebook that he has filed a federal lawsuit against 8 elected officials, which by the way, you lost the case this morning.

You are sitting up here today complaining about legal bills and how much money we have spent. If this case was to go to trial, it would probably cost over \$100,000.00. As far as the 7.3 million dollars that we spend on attorney fees, Thaddeus Jones has voted for every single one, including tonight.

If there is a problem, why does he continue voting for them. But it is ok, but now it is election time, political time and he wants to sell everyone a story. Thaddeus Jones I ask that you be professional up here, say you mean and mean what you say.

Therefore, he is going to sit up here from now probably until February, grandstanding, telling stories, telling this and telling that. I just want tell all the residents of Calumet City that the cool aide Alderman Jones is drinking is not cool aid it is poison."

Alderman Munda: "I would also like to comment on what transpired this week. I said it last council meeting. Odelson & Sterk is the law firm that is renowned. There services have been asked for by many, many political circles within the state, county and federal government."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "These attorneys do not do nothing for this city unless they are asked to. Let's not forgot that. Let's try and stick to the topic of legal fees."

Alderman Munda: "I would like to say that the 8 years that I have had office in this city and dealing with Odelson & Sterk. They have always upheld themselves with the most professionalism and the interest of the Calumet City residents at the forefront of what they are doing.

Ald. Munda

I don't like to discuss what this attorney charges. We pay our attorney appropriately for the services they provide, because they are the best. I am just going to say, they are political entities, which I am not going to address personally, but they have attorney behind them that want that contract.

I can honestly tell those attorneys, that as long as Odelson & Sterk retains their professionalism and the interest of the Calumet City residents at the forefront of what they are doing, what we are paying them, they will continue to retain and you will not get the contract. I am sorry to inform you. I will always as a member of this council vote for the bill listing for Odelson & Sterk, support Odelson & Sterk, not because they support me as an elected official, because I support them, because what I believe they are doing is correct in the interests of the residents of the 5th Ward, not only in the 5th ward but the residents of the City of Calumet City.”

Happy birthday Ald. Nick

Alderman Munda wished his good friend and colleague Alderman Nick a Happy Birthday.

Alderman Jones: “I will keep it brief Mayor. I will just say this Alderman Manousopoulos I am glad that each council meeting you have learned how to read.

Alderman Manousopoulos: “I am not in law school for 15 years.”

Alderman Jones: “I know, law school only takes 4 years, I didn't interrupt you, so don't interrupt me.

Alderman Manousopoulos: “Say the truth, I say the truth. You have a problem saying the truth. “

Alderman Jones: “I will just say this because obviously you mentioned that I lost the case. The case wasn't lost Alderman. It decided on one issue. There is still two pending issues and I am sure that the attorney can tell you that.

They probably gave you the memo already. If you are claiming that the reason that I sued you and the aldermen who voted for it, because you violated my rights and passed unconstitutional ordinances that you passed and voted for.

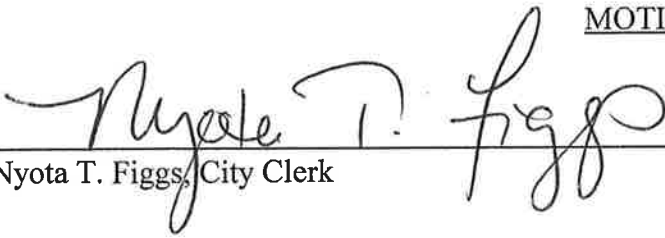
So alderman, the reason to be clear, why this was in court, was for that reason.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “For the record, if you are admitting that there is still pending litigation, since you are going to law school, don't discuss this.”

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:33 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Williams.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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