

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**City Council of the City of Calumet City**  
**Cook County, Illinois**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

Public Forum

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

Joseph Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding monthly water billing and late fee.

A. Mireles, 143-156th Place, regarding monthly water billing and late fee.

Julius Henry, 439 Superior, thanked the City Council for passing the Amnesty Day on September 11 and city website.

Harry Simon, 494 Yates Avenue, regarding property clean-up, monthly water billing, disposal of electronics and street cleaning in ward.

Police Chief Gilmore thanked all members of the council and residents that congratulated him on his nomination.

Chief Gilmore announced on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Calumet City Police Department will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration in a Drug Take Back. They will collect any over the counter drugs or prescription drugs at the police department. No liquor or syringes will be accepted.

Maria Padilla, 517-156th Place, regarding checking of water meters for the entire city and increase in water bills.

Robert White, 644 Douglas, regarding monthly water billing and meter reading.

Guadalupe Gonzalez, 518-155th Place, regarding monthly water billing and mailing of notices and resident parking sign.

Rosalba Frascos, 568 Harrison, regarding monthly water billing and late fee.

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 7:50 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were City Treasurer Tarka, City Clerk Figgs, City Attorney Odelson, City Engineer Roberts, Finance Director Kasperek, Police Chief Gilmore and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance Alderman Wosczyznski had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report. "I will be calling a meeting sometime next week."

Public Utilities Alderman Jones had no report. "I would like to call a meeting on October 1 at 6:00 p.m. I will send the agenda out to everyone. There is approximately 9 items on the agenda. We will give to the City Clerk to make sure it is properly done."

Ord. & Res. Alderman Collins had no report.

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

Permits & Licenses Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works Alderman Munda: "I will be calling a Public Works Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. There will be 3 or 4 items on the agenda. Alderman Wosczyznski, Alderman Manousopoulos and Public Works Commissioner Manousopoulos will be in attendance.

The Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and all the aldermen are also invited to attend the meeting.

As far as the public comments on the street sweeping. I know you have already addressed Madam Mayor. I believe I have made mention of this in the past. The street is incapacitated indefinitely and we are in committee meetings discussing the assessment of a purchase of a new sweeper.

We will have answers for that very shortly. We have been strapped for manpower at Public Works in regards to some of the services. You can call public works at (708) 891-8160 and put in your request for alley grading or tree trimming.

- Public Works (Cont'd) We are asking that the residents be patient as we have some staffing issues and there is a lot of work to be done in regards to the grass cutting, alley grading and tree trimming and cutting back of brush. There is a lot of services we provide to the city and we are doing our best to keep up with them.
- The public works department will address all issues and get the alleys graded. Thank you.”
- City Treasurer Tarka City Treasurer Tarka; “Thank you Madam Mayor. I would like to remind everyone that the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish American Heritage Month Celebration will be taking place on Sunday, October 4, 2015 in Calumet City.
- If you need more information or if you would like to volunteer please contact at (708) 891-8213. Thank you.”
- Amend handicap parking Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 513 Freeland Avenue.
- MOTION CARRIED
- Thank residents Alderman Jones thanked the residents who came into ward office for meetings this week. He thanked the residents for opening doors for him and volunteers that walked the ward.
- Contact ward office Alderman Jones encourages resident to contact his ward office at (708) 891-8193 for ward issues or city services.
- Thank public works Alderman Jones thanked the public works department for getting to residents request relative to grass cutting and alley grading. He thanked the residents for being patient.
- Approve block party/River Oaks Estates - 9/26/15 Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve a block party at River Oaks Estates on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; direct public works to provide barricades and trash receptacles.
- MOTION CARRIED
- Invite elected officials Alderman Jones invited the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer to the annual block party on September 26, 2015 at River Oaks Estates.
- Attend River Oaks Estates Block Party - 9/26/15 Alderman Jones encourages residents at River Oaks Estates to come out and support the event on September 26, 2015.
- Chicago Football Classic Soldier Field - 9/26/15 Alderman Jones announced that he gave out over 40 tickets to the Chicago Football Classic at Soldier Field on September 26, 2015 in support of the historically black colleges. Any residents interested in attending there is 10 tickets left please contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Aids Foundation Walk -  
9/26/15

Alderman Jones announced the Aids Foundation Aids Walk on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at Solider Field. He will be participating in this event.

October Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month  
National Suicide Prevention  
& Fire Prevention

Alderman Jones announced that the month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness, National Suicide Prevention Month and National Fire Prevention Month.

Check smoke detectors &  
carbon monoxide detectors

Alderman Jones stated that the city council put in funds for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. He is working with other towns and fire departments for anyone that doesn't have smoke detectors to get them installed.

Alderman Jones encourages residents to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Give honor to God

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God who makes all things possible.

Install "Resident "Only"  
parking sign @ 393 Oglesby

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct public works department to install a "Resident Only" sign at 393 Oglesby Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Traffic safety bumps/Paxton  
Avenue btwn Sibley &  
Wilson Avenue

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct public works department to place traffic safety bumps on Paxton Avenue between Sibley & Wilson Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Direct City Engineer  
investigate alley behind  
563 Buffalo Avenue

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct the City Engineer to investigate the alley behind 563 Buffalo Avenue; at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 and report back with the findings to the City Council.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Encourages residents  
attend council meetings

Alderman Collins encourages residents to attend city council meetings voice their opinion and get involved in the Democratic process and thank all who have attended.

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[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject:** Happy**From:** Grace LLoyd <gracelloyd68@yahoo.com>**Date:** Wed, Sep 09, 2015 1:38 pm**To:** "Egilmore@CalumetCity.org" <Egilmore@CalumetCity.org>, "MayorsOffice@Calumetcity.org" <MayorsOffice@Calumetcity.org>

Dear Chief Gilmore and Mayor Michele,

There are no words to express my gratitude for what Officer Smith did for my grandson over one year ago. My grandson was here visiting me in Cal city from college when Officer Smith brought him to my door for doing something he had no business. This story could have had a different ending if your officer did not have a kind and gentle heart.

Kind deeds change lives. My family and I will always remember this officer kindness. Sometimes simple words say it best. We want to thank him from the bottom of our heart. He remains in my prayers daily as do other first responders, as I have a son and a host of others officers in my immediate family.

I want Officer Smith to know ... that this young man that he took time with - has his post Masters Degree and is now working for the Federal Government and traveling around the country.

As I stated earlier, this story could have had a much different ending. So again, thanks be to God for Officer Smith and his compassion shown to a Young Black man!

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Lloyd  
391 Saginaw Ave

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## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A: City Clerk Figgs/  
submitting Monthly  
Report for August, 2015

Submitting Monthly Report for August, 2015.

B: Mayor Michelle/  
Proclaiming October as  
Polish American Heritage  
Month

Proclaiming October as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Calumet City.

C: City Treasurer Tarka/  
Revenue & Expense reports  
August, 2015

RE: Revenue & Expense Reports for August, 2015.

D: Zoning Board of Appeals  
zoning hearing 10/7/15

Advising of Zoning Hearing for Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the property at 1129 Sibley Boulevard requesting zoning change from Business Commercial (B) to One Family Residence. (R1)

E: Illinois Department of  
Natural Resources/notice of  
Lake Michigan Allocation

Notice of Lake Michigan Allocation Proceeding Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources.

F: Comcast/changes channel

RE: Changes to channel line-up.

G: Grace Lloyd/commending  
Officer Smith

Commending Officer Smith in the police department.

Accept & place on file/  
read 7G entirety

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to accept communications and place on file and read communication #7G in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

(see attached page 5A for communication #7G)

## NEW BUSINESS

#1: Release title/Inspectional  
Services vehicle

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to authorize the City Clerk to release the title for a vehicle in the Department of Inspectional Services - 2003 Ford Expedition (7429); also to remove from the city insurance (vehicle was totaled in accident on 4/15/)

MOTION CARRIED

#2: Refer request from St.  
St. Andrew to Finance  
for review

Refer the request from St. Andrew the Apostle Church for permit fees to the Finance Committee for review.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The actual permit has been paid. Do you wish to make a motion on this item or just delete from the agenda?"

Delete item #2

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to delete item #2 from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Refer #3 to public safety committee for review

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to refer the discussion and possible action to hire Hillard Heintze as police chief consultants to the Public Safety Committee for review.

MOTION CARRIED

Refer item #4 to Ordinance & Resolution committee

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to refer an ordinance that requires any establishment that sells and/or purchases liquor (liquor license) shall provide armed security personnel (off duty police) during normal business operating hours to the Ordinance & Resolution Committee for review.

MOTION CARRIED

Draft ordinance#5/refer to Ord. & Res. Committee mailing publications

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to direct the Attorney to draft an ordinance that prohibits the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer from mailing any publication (newsletter, flyer, article, etc) to residents in Calumet City without the names of all elected Alderman and refer the ordinance to the Ordinance & Resolution Committee after it is drafted for review.  
(Alderman Wosczyński was opposed)

MOTION CARRIED

Draft ordinance#6/refer to Ord. & Res. Committee/late fee ordinance/water

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that amends the water improvement (increase) to remove any language that adds a late fee penalty to water bills and refer the ordinance to the Ordinance & Resolution Committee for review.

MOTION CARRIED

Draft ordinance #7/refer Ord. & Res. Committee/ implements 30 day water payment plan

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that implements 30 days water bill payment plan for Calumet city residents and refer the ordinance to the Ordinance & Resolution Committee for review.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

FENCE - PRIVACY

654 Gordon - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
1283 Burnham - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward  
527 Manistee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
417 Hoxie - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Approve permits

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

MOTION CARRIED

FENCE - VARIANCE

527 Manistee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Approve fence variance

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the fence variance at 527 Manistee as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Refer item #1 Finance Committee/JM Industrial

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to refer payment to JM Industrial in the amount of \$14,9090 for an emergency demolition of 616 Douglas Avenue to the Finance Committee for review.

MOTION CARRIED

Refer all bills/JM Industrial to Financial Committee

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to have all the bills that have been paid to the vendor JM Industrial presented to the committee for comparison.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve item #2/Police & Fire Commission seminar

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the attendance for Police & Fire Commissioners for a seminar on November 6, 7 and 8, 2015 in the amount of \$950.00 each commissioner which includes fees/module classes/hotel/food and travel expenses; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01091-2300; expenses with receipts and any unused funds to be submitted to the Finance Department upon return.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

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

NAYS: 1

ALDERMAN: Jones

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve item #3/payment to Precision Cartridge \$14,692.50

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve purchase of ammunition and target for the police department in the amount of \$14,692.50; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Precision Cartridge, Inc. and charge to account #01060-53311.



ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approve item #4/purchase  
Aero Sweeper/\$17,500

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to approve the purchase of a Schwarze Supervac Aero Sweeper in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the public works department; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Schwarze Industries and charge to account #03036-55100.

Alderman Collins: "What is this item and is it a single source vendor?"

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The communication states that it's a sweeper that goes on a pickup truck. I don't know if it is a single source vendor Alderman."

Alderman Munda; "Madam Mayor I can answer the question for the alderman. We brought this before the committee, did we not."

Alderman Wosczyński: "Yes we did."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "We brought the manner of the street sweeper before the committee. I was rather surprised to see this item on the agenda as well."

Alderman Munda: "This item was brought before the committee and was discussed in great detail. Alderman Wosczyński and Alderman Manousopoulos was present.

What the purpose of this Alderman is, that the city sweeper is quite extensive how much it costs, and the lead time which the amount of time whoever sells that street sweeper to us from the point of time we decide to purchase and the amount of money.

It could be up to 10 to 12 months waiting for the street sweeper. These are temporary street sweepers. They don't have brushes. It is only 1 and it gets affixed to the back of one of our pickup trucks and you take the door off.

It lays off the back of the truck and it is a dry application so we blow the garbage out in front of it and you run away and it is just a giant vacuum cleaner.

This is a temporary type of fix until we get to committee and the council approves funding and then we approve the purchase of the actual giant street sweeper with the brushes and water.

This is also going to be used in our grass cutting application and the empty lots to remove the garbage from the empty lots and anywhere we are cutting grass.

We have to hand pick the garbage out of the lots and then we run over them with the lawn mowers. So now there is 200 pieces of garbage instead of 20. This will be used in that application to clear the empty grass lots anywhere we are cutting grass to clear the garbage for the grass cutters.

Also we had an incident where the grass so clumped up and collected that we had to go back and re-cut the lots. This machine will also be used in that application to suck up any excessive grass clippings that make the wards looks unsightly in the grass lots or the city properties.

This is like a giant vacuum clean that we are purchasing to put on a pickup truck. We took this item to the public works committee a couple weeks ago. We discussed in great detail with Commissioner Manousopoulos and the members as well as the Elgin Street Sweeper that the we are considering which is a larger machine.”

Alderman Collins: “Thank you for that lengthy, great, informative discussion. My concern is I know we spent I don’t know how much two weeks ago. Thought the council approved repairing a street sweeper.”

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Yes, we did and an amount was approved and when they repaired that they found something else that is broken. Again, this aging piece of equipment is costing the city a lot of money which is why they discussed in committee to develop specifications so we can go out to bid and purchase a new one.”

Alderman Collins: “I would have hoped and I am not saying they weren’t professionals but someone would have been able to make an assessment on that piece of equipment instead of the city expending \$20,000 to repair something that never left the shop or only left for a few hours. That is ridiculous.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I will have the Commissioner get you all the amounts that we spent on that. That is why it went to the committee and that is why the committee recommended to go out and develop spec’s.

I agree quit spending money on something that is going to be a money pit.”

Alderman Collins: “Thank you.”

#### ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approve item #5/  
membership dues/South  
Suburban Mayors &  
Managers/\$28,644.00

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve City of Calumet City membership dues to the South Suburban Mayors Association in the amount not to exceed \$28,644.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52353.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approve item #6/contract  
SunGard Public Sector/  
\$31,391.11

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the maintenance and support contract with SunGard Public Sector from 10/1/15 to 9/30/16 in the amount of \$31,391.11; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52630.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	3	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyński, Munda, Manousopoulos
NAYS:	4	ALDERMEN:	Collins, Schneider, Jones, Williams
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "So we are not going to have support for our computer system."

Detailed status SunGard

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to request a detailed status prepared on what SunGard software is doing, has done and what it will be doing in the future. (The city is not getting from all accounts what we have requested in the contract)

MOTION CARRIED

Approve payroll

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve payroll in the amount of \$806,796.88.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approve bill listing

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the bill listing in the amount of \$414,654.86.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward - 10/5/15

Alderman Wosczynski announced a Neighborhood Watch Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the lower level at the police department. She encourages residents to attend.

Disorderly house ordinance

Alderman Jones stated that the city has a disorderly house ordinance and encourages residents to contact the police department to report issues. It takes three time before the police issues a disorderly house ticket.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Block Clubs

Alderman Jones encourages residents to work together. He established two block clubs in the ward since the last council meeting. He encourages residents to get involved in the ward and work thru issues.

Moment of silence

Alderman Jones announced that State Representative Esther Golar Illinois 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District passed away from cancer last week.

There was a moment of silence for Representative Esther Golar.

Encourage residents participate city government

Alderman Collins encourages residents to participate in city government and voice your concerns relative to issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:22 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczynski and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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