

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Public Forum

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

Pearlie Lemons, 673 Jeffery Avenue, regarding crime free housing ordinance and ordinance on expansion tanks on hot water heaters

Adel Lemons, landlord at 1812 Memorial Drive, regarding the hours at the Department of Inspectional Services.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

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

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Jones

Also present were City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Odelson, City Engineer Roberts, Finance Director Kasperek, CED Coordinator Gigliotti and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

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Approval of minutes

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński: "The Finance Committee meeting of the Whole was called by chairman Alderman Wosczyński at 7:08 p.m. in the city council chambers on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

In attendance were Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, the aldermen, City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Finance Director Kasperek, the press and the public.

Discussion was held regarding the possible agreement on a consulting contract regarding advise and compose requests for proposal for the city's telecommunication and internet upgrade.

Another discussion was made on adopting an agreement for consulting services regarding the aggregation of electricity program. Minutes of the meeting can be obtained from the city clerk's office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m."

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones was absent.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

I-Cash Program -10/6/12 @ Calumet City Library

Alderman Wosczyński announced on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 12:30 p.m to 2:30 p.m at the Calumet City Public Library, 660 Manistee Avenue there will be an I-Cash Program connecting people with their cash assets which is sponsored by the 2nd Ward Alderman Wosczyński. Representatives from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office will be giving a presentation on how they can connect people with their cash and other assets through the I-Cash Program.

I-Cash was established in 1999 with the goal of helping Illinois residents through the process of reclaiming money and assets. It's common for people to lose track of their assets when they move or when loved ones pass away, and businesses and banks are required to turn over unclaimed accounts to the treasurer's office.

<u>I-Cash Program</u>	One in eight Illinois residents has an asset to be claimed through I-Cash. The state currently has \$1.5 billion in cash, plus contents from Illinois safe deposit boxes, which need to be returned to Illinois residents. She encourages residents to attend.
<u>Freight trains making noise north end of State St.</u>	Alderman Wosczyński stated that residents that live on the north end of the second ward, mainly in the State Street area and it affects the first ward. The freight trains that go on the south shore tracks at night make a lot of noise with their whistle.
<u>Quiet Zone ordinance</u>	Alderman Schneider stated that he contacted Robinson Engineering a couple months ago and are working on a quiet zone ordinance to regulate the horns blowing. He will get Alderman Wosczyński a progress report on the status.
<u>Ald. Collins gave report report for Ald. Jones</u>	Alderman Collins gave a report for Alderman Jones third ward. The third ward crime watch meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Downey Park. Residents are encouraged to bring one or two people to the meeting. Alderman Jones invited the owner of Valero to the meeting to discuss his property.
<u>Third Ward Crime Watch Meeting - 10/2/12</u>	
<u>Third Ward Meeting @ River Oaks Estates October 8, 2012</u>	The third ward meeting for seniors will be on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at River Oaks Estates immediately following bingo. Calls and letters will be mailed to residents.
<u>Free document shredding 10/14/12 @ 1910 Sibley</u>	There will be free document shredding on Sunday, October 14, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Alderman Jones office, 1910 Sibley Boulevard in the parking lot. Residents are encouraged to participate in the event. For more information contact Brenda McKinnley at (708) 417-1262.
<u>HIV Aides event - 9/30/12</u>	Alderman Collins stated that Alderman Jones will be speaking at Soldier Field on Sunday, September 30, 2012 for the HIV Aides event. For more information contact his office at (708) 891-8193.
<u>Thank St. Andrew Church</u>	Alderman Wilson thanked St. Andrew the Apostle Church and their entire staff for hosting his recent job fair held on September 20, 2012. Many people attended and PACE Bus Company attended and were hiring for over 20 positions.
<u>5th Ward Best House</u>	Alderman Munda announced the 5 th Ward Best House on the Block Contest Awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Calumet City Library, 660 Manistee Avenue. Please RSVP to Neighborhoods, Inc. at (708) 862-3232 or email neighborhoodsincinfo@yahoo.com
<u>Amend handicap parking by deleting: 1474 Freeland</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 1474 Freeland Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Inspect area near 1350 Ring Road

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the City Engineer to inspect the area near 1350 Ring Road to check the striping on the pavement to come up with a permanent solution for markings at that location.

MOTION CARRIED

7th Ward Fall Block Party

Alderman Collins announced to the residents in the gold coast area that on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. there will be a Fall Block Party. He encourages to come out and notices will be sent in the mail.

Residents @ Victory Center Sept. 29, 2012

Alderman Collins announced that he will see the residents at the Victory Center on Saturday, September 29, 2012 in the morning for coffee and donuts.

Contact ward office

Alderman Collins stated any residents that have concerns or issues in the ward to contact his office at (708) 891-81971.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Aqua Green Dispositions/commending various departments

Commending various departments and thanking them for their help.

Bill Daugherty/Rugs to Go

Commending the Calumet City Police Department.

Accept & place on file

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Approve tag day request Calumet City Thunderbolts Oct. 13, 20 & 27, 2012

Approving tag day request for Calumet City Thunderbolts on October 13, 20, & 27, 2012 at various intersections. (Approved by police department)

Approve tag day request You Can Make It

Approving tag day request for You Can Make It Tag Day on November 1-3, 2012 and December 27-29, 2012 at various intersections. (Approved by police department)

Approve Halloween hours Oct. 31, 2012 - 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Approve Halloween hours on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Approve new business

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

GARAGE PERMITS

311 Bensley - 4th Ward

1422 Memorial - 2nd Ward

FENCE PERMITS (variance)

1173 Lucas - 2nd Ward

Approve permits

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: congratulating Sister Alban Hermes (Res. #12-35)

Resolution congratulating Sister Alban Hermes on her accomplishments and wishing her a happy retirement. (see attached page 5A)

Res. #2: approving Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment (1330 Torrence Avenue) (Res. #12-36)

Resolution approving a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Occupation and Rehabilitation of Abandoned Property within the City of Calumet City, Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. (1330 Torrence Avenue. (see attached page 5B)

Ord. #3: amending handicap parking, by adding: 622 Freeland (Ord. #12-42)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90, Handicap Parking, by adding: 622 Freeland Avenue. (see attached page 5C)

Ord. #4: amending (Ord. #12-40) fixing compensation for elected officials (Ord. #12-43)

Ordinance amending (Ord. #12-40) Fixing the Compensation for the Mayor City Clerk, City Treasurer and Aldermen of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. (see attached page 5D)

Ord. #5: amending (Ord. #12-41) appointed officials (Ord. #12-44)

Ordinance amending (Ord.#12-41) Establishing the Salaries and other Fringe Benefits of Appointed Officials, Supervisory Personnel, and other full-time and part-time employees not covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the City of Calumet City. (see attached page 5E)

Pass Resolutions/Adopt Ordinances

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Remit payment/Metropolitan Pump Company/inspections Approve the contract from Metropolitan Pump Company from 9/1/12 to 8/31/13 for monthly inspections of the city's pumping and lift stations (State Line, Yates, Superior, Greenbay, Lincoln, Fresh Water Pumping Stations and the Booster Station under Burnham Avenue to V & G Supply) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$3,542.00 per month; to be charged to account #030-36-2-349.

Remit payment/Stanley Security/\$7,560.00 Approve the purchase and installation of a security system from Stanley Security to be installed at 670 Wentworth Avenue (Inspectional Services) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$7,560.00; to be charged to account #010-99-2-990.

Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$25,606.08 Approve payment to Miner Electronics for equipment for new vehicles and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$25,606.08; to be charged to account #011-10-5-199.

Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$1,000.72 Approve payment to Miner Electronics for labor and installation for equipment on vehicles and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.72; to be charged to account #011-10-5-199.

Remit payment/Eco-Chem/\$6,997.00 Approve the purchase of weed killer from Eco-Chem Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$6,997.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-41-3-420.

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$7,948.00 Approve emergency repair to Sibley & Buffalo Avenue and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount not to exceed \$7,948.00; to be charged to account #030-36-2-101.

Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$10,420.00 Approve repair to elevated water tower@ 1701 Dolton Road and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$10,420.00; to be charged to account #030-36-5-101.

Remit payment/Piekarski & Sons/\$19,700.00 Approve dike cleaning from Wentworth Avenue bridge; to be behind 215-166th Street and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Piekarski & Sons in the amount not to exceed \$19,700.00; to be charged to account #010-36-3-450.

Remit buy-back/Officer Gary Wojcik Approve buy back for Officer Gary Wojcik in the amount as stated in the amount as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.

<u>Remit payment/Alpha Construction/\$152,243.65</u>	Approve MFT Street Resurfacing at various streets and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alpha Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$152,243.65; to be charged to MFT account #040-07-2-452.
<u>Remit payment/Complex Network/\$31,450.00</u>	Approve the purchase of a pole camera at 154 th & Wentworth Avenue and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$31,450.00; to be charged to account #010-99-5-106.
<u>Remit payment/Thomas Dodge/\$23,322.00</u>	Amend the motion made on July 25, 2012 to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Thomas Dodge in the amount of \$23,322 for the purchase of one vehicle and charge to account #010-60-5-100.
<u>Approve payroll</u>	Approve payroll (\$805,882.51)
<u>Approve bill listing</u>	Approve bill listing (\$249,045.84)
<u>Approve legal bill listing</u>	Approve legal bill listing (\$8,702.03)
<u>Remit payment/HD Supply Waterworks/\$6,171.00</u>	Approve purchase of meters from HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. in the amount of not to exceed \$6,171.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #030-3-6-3408.
<u>Remit payment/Patten Industries/\$10,825.30</u>	Approve the purchase of a secondary day tank at Greenbay Pump Station to Patten Industries in the amount not to exceed \$10,825.30 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #030-36-2-346.
<u>Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$9,050.00</u>	Approve payment to Miner Electronics for installation of equipment on vehicles and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$9,050.00; to be charged to account #011-10-5-199.
<u>Prepare bid specifications Street Resurfacing at Forestdale Park & Legion</u>	Authorize Robinson Engineering to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bid for the Street Resurfacing improvements at Forestdale Park Drive and Legion Drive (CDBG Stimulus) in an amount not to exceed \$59,000 (to include both design and construction engineering) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering; to be charged to account #010-99-2-600.
<u>Prepare bid specifications Street Resurfacing @ State Street from Burnham to Lincoln Avenue</u>	Authorize Robinson Engineering to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bid for the Street Resurfacing Improvements at State Street (FAU 3596) from Burnham Avenue to Lincoln Avenue (Surface Transportation Project (STP) Fund Program Stimulus Grant Award) in an amount not to exceed \$11,250 and to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering ; to be paid per the MFT agreement passed on 1/26/12.

Construction and construction engineering services for this improvement will proceed, pending execution of the forthcoming agreements between the City of Calumet City and the Grantee (U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)). The City of Calumet City will also be required to match 20% of the grant award amount of \$225,000 (or \$45,000) for construction and construction engineering; to be paid per the MFT agreement passed on 1/26/12.

Authorize City Treasurer remit payment financial

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment for financial matters and charge to the appropriate accounts.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Condolences to Kim & family

Alderman Munda extended his condolences to Kim and family on the passing of Junior who are known in Calumet City.

Block off 161st Street from Buffalo to Superior - 10/7/12

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to block off 161st Street from Buffalo to Superior Avenue on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.; requesting public works to provide barricades and trash receptacles and picnic tables; notify police & fire departments.

MOTION CARRIED

Condolences to Muszynski family

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz extended condolences to Louise Muszynski on the passing of her father.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:55 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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