

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**JANUARY 12, 2012**

Public Forum

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

Pastor Douglas Jackson, New Life Church, 283 Torrence Avenue, regarding the position of Deputy Mayor.

**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, January 12, 2012 at 7:32 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, Police Chief Gilmore, Fire Chief Galgan, Community & Economic Development Coordinator Gigliotti and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of December 20, 2011 and December 27, 2011 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Deviate - regular  
order of business

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to deviate from the regular order of business to present Resolution #2.

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #2: extending Resolution extending condolences to the family of Chester V. Plys.  
condolences to (see attached page #1A for Resolution #2 - Res. #11-62)  
family of Chester V.  
Plys

Pass Resolution Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to pass the Resolution  
(Res. #11-62) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Present Resolution At this time in the meeting, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush presented the  
family of Chester Resolution to the family of Chester V. Plys.  
V. Plys

Return - regular order Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to return to the regular  
order order  
of business of business.

MOTION CARRIED

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance Alderman Wosczynski stated that the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, January  
11,  
2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the city council chambers. A copy of the minutes will be available in  
the City Clerk's Office.

Alderman Wosczynski announced the next Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday,  
January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the agenda will be forwarded to the City Clerk's  
Office.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report. He announced the next Public Safety  
Committee meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the  
agenda will be forwarded to the City Clerk's Office.

Public Utilities Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Res. Alderman Collins had no report. He announced that all the new laws for 2012 will be  
posted on his website for residents to review.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush stated the Crime Free Residential Rental  
license fee has been questioned by residents. City Attorney Montana passed out the  
ordinance to the council that was passed and offering some language to amend. She  
suggested that the Ordinance & Resolution Committee review the ordinance.

H.E.W. Alderman Schneider; "January is Thyroid Awareness Month. Thyroid disorder effects  
nearly 30 million Americans. Most common complaints for people effected by thyroid is  
chronic fatigue. Thyroid disease is most common among women and tend to run in  
families. Additional information can be obtained from the website [thyroidawareness.com](http://thyroidawareness.com)

Permits & Licenses Alderman Wilson had no report. He will be scheduling a meeting and will forward a copy of the agenda to the city clerk's office.

Public Works Alderman Munda had no report. He advised that public works is ready for snow removal in the city.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Advising of City Council Committees Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush submitted a copy of the committee assignments to the aldermen effective January 3, 2012.

Amend handicap parking ordinance Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 446 Freeland Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Second Ward Food Drive & Toy Drive Alderman Wosczyński stated that the Second Ward Food Drive and Toy Drive was a success. She thanked the residents for participating. She thanked Harris Bank, American Legion Post #330 for their monetary donations. She thanked the Learning Tree Daycare for their non-perishable food items. The total monetary donation was \$605.00.

Street light outage Sibley & Exchange Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents to be patient regarding light outage between Memorial Drive & Sibley, Torrence Avenue & Exchange Avenue. Lights in the area remain on due to a part that is on order.

New laws 2012 Alderman Jones announced that there are 214 new laws for 2012 that they legislative passed. He encourages residents to go online and review the laws or contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Happy New Year Alderman Jones wished all the residents a Happy New. He encourages residents to get involved in the community and attend crime watch meetings.

Report crime He encourages residents to report crime or suspicious activity to the police department.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward/4th Ward 2/7/12 @ Downey Alderman Jones announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward/4th Ward Crime Watch Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Downey Park. Free legal advise will be provided for the residents from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

29<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship program Alderman Jones announced that on February 1, 2012 applications will start for the 29<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship Program. Applications can be picked up from his office 1910 Sibley Boulevard. Applications have to be picked up in person. The deadline for submitting applications are May 1, 2012.

Illinois Edge Tax Credit Alderman Jones stated that State of Illinois passed an Illinois Edge Tax Credit and the state provided to three businesses. It is available to local business. Business can apply for the Illinois Edge Tax Credit. For more information contact his office (708) 891-8193 or on the website at [www.illinoisedgetax.com](http://www.illinoisedgetax.com)

Contact ward office Alderman Jones encourages residents to contact his office regarding issues in the ward at (708) 891-8193.

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Financial Literacy series Alderman Wilson announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Financial Literacy series that will be taking place at the Calumet City Library starting January 30, 2012 thru January 31, 2012 and February 1, 2012 thru February 2, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Finance professionals will be available providing information to residents.

Check on residents Alderman Wilson encourages residents to check on neighbors especially senior citizens especially during cold weather.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward/4th Ward Crime Watch Mtg. Alderman Wilson announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward/4th Ward Crime Watch Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. He encourages residents to attend.

Amend handicap parking ordinance Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 762 Greenbay Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Happy New Year Alderman Collins wished all the residents a Happy New Year.

Lite outages Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8197 regarding light outages in the ward.

Thank School District #157 Alderman Collins acknowledge and thank School District #157 for a commendation that he received. He thanked them and looks forward to working with them.

Congratulate Ald. Collins Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush congratulated Alderman Collins on his commendation from School District #157.

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

City Clerk Figgs/  
submitting monthly  
report for Dec. 2011 Submitting Monthly Report for December, 2011.

CED Coordinator  
re: CDBG 2012  
Application Review  
Hearing RE: CDBG 2012 Application Review Hearing.

Circuit Court of  
Cook County/re:  
weekend bond court RE: Weekend Bond Court Consolidation.

Comcast/re: channel updates RE: Channel updates.

Illinois Municipal League/advising Calumet City is a member Advising that Calumet City is a member from 1/12/12 to 12/12/12.

Hammond Water Works Dept./re: new water purchase agreement RE: Negotiations of a new water purchase agreement between Calumet City and the Hammond Water Works Department.

Accept & place on file Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to accept communications #7A thru #7F and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Direct City Treasurer & City Attorney negotiate new water purchase agreement/Hammond Water Works Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct the City Attorney and City Treasurer to negotiate new water purchase agreement between City of Calumet City & Hammond Water Works Department.

MOTION CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Refer to City Attorney Dibenedetto v. Calumet case Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court - Robert Dibenedetto, on behalf of and as next kin to Stefano Dibenedetto Plaintiff, v. Calumet City, a municipal corporation, Office J. Burnett, Star #197, a Calumet City Police Officer, in his individual capacity, unknown John Doe Calumet City Police Officers, Star # unknown in their individual capacities, defendants.

Direct City Treasurer place probationary police officers on payroll Direct the City Treasurer to place the following probationary police officers on payroll effective December 29, 2011: William Klomes, Heather LaFave and Asher Dimitroff.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

GARAGE - VARIANCE  
317-153rd Place - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

FENCE - VARIANCE  
1172 Harding - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Res. #1: approving Class 6B Cook County Tax Assessment (Calumet Business Center) (Res. #11-61) Resolution approving a Renewal Class 6B Cook County Tax Assessment Classification for Calumet Business Center, LLC, Calumet City, Illinois. (see attached page 6A - Resolution #11-61)

Res. #3: approving Real Estate Transfer Sales contract (115-156th St) (Res. #11-63) Resolution approving a Real Estate Transfer Sales contract for the property at 115-156th Street. (see attached page 6B - Resolution #11-63)

Pass Resolutions Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to pass Resolutions as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Remit payment/Scot Decal (\$7,255.88) Approve the purchase of 2012-2013 Calumet City vehicle license stickers and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Scot Decal Company in the amount not to exceed \$7,255.88 (\$5,000 - 010-22-3-200 & \$2,155.88 - 010-22-2-320)

Remit payment/Alternative Energy Solutions (\$7,605.00) Approve the installation of Asco 400 amp Transfer Switch for the generator at Fire Station one and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alternative Energy Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$7,605.00; to be charged to account #010-70-2-345.

<u>Remit payment/Grainger Terry (\$4,500.00)</u>	Approve the programs in the amount of \$4,500.00 to Grainger Terry for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Neighborhood Development Programs and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2-723.
<u>Remit payment/Business Machine Agents/3rd Ward printing</u>	Approve the yearly lease for copier (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Printing) with Business Machine Agents, Inc. thru 2013 at a monthly cost of \$213.43; (1 cents each black/white copy & 8 cents each color copy); billed quarterly and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-10-2-323.
<u>Remit payment/Miner Electronics (\$22,000)</u>	Approve and confirm payment to Miner Electronics for the (TAC Receiver); to Improve Talk-in signal strength) for the police department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in an amount not exceed \$22,000; to be charged to 2008 Capital Bond Project account #117-60-5-100)
<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt (\$14,900.00)</u>	Approve the demolition of 121 Ruth Street in the amount of \$14,900.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services and charge to account #118-10-5-645.
<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt (\$9,900.00)</u>	Approve the demolition of 497 Gordon Avenue in the amount of \$9,900.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services and charge to account #118-10-5-645.
<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt (\$19,600.00)</u>	Approve the demolition of 516 Douglas in the amount of \$19,600.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services and charge to account #118-10-5-645.
<u>Remit payment/JM Industries (\$14,300.00)</u>	Approve the emergency demolition of 248 Waltham Street in the amount of \$14,300.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to JM Industries and charge to account #118-10-5-645.
<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$13,800.00</u>	Approve the demolition of 121-156th Street in the amount of \$13,800.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services and charge to account #118-10-5-645.
<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$14,800.00</u>	Approve the demolition of 123-156th Street in the amount of \$14,800.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services and charge to account #118-10-5-645.
<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$17,200.00</u>	Approve the demolition of 116-156th Street in the amount of \$17,200.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services and charge to account #118-10-5-645.
<u>Remit payment/Alliance Environmental/\$5,500.00</u>	Approve asbestos removal for the property at 441-154th Place in the amount of \$5,500.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alliance Environmental and charge to account #118-10-5-645.

Remit payment/Chicago International/\$7,217.78 Approve the repairs to Unit #17 for the public works department in the amount of \$7,217.78 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicago International Trucks #139040 and charge to account #010-41-4-150.

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$8,093.00 Approve the emergency sewer repair at 1064 Virginia Street to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount not to exceed \$8,093.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #030-36-2-101.

Remit payment/Currie Motors/\$17,816.00 Approve the purchase of two (2) 2012 E150 Ford vans for the water department from Currie Motors for a cost of \$17,816.00 each and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #030-36-5-100.

Approve engagement letter Crowe Horwath,LLP (2010 audit) Approve the engagement letter with Crowe Horwath, LLP and the City of Calumet City for the 2010 audit and direct the City Treasurer to execute the necessary documents.

Remit payment/Meats by Linz/\$49,548.83 Approve the payment to Meats by Linz in the amount of \$49,548.83 for the economic development agreement between Meats by Linz and the City of Calumet City for the 2010 real estate taxes received by the city in T.I.F. District #1 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to T.I.F. District I account.

Remit payment/JM Industrial and (\$16,800.0) Approve the demolition of 441-154th Place in the amount of \$16,800.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to JM Industrial Services and charge to account #118-10-5-645.

Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$783,417.52)

Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$441,670.27)

Approve legal bill listing Approve legal bill listing (\$35,016.07)

Mayor - statement Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I will state for the record, that financial items #6 thru #13 and #19, the appropriate account should reflect the 2009 Capital Project Fund #118-10-5-645."

Approve financial matters Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve financial matters as presented and amended.

#### ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### City Treasurer Tarka

City Treasurer Tarka: "We are seeking applications for the position for a Senior Accountant. We want to advise all Calumet City residents that may qualify for this position that it is available. The position reports to the City Treasurer. Responsibilities include daily reconciliation and balancing of general ledger, maintenance of a variety of subsidiary ledgers, bank reconciliations and month-end closings; preparing working papers and supporting schedules in conjunction with the closings; preparing working papers and supporting schedules in conjunction with the City's independent annual audit; maintenance of fixed asset records; and reporting on investment activity. This position will participate in a variety of other financial projects as assigned. Ideal candidate will possess a C.P.A. Certification or have extensive experience in municipal funding accounting. Send resume to Treasurer Gerry Tarka, City of Calumet City, 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL 60409 or by send via email to [gtarka@calumetcity.org](mailto:gtarka@calumetcity.org) This position will remain open until filled."

### Joint Public Works/Public Safety - 1/23/12 @ 6:00 p.m

Alderman Manousopoulos advised that the meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012 will be a joint Public Safety/Public Works Committee meeting.

### Bond Court consolidation

There was discussion regarding weekend bond court consolidation for Circuit Court of Cook County.

### Request Mayor/send letter to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to request the Mayor's office to send a letter to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle regarding opposing the weekend bond court consolidation.

MOTION CARRIED

### Thank residents 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward residents Toy & Coat Drive

Alderman Jones thanked the residents for participating in his ward Toy and Coat Drive. His office collected over 297 coats and over 390 toys that were donated to Thornton Township and coats donated to the Catholic Charities in South Holland.

### Happy New Year

Alderman Wosczyński wished all the residents a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:05 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczyński and seconded by Alderman Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED

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