

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**JANUARY 26, 2012**

Public Forum

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

Sister Albin, thanking the city council and residents for donating to the Calumet City Resource Center during the holidays with their food drives and toy drives.

Sharon Lawlor, 452 Garfield, regarding Crime Free Housing ordinance and fee.

Rebecca Brach, 596 Douglas, regarding police surveillance due to burglary at her residence.

Police Chief Gilmore addressed the city council introducing the Official Neighborhood Watch App for iPhone to help citizens report crime.

Police Chief Gilmore announced that on June 23, 2012 the police department will be partnering with the Illinois State Police and the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police and conduct a gun buy-back. The police department will be offering \$50.00 per gun from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the police department.

Police Chief Gilmore announced that he has initiated through the police department is an inspection of homes in the community. The police department will have a police officer come out to a resident's home and do a walk through and determine any vulnerabilities in their property for break ins.

Police Chief Gilmore announced that before the Thanksgiving holiday he initiated a business detail. He stated that the mall had almost a crime free season at the mall and businesses. The officer would go into a business and make contact with the owners and workers. He will continue the detail through the end of the year.

Police Chief Gilmore read a letter from Target stores commending the police department for the business detail that was done.

## 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 26, 2012 at 7:46 p.m.

### 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, City Engineer Roberts, Police Chief Gilmore, Fire Chief Galgan, Finance Director Kasperek, Pharmaceutical Commissioner DeFilippo and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

### Approval of minutes

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approved the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Finance

Alderman Wosczyński: "On Wednesday, January 18, 2012, there was a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting in the council chambers at 7:20 p.m. Discussed were updates on worker's compensation cases, reports by the attorney on pending/potential litigation.

After City Attorney Odelson reported on one of the city's litigation cases concerning some of the aldermen a motion was made to enter into executive session for matters qualifying for executive session. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, no action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

### Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos: "The Public Safety and the Public Works Committee met on Monday, January 23, 2012 in the city council chambers at 6:00 p.m. In attendance was myself chairman, Alderman Munda, member and Alderman Wosczyński, member.

The first item for discussion was the possible purchase of a new ambulance in the amount of \$166,068.00 which is a state bid. The second item on the agenda was the possible purchase of a new generator for the extraction tools in the amount of \$6,695.00. It will be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

There was discussion for upcoming Safer Grant. This grant allows the city to hire two firemen with the no commitment to the city for two years and they are fully paid by this grant.

The third item discussed was the possible replacement of the generator at City Hall and Fire Station I. The chief is researching and will report back to the city council.

Also discussion was securing the entrance gate at the public works facility to be remote from the 911 dispatch center with cameras in the amount of \$16,505.30. This item is on the agenda for approval at tonight's meeting. Also in attendance were Chief Galgan, Chief Gilmore, Commissioner Yovkovich, Mark Graff, Finance Director Kasperek and the press.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

#### Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had a joint meeting with Ordinance & Resolution on January 24, 2012 but will defer to Alderman Collins to give a report.

#### Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins: "Thank you Mayor. On Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. there was a joint committee of the whole meeting of Public Utilities and Ordinance & Resolution. In attendance was the entire city council, City Attorney Montana, Officer Mike Banske, Mark Nosich, Commissioner Surufka, City Treasurer Tarka, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush and City Clerk Figgs.

The first item that was discussed were out of the utilities projects replacing the water mains throughout the city that might be in need of replacement.

The second item discussed was water rates purchased from the City of Chicago as well as the City of Hammond. The committee was updated by the attorney regarding that item.

The next item discussed was the ordinance amending Chapter 52 regarding Crime Free Housing Residential rental license fee. The committee reviewed and reached a consensus on fees on reducing the fees on crime free housing. The item will be on the agenda for a future meeting to be voted on.

The next item that was discussed was an ordinance amending Chapter 42 ban on sale of single cigarette which would prohibit any business from allowing the sale of a single cigarette on their premises which could result in revoking their license to sell cigarette or tobacco. The minutes of the meeting are being prepared by the City Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

#### H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider had no report.

#### Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson had no report. He will be scheduling a committee meeting before the next city council meeting. He will check the availability of the city council chambers and the aldermen's schedule.

Public Works

Alderman Munda: “The Public Works and Public Safety Committee had a joint meeting on January 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. There was one item on the agenda for the possible purchase of 2012 John Deere 544 K 4 WD Wheel Loader. In attendance were Commissioner Yovkovich, public works mechanic Mark Graff, City Clerk Figs, Alderman Munda, chairman, members, Alderman Manousopoulos and Alderman Wosczyński. After a brief discussion, it was the recommendation of the committee to place advertising for bid for a new 2012 John Deere 544 K 4WD wheel loader. The committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Amend handicap parking by adding: 594 Forsythe, 605 Forsythe, 616 Ingraham

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking by adding: 594 Forsythe Avenue, 605 Forsythe Avenue & 616 Ingraham Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank residents attending Crime Watch Meeting

Alderman Schneider thanked the residents who attended the monthly Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting at Tom’s Restaurant and Price’s Soul Food. He encourages residents to participate. The meeting is every third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Tom’s Restaurant at 894 Burnham Avenue.

St. Andrew’s Donut Dance February 18, 2012

Alderman Wosczyński announced the St. Andrew’s Donut Dance on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. Food and entertainment will be provided.

Thank residents contacting ward office & emails

Alderman Jones thanked the residents for contacting his office and sending emails regarding issues in the ward.

Third Ward volunteer mtg. 2/18/12 @ 1910 Sibley volunteer

Alderman Jones announced a volunteer meeting on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at 1910 Sibley Boulevard. Any residents that would like to for third ward events should attend meeting.

Prepare resolution - Nat’l African-American HIV/Aids Awareness Day - 2/7/12

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to prepare a Resolution designating February 7, 2012 as “National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day” in the State of Illinois.

MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer research installing guardrail @ amount 2275 Harding Avenue

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to direct the City Engineer to research installing a guardrail at 2275 Harding Avenue; in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Synthetic Drugs

Alderman Jones announced that the Office of the State General submitted information about a growing problem regarding use of Synthetic Drugs. He encourages parents to be aware of substances sold over the counter at businesses throughout the state.

Comcast Care Days -  
they April 21, 2012

Alderman Jones announced on April 21, 2012 Comcast Care Days where bring out 300 volunteers to do projects in the neighborhood that was chosen Calumet City. Any aldermen that have projects to be done to contact his office.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush suggested that Alderman Jones contact Commissioner Yovkovich to see if there is a stretch of roadway or bike path that might need attention.

April 21, 2012 Nat'l  
Volunteer

Alderman Jones announced also that April 21, 2012 is National Volunteer Day.

Legislative breakfast  
3/14/12 @ Children's Home  
Center

Alderman Jones announced on March 14, 2012 there will be a Legislative breakfast at Children's Home Center at 1652 Dolton Road. There will be state senators and state representatives present to discuss early childhood projects and involvement of the state. He encourages his colleagues to attend.

Financial Literacy seminar  
4<sup>th</sup> Ward @ Library

Alderman Wilson announced he will be sponsoring fourth 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. Financial professionals will be available providing information to residents.

Third Ward/Fourth Ward  
Crime Watch meeting  
2/7/12

Alderman Wilson announced the Third Ward/Fourth Ward Crime Watch meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Downey Park. At 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. there will be a lawyer providing a free legal clinic and give out legal advise. The regular meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. He encourages residents to attend.

Commend public works  
department

Alderman Munda commended the public works department for their hard work for the snow removal throughout the city.

Amend Chapter 90, Vehicle Licenses/antique license plate shall not pay fee

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to amend Chapter 90, Article III, Vehicle Licenses, Section 90-584, fees, by adding: subsection: (d) Passenger Motor Vehicles with an antique vehicle license plate shall not pay a license fee.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety Committee of Whole - 2/2/12 @ 7pm

Alderman Manousopoulos stated under his committee report that he received a call from Illa Galloway requesting a meeting with the whole council updating with some new changes for police and fire. The tentative date will be next Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will be forwarded to the city clerk's office.

7<sup>th</sup> Ward phone tree

Alderman Collins stated that in his ward due to the recent burglaries he has started a phone tree. He stated that it gives the police and the residents an advantage to get to know your neighbors and communicating regarding crime in the ward.

Voter Drive - 1/24/12

Alderman Collins thanked the residents of the Victory Center for attending a voter drive this past Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

@ Victory Center

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

Robinson Engineering/ sewer lining & televising report

Submitting Pavement Management and Sewer Lining & Televising Report. (Plans and maps available in the City Clerk's Office)

City Treasurer Tarka/ submitting investment report

Submitting Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2011.

Garden House I & II/ thanking city

Thanking the city for hosting holiday party.

River Oaks Towne House/ thanking city

Thanking the city for hosting holiday party.

Office of Attorney General/ re: Open Meetings Act

RE: Open Meetings Act.

City Treasurer Tarka/ re: 2009 Certified Financial Audit

RE: City of Calumet City 2009 Certified Financial Audit.

Accept & place on file

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

MOTION CARRIED

Read in entirety

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to read communications #7C & #7D in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

(see attached pages 7A & 7B for communications)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Advertise for bid/2012 John Deere 544K wheel loader

Direct the City Clerk to advertise for bid for one (1) 2012 John Deere 544K 4WD wheel loader upon receiving specifications from the public works department. (Discussed at 1/23/12 public works committee meeting)

Approve new business

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Res. #1: approving conveyance surplus real estate (407-154th Place) (Res. #12-1)

Resolution amending (Res. #11-53) approving conveyance of surplus real estate in the City of Calumet City. (407-154th Place) (see attached page 7C)

Res. #2: appropriating \$1,170,962.48 MFT funds 5/1/12 to 4/30/13 (Res. #12-2)

Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. (appropriating \$1,170,962.48 of MFT funds from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013) (Traffic Signal Maintenance, Street Light Maintenance, Salt, Stone, Sidewalk and Concrete Removal and Replacement, Street Resurfacing & Construction Engineering) (see attached page 7D)

Ord #3: amending handicap parking, by deleting: 762 Greenbay (Ord. #-12-1)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, handicap parking, by deleting: 762 Greenbay Avenue. (see attached page 7E)

Ord. #4: amending handicap parking, by adding: 107-155th St, 446 Freeland, & 220-157th Street (Ord. #12-2)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, handicap parking, by adding: 107-155th Street, 446 Freeland Avenue & 220-157th Street. (see attached page 7F)

Pass Resolutions/Adopt ordinances

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Remit payment/Wingfoot/\$5,570.85

Amend the motion of November 10, 2011 and approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Wingfoot in the amount of \$5,570.85; to be charged to account #066-17-4-110 for the purchase of ten tires for Ladder Truck #309.

Remit payment/Alpha Construction/\$101,778.70

Approve the CDBG Street Resurfacing (Calhoun Avenue from Harding to Cleveland Avenue) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alpha Construction in the amount not to exceed \$101,778.70; to be charged to account #065-07-2-471.

Remit payment/Scot Decal \$7,305.88

Amend the motion of January 12, 2012 and approve the purchase of 2012-2013 vehicle stickers and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Scot Decal in the amount of \$7,305.88 and charge to account (\$5,000 - #010-22-3-200 & \$2,305.88 - #010-22-2-320)

Remit payment/Hewlett Packard hardware contract (\$7,408.80)

Approve the Hewlett Packard hardware contract from March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Hewlett Packard Company in the amount of \$7,408.80 and charge to account #010-99-2-630.

Remit payment/KRC Calumet City/\$43,373.46

Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to KRC Calumet City, 836, Inc. in the amount of \$43,373.46 representing the city's 50% share of sales tax received by the city for the accounting period April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011; to be charged to the Corporate Fund - Contractual Obligations line item #010-99-2-696.

Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$838,984.19)

Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$219,482.78)

Approve legal bill listing

Approve legal bill listing (\$5,397.01)



Approve resurfacing/  
rehabilitation/Wentworth  
from State to Plummer

Approve the resurfacing/rehabilitation of Wentworth Avenue from State Street to Plummer Avenue for a cost not to exceed \$218,000 (which includes design and construction engineering) payable from T.I.F. 1 and authorize the engineer to prepare plans, specifications and advertise for bids.

Remit payment/Complex  
Network/\$16,505.30

Approve the repair to the gate system at the Public Works facility, and to design, modify and install necessary equipment to provide remote control gate access and video recorded surveillance of the Public Works entry gate as detailed in the attached Complex Network Solutions proposal dated 1/11/12 and authorize the city to accept the terms as detailed in the proposal and direct the Mayor to sign the proposal. (Discussed at 1/23/12 Public Safety Committee meeting)

Authorize the City Treasurer and Finance Director to utilize prior year Capitol Improvement Bond funding in the amount of \$16,505.30 for payment to Complex Network Solutions; also to direct the City Treasurer to make an initial pre-payment to Complex Network Solutions prior to the beginning of work in the amount of \$8,252.65 and remit balance due upon completion and acceptance of work.

Remit payment/JM Industrial  
properties  
demolition properties

Approve payment of the demolition and removal for the following

453 Price (\$10,800.00) & 1368 Superior Avenue (\$11,800.00); to be taken from account #118-10-5-645 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to JM Industrial Services.

Approve financial matters  
authorize City Treasurer  
remit payment

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial matters as presented and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.

#### ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Contact organizations that  
received city council grants  
to submit receipts and what  
the grants were used for

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to direct the City Treasurer and City Attorney to contact all organizations who received city council grants from 2008 to 2012 and submit receipts and what the grants were used for.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 8:17 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.)

Return - regular order  
regular  
of business

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to return to the order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 9:10 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Munda and seconded by Alderman Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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