

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
MEETING, JANUARY 14, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Rita (7:17), Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Bilotto, Thompson, Johanson

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
Patrick Ward, City Attorney
Carmine Bilottó, City Treasurer

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Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on December 10, 2013 is accepted with an amendment requested by Ald. Stone to add the presentation of donation to Angel's Touch.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS**

Marsha Rauch of 2510 Cochran asked everyone to please go online and vote for George Partin son's photo titled "Tiger". Ranger Rick Magazine is having a photo contest and George's photo is 100 votes away from 1st place.

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood Dr. thanked Ald. Carr and Officer King for checking up on him. He also thanked the City for continuing

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the Wellness Checks. Mr. Scott is also concerned about the progress at the Recreation Center.

The Mayor informed Mr. Scott there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday regarding the Rec Center.

Carol DePace-Green of 2731 Orchard St likes that the Rec Center is being addressed and is confident that Ald. Johnson will ensure what needs to happen in that community moves forward. Ms. Green requested that corrections be made on the bills due to garbage and recycling not being picked up.

Allan Stevo of 2324 Union St asked when he can receive the legal written legal opinion he requested regarding Pam Frasor. Mr. Stevo also asked if and when the 2013 Financial Audit would be published. Mr. Stevo also wanted to know if the Pelouin administration had forwarded all documents. He also asked if the Plumbing Inspector resided in Blue Island and why have the minutes not been posted online.

Mr. Sherrod of 2051-2059 120th St spoke on behalf of his mother. His parents have owned the 15 unit apartment for years and experience massive flooding. He would like this to be addressed before spring time when they experience the worst flooding issues.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR

1. Appointment of Larry Guntner as the City's Plumbing Inspector

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to accept the appointment of Larry Gunter as the City's Plumbing Inspector.

Ayes:	9	Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto
Nays:	0	
Absent:	5	Ald. Buckner, Bilotto, Rita, Thompson, Johanson
Abstain:	0	

There being Nine (9) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

2. Oath of Office of Sgt. Kevin Sisk as Police Department Commander
3. Honorable Mention Awards to Officer Tavis Kaczanowski and Officer John Chickerillo

Deputy Chief Cornell also presented Honorable Mentions to Officer Brian Holwell, Officer Nick Bibbitt, Officer Frank Navarro, and Corporal Chris Connors.

BIDS

No Bids.

CITY CLERK

No Business.

CITY TREASURER

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Carr to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2013 to be placed on file.

Ayes: 10

Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4

Ald. Buckner, Bilotto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried

CITY ATTORNEY

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND TERMS OF ISSUANCE.

ORDINANCE. 2014-001

On the question: Ald. Stone asked if the aldermen would be receiving a list of the applications. Ald. Stone also wanted to know if the community development committee would continue to review the applications.

Ald. Hawley stated that exact procedures are still being worked out, but he would be requesting that the Building Department presents the applications or a report of businesses that have applied. In addition, they have talked about putting the applications on the website and emailing both aldermen from the ward that the business has applied within.

Ald. Stone asked how they pass as ordinance if they are still unclear on procedures.

Ald. Johnson asked if anything is being done regarding landlords letting people operate a business without getting a business license.

Attorney Raines explained that if there is a lease involved, the landlord would have to be listed on the application and both parties would need to produce the document.

ORDINANCE. 2014-002

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ORDINANCE . 2014-003

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND

ORDINANCE. 2014-004

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PACE SUBURBAN BUS FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

RESOLUTION. 2014-001

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CAL-SAG TRAIL PROJECT

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Johnson to include the above stated items in the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Bilotto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Carr to sever item number 6 (An Ordinance Repealing Ordinances 11-152 & 2650) from the Consent Agenda.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Rita to postpone item number 6 indefinitely.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Community Development Committee Report for Meeting on December 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm
Present: Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Carr, Ostling, Frausto
Absent: Ald. Thompson
Also Present: Nick Crite, Planning and Scott Farrow

12952 Western Ave. UIS Insurance: Scott Farrow was present to represent UIS Insurance. They've been in business for 30 years and they are excited to open an office in Blue Island. It will have two staff, bi-lingual. They are looking to open in the first quarter of 2014. They represent Blue Cross and Blue Shield, primarily, and represent six other insurance

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companies. The Theater part is being rehabbed and improved and opened in 2014. It was moved by Ald. Frausto and seconded by Ald. Carr to approve UIS Insurance office only, subject to final fire and building inspections. All signage and façade changes must be approved by Jason Berry and the Building and Planning Department. All in favor, motion passed.

The committee then reviewed and discussed the new Business License Ordinance. Suggestions were made for some changes. Nick Crite will take those suggestions back to Attorney Raines to incorporate into the license. Those changes will be presented and discussed at the January Community Development Committee meeting.

A meeting with the Olde Western business owners will be set up in the new year to discuss the signage. Ald. Frausto will draft the letter.

Mr. Crite presented the Building Department report for November 2013:

• Building Permits Issued	105
• Apartment Inspections	30
• Residential Inspections	25
• Health / License Inspections	70
• Commercial Inspections	7
• Letter of Conditions	10
• Demand Notices	-
• Court Summons Issued	-
• Complaints Checked	35
• Not Approved for Occupancy	-
• Code Violation door tags	35
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	-
• Stop Work Notices	-
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$-
• Vacant Properties Registered	14
• Vacant Properties Inspected	6

There being no further business, it was moved by Ald. Bilotto and seconded by Ald. Carr to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Community Development Committee Report for Meeting on
January 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
 Present: Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Carr, Ostling, Frausto
 Absent: Ald. Bilotto and Thompson
 Also Present: Jason Berry, Building and Planning, Nick
 Crite, Planning, DC Klinker, Treasurer
 Bilotto, and Chief Luety.

There were no new business applications to discuss.

The committee reviewed and discussed the revisions to the new Business License Ordinance. A couple of typos and wording changes were suggested and will be incorporated into the final version. It was moved by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Carr to pass the new Business License Ordinance out of committee to City Council for approval. All in favor, motion passed.

A meeting with the Olde Western business owners will be set up in the new year to discuss the signage. Ald. Frausto will draft the letter.

Mr. Berry presented the Building Department report for November 2013:

• Building Permits Issued	105
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There being no further business, it was moved by Ald. Carr and seconded by Ald. Frausto to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Finance Committee Report for the Meeting of January 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:07.

Present: Ald. Hawley & Ald. Donahue

Absent: Ald. Thompson & Buckner

Also Present: Treasurer Bilotto, Finance Director Matt Anastasia, Director Rita, Clerk Heuser, and Supervisor of Building & Planning Department Nick Crite

Payroll for the following:

December 6, 2013 in the amount of \$382,330.77 which included “Black Wednesday” a roadside safety check which will be reimbursed because of a grant;

December 20, 2013 in the amount of \$375,000.09; and **January 3, 2014 in the amount of \$379,026.35** with a motion to authorize by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley and a voice vote with all in favor to approve the total payroll liability for all. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable for December 18, 2013 in the amount of \$74,689.70 and Accounts Payable for January 8, 2014 in the amount of \$463,642.77 with a motion to authorize by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2nd by Alderman Kevin Donahue and a voice vote with all in favor to approve. Motion carried.

A motion by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley for an ordinance authorizing execution and providing for terms of a contract for fire recovery billing. Voice vote with all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2nd by Alderman Kevin Donahue to authorize Barnes Tree Service’s bid for their proposal of a tree removal in the 7th Ward which was the lowest of 3 bids. Voice vote with all in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nick Crite explained Incentive Renewal Applications Class 8 for both Harvey Pallets, Inc. and Midway Storage II, LLC and Incentive Renewal Application Class 6b for Skyline DKI. Motion to authorize by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion with Supervisor Nick Crite status of the Chicago Community Trust Grant.

Discussion with Clerk Randy Heuser regarding 3rd Millennium and vehicle sticker program. No action taken.

Discussion with Director John D. Rita, Jr. regarding the "Code Red Program." No action taken.

Discussion with Director John D. Rita, Jr. regarding a cover for the City's salt supply. The new dome that was erected is not big enough. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Public Health & Safety Committee Report for the Meeting of
January 8th, 2014

Present were Director John Rita, Fire Chief Mark Luety, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Deputy Fire Chief James Klinker, Alderman Vieyra, Alderman Johnson, and myself. Absent were Alderman Johanson and Alderman Buckner. Also present was Treasurer Carmine Bilotto and Alderman Hawley. The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Citizens Concerns

No citizens were present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 365 emergency calls in December, 189 were EMS calls
177 Patients were treated

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152 Patients were transported
46 Patients refused transport

They responded to 21 general fire alarms, and 14 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 105 auto aid calls, including 6 car fires.

They had 35 calls to man the firehouses.

They received 1 mutual aid calls.

They responded to the Blue Island Phenol Plant Fire. A propane tank started leaking and eventually exploded. Two plant employees were injured. Chief Luety monitored the wind direction during the fire to ensure that businesses or residences were evacuated as required.

The total number of calls for 2013 were 3,408.

The Fire Department collected \$25,515.64 in Medical Reimbursements in the month of December and \$377,864.28 for all of 2013.

General

A Public Safety Announcement was made for Holiday Fire Safety Tips and was run on the Blue Island Cable channel. The Fire Department will be making a short monthly Public Service Announcement for the cable channel Home and Fire Safety.

There were no reported fires during the month of December due to Christmas trees or holiday decorations.

The Fire Department assisted with the Holiday Light Parade, and the New Year's Eve ball drop and fireworks display.

A new billing company (Fire Recovery) is being reviewed by the city for emergency services.

Both front line fire engines at station #1 and #2 have a new in-line foam system that are good for vehicle fires and fires that are hard to put out with water alone and will use less water to extinguish. The two systems were donated by Metro Recycling and Metal Recycling Systems, both of Blue Island. Live fire training for use of the new systems was conducted with all three shifts.

Maintenance

Engine 2123 was out of service for several days due to an engine problem from the manufacturer that was repaired.

A total of 10.5 hours in-house maintenance was performed on various equipment.

Training

The training division has completed 525.25 hours of training for the month of December. The department completed and documented 6,301.52 total man hours of hands-on and class room training for the year 2013 in Firefighting and EMS topics along with some specialty classes that members attended. We have six members on specialty teams including Haz Mat, Technical Rescue and Fire Investigation.

Lt. Joe Olson will be taking over as training officer, freeing up Lt. Kunz who will be concentrating on maintenance and care of all equipment in the department. At present Lt. Kunz has been taking care of both jobs that require a large amount of work.

Manpower

The Fire Department is down four full time Firefighters and a Fire Prevention Officer at this time.

Grants

The department is still waiting for the portable radios and computers from the radio grant and has not received any further word on the air packs from the air pack grant.

Durable Roofing won the bid for the repair of the roof of the old water tower and will repair it when the funds from the infrastructure grant are received.

The AFG Grant for two new ambulances was submitted last month but awards have not been issued yet.

No word has been received on the Safer Grant for staffing of new Firefighters.

Harry O'Hagan Lawsuit

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A lawsuit was filed by Firefighter Harry O'Hagan regarding a full time position with the Fire Department.

Police Department Report

The Police Department patrolled 16,537 miles for the month of December. 1999 calls answered.

572 Parking Citations

340 Moving Citations

229 Traffic Stops

21 Felonies

37 Misdemeanors

10 Warrant Arrests

29 Local Ordinance Violations (equipment violations, seatbelts)

54 Vehicles Impounded

Total Fees Collected: \$36,810.53

November Detective Report

51 Cases were assigned

15 Burglaries

12 Larceny

10 Property Damage

14 Other Cases

35 Cases were cleared

General

The Police Department and BIEMA assisted with the Holiday Light Parade, and the New Year's Eve ball drop.

Code Red EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Director Rita and Deputy Chief Cornell are looking into the Code Red EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION program. Citizens will be able to register their cell phone numbers or emails and be alerted in case of a local emergency in their neighborhood or on their block.

Well Being Checks

125 well-being checks were made from Monday, January 6th, to Wednesday, January 8th. If a citizen wishes to be added to the well-being checklist they should contact the Police Department.

Facebook account

The Police Department Facebook account is up and running since Monday, January 6th.

Snow Routes

The Police Department assisted Public Works in clearing designated snow routes after the recent snow storm.

Commendations

Four Police Officers will receive commendations at the January 14th City Council meeting.

Commander Position

Sergeant Sisk will be sworn in as Commander at the January 14th City Council meeting.

Aldermen's Concerns

None.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Vieyra, second by Alderman Johnson.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 7:30 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, February 3, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

MOTIONS

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Pittman to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:

The ordinances and resolution previously included in the consent agenda; Payroll for 12/06/13 in the amount of \$382,330.77, 12/20/13 in the amount of \$375,000.09, 1/03/14 in the amount of \$379,026.35; Accounts Payable for 12/18/13 in the amount of \$74,689.70 and 1/08/14 in the amount of \$463,642.77; Committee Reports as presented; An Ordinance Authorizing Execution and Providing for Terms of a Contract for Fire Recovery Billing Services; An Ordinance Restricting Portions of Certain Streets for Handicapped Parking Only within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof; A Resolution for Approval of Renewal of Class 6(b) Real Estate Tax Incentive Abatement for Property located at 13821 Harrison Street in the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois; A Resolution for Approval of Renewal of Class 8 Real Estate Tax Incentive Abatement for Property located at 13601 Western Avenue in the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois; A Resolution for Approval of Renewal of Class 8 Real Estate Tax Incentive Abatement for Property located at 2341 West 135th Place in the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Bilotto, Thompson, Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Rita to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Johnson to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone,
Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Ald. Buckner, Bilotto, Thompson,
Johanson

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Pittman to accept Mack E. Galvan's resignation.

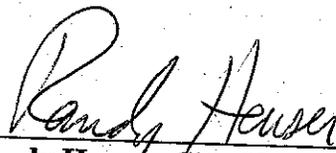
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.

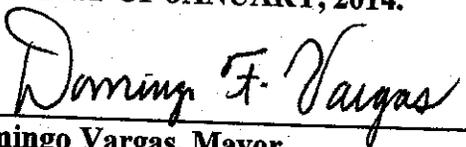
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.**



Domingo Vargas, Mayor

