

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 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 November 25, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 11 Ald. Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson (7:03),
Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley,
Vieyra, Rita, Stone

Absent: 3 Buckner, Berrini, Donahue

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Pittman the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on November 11, 2014 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 10 Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Stone

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Berrini, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Ronald Young, 12440 Maple, stated his concerns about the continuation of the red light program in the City of Blue Island.

Tony Lee, 2800 W. 127th St, stated that things are changing on the streets and in the city council. He asked council to keep up the good work.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union St, asked what committee the red light program came out of.

The Mayor stated it was Public Health & Safety and Judiciary.

Mr. Stevo stated he attended those meetings and didn't hear it. He thinks they should have a referendum vote or public hearing. Mr. Stevo asked if there is an out clause in the contract.

The Mayor stated he would make a note of it.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor thanked all the volunteers who helped put Christmas decorations up on Western Ave.

The Mayor announced holiday events going on in the city in December:

Fill a Cruiser Food Drive

The Blue Island Police Department is again collecting non-perishable food items for Angel's Touch. Let's fill a Cruiser to help those in need in Blue Island. If you donate 3 or more non-perishable items, you will receive a free printed photograph courtesy of Great Northern Lumber!

When: Saturday, December 6th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Memorial Park, 12804 Highland Ave

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Head on over to the Park District on Saturday morning, December 6th to welcome Santa Claus to Blue Island! He will be arriving at 11:30 and will be available for pictures. Pictures are free, but they do require you to bring 3 or more non-perishable food items and/or a small donation. Come greet Santa and be the first to see how he arrives at the Park for the holiday season! He will be available for pictures on Saturday, December 6th until 2 pm and then again on Sunday, December 7th, from 12 noon to 3 pm.

When: Saturday, December 6th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Blue Island Park District Fieldhouse, 12804 Highland Ave

Coat Giveaway

The Christian Live Center of Blue Island will be giving our 100 winter coats to needy families. Families are also invited to attend and engage in activities during this "Family Fun Time." For further information, call Shanell Allen at 773.642.9207.

When: Saturday, December 6th, 1:30 pm to 3 pm

Where: Christian Life Center of Blue Island, 2552 135th St

Christmas Light Parade

Blue Island's Annual Christmas Light Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th beginning at 5:30 pm. Western Avenue lights will be lowered and the parade will start at Union St and head south on Western to Grove. There will be bands, floats and Mr. and Mrs. Claus! St. Benedict's School will be selling cookies on the corner of York and Western. Immediately following the parade, Mayor Vargas will light the tree at the Blue Island Public Library and many of the stores and shops will be open late for your holiday shopping needs! To be in the parade, go to the City website at www.blueisland.org and scroll down to the bottom for the link to the Parade info and print out the application.

When: Saturday, December 6th, 5:30 pm

Where: Starts at Union and Western and goes south to Grove

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Pittman to approve a request from Park Lawn Association to have their annual Tag and Candy Day Fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, April 3rd and 4th and April 17th and 18th, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. or dusk.

Ayes: 11 Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Stone

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Berrini, Donahue

Abstain: 0

There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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CITY TREASURER: No business.

CITY ATTORNEY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-051

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SERVICES PROVIDER AND RELATED TO AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS WITHIN BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Johanson to approve.

Ayes: 9 Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita

Nays: 2 Thompson, Stone

Absent: 3 Buckner, Berrini, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-053

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve.

Ayes: 11 Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita,
Stone

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Berrini, Donahue

Abstain: 0

There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2014-054

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE SUBJECT TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-049

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES RELATING TO THE CAL-SAG ENTERPRISE ZONE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-050

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF CLASS 6(B) REAL ESTATE TAX INCENTIVE FOR SBS BUILDING LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13800 S. CALIFORNIA AVENUE AND MAKING A FINDING OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to include Items 3, 4, and 5 from City Attorney business in the Consent Agenda as Items 6, 7, and 8.

Ayes: 11 Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita,
Stone

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Berrini, Donahue

Abstain: 0

There being Eleven (11) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes 11-18-14

Regular Meeting – November 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, Illinois with proper public notice given. Roll call taken of the committee with Alderman Tom Hawley and Alderman Nancy Thompson and Alderman Kevin Donahue present Alderman Chrissy Buckner absent. Also present were Director of Finance and Administration Matt Anastasia, Public Safety Director John Rita, Jr., Supervisor of Golf Betty Harmeyer, Mr. Sean Halloran and Mr. Allen Stevo.

Public Comment- None.

New Business- Director Matt Anastasia introduced new city employee Sean Halloran who is the new grant person who will report to the Finance Committee. Start date is Monday, 11-24-14. He will be overseeing all grants, assisting in the finance department and the position was appropriated for. Discussion regarding renewal of the Tax Anticipation Warrant for \$1 million dollars, prepay with no penalty. We prepaid previous TAW on 9-24-14. No Action Taken.

Payroll for 11-7-14 in the amount of \$335,610.42 after discussion and noting that Mark Luety, Joe Heitz and Jerry Vidovic will be on through December, a motion to authorize by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor to approve the total payroll liability in the amount of \$335,610.42. Motion carried.

**Accounts Payable for 11-19-14 was authorized for payment by Alderman Nancy Thompson in the amount of \$190,406.11 and 2nd by Alderman Kevin Donahue. Voice vote all in favor to approve. Motion carried. Discussion regarding the accounts payable check ledger: 50% deposit of \$37,397.50 to Kaiser Communications to replace the outdated telephone system for the entire City including the golf course. A \$10,684.10 partial payment to Morton Salt. The City can only order 120% of the total amount of the previous year's amount through the State's purchasing program which is considerably much less than a private company which is approximately 3x more. The 2nd Salt Dome is in place for the delivery of the salt.

Golf Course: Discussion on Harris Golf Carts. No Action Taken. Supervisor Harmeyer discussed weather conditions and effects on the golf course; researching new avenues of revenue of foot golf possibilities; October golf course monthly total \$65,028.80.

Since Mr. Stevo was late and missed public comment, before closing, the Chair asked Mr. Stevo if he had any public comment. Mr. Stevo asked if there is in fact a forensic audit? Alderman Hawley answered that there was not and that it was too expensive. John Rita added he believes the mayor accidentally confused the terms forensic audit and annual audit. The chair added it was not appropriated for either.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2nd by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts in the East Annex of City Hall, Blue Island, Illinois.

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Respectfully submitted by,
Alderman Nancy Rita, Chair

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 7:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

MOTIONS

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Hawley to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:

1. Approval of Payroll – November 7, 2014 for \$335,610.42
2. Approval of Accounts Payable – November 19, 2014 for \$190,406.11
3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-055
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-058
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-054
7. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-049
8. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-050

Ayes: 11 Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita,
Stone

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Berrini, Donahue

Abstain: 0

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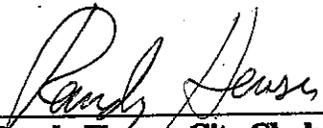
ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

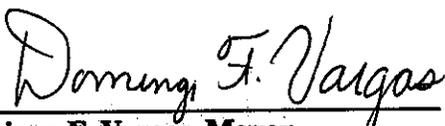
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
December 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.**



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor