

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING**  
**May 13, 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 May 13, 2014.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Absent: 2 Ald. Thompson, Buckner

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk  
ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney  
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on April 22, 2014 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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**Moved by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Special Meeting on May 3, 2014 is accepted as printed.**

**Ayes: 12** Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

**Nays: 0**

**Absent: 2** Thompson, Buckner

**Abstain: 0**

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

No citizens.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

The Mayor stated that they are addressing the flooding issues in town.

Mr. Marchbanks informed the council of a light truck that he was able to get through letters and petitions with Calumet Township for the City at no cost.

The Mayor informed the council and public that former alderman of the sixth ward, Pete Vazquez, passed away last week.

Ald. Ostling asked if there was any control over the donations bins that are popping out around town.

The Mayor said that would be addressed.

**BIDS:**

No Bids.

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**CITY CLERK:**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request from St. Donatus Parish to hold its 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Fest and Carnival from Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Pittman to approve a request from Evangelical Community Church to have a block party on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Street blocked from Gregory to Irving.**

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Carr to approve a request for a block party on Minnesota Avenue and California Avenue on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request for a block party at 13020 S. Greenwood Avenue on May 25, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 1 Hawley

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

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2014.**

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO SETTLE EMPLOYMENT DISPUTE WITH A CERTAIN EMPLOYEE.**

**Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to table.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-026**

**A RESOLUTION URGING OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 5485.**

**Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley to approve.**

**Ayes: 12** Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

**Nays: 0**

**Absent: 2** Thompson, Buckner

**Abstain: 0**

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-027**

**A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND BY CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RESCINDING A RESOLUTION QUALIFYING CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR RELATING TO THE SAME.**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve.**

**Ayes: 12** Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

**Nays: 0**

**Absent: 2** Thompson, Buckner

**Abstain: 0**

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There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

### **Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

### **Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman**

#### **Public Health & Safety Committee Report for the Meeting of May 7th , 2014**

Present were Director John Rita, Fire Chief Mark Luety, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Deputy Fire Chief James Klinker, Jim McGeever, Alderman Johanson, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Marcia Stone as a guest, and myself. Absent were Don Marchbanks, Alderman Vieyra, and Alderman Buckner. The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

#### **Citizens Concerns**

One citizen was present. The citizen was concerned about recent crime in their neighborhood, asked what was being done, and how to set up a Neighborhood Watch Program. Deputy Chief Cornell and Director Rita addressed the concerns of the citizens, citing extra patrols, the restarting of the Neighborhood Watch Program, and the implementation of Code Red.

#### **Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department had 300 emergency calls in April, 191 were EMS calls  
172 Patients were treated  
146 Patients were transported  
45 Patients refused transport

Average call to patient response time 5:1 minutes

They responded to 15 general fire alarms, and 23 minor fire alarms.

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They responded to 35 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 33 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response calls.

There were no major incidents in the month of April. Calls of interest: two garage fires, one car fire, and one basement fire.

Medical Reimbursement Services for March \$46,257.70 with a process fee of \$4394.48

Fire Recovery submitted 11 claims for a total amount of \$2428.00

**General**

The Fire Department is currently processing a candidate for hire this month for full time Firefighter pending the passing of all pre-employment requirements.

Administrative Assistant Jackie Mathis attended a three day seminar starting for Fire Department Administrative Assistants and brought back some valuable information for the Department.

There were two invoices submitted for payment. 1) Blue Cart Team annual assessment of \$150.00 for MABAS division 22, and 2) Southwest Hazmat Team semiannual assessment for \$750.00. The Fire Department currently has two members on each of these teams.

**Maintenance**

Engine 2123 was sent out for its preventative maintenance service but will need to be sent back for a pump test.

All ladders including the aerial ladder will be tested per NFPA testing standards.

Marine One is out at Water Works for maintenance and will be in-service when it comes back.

**Training**

The training division has completed 382.5 hours of training for the month of April.

The Moraine Valley interns have finished up their internship by attending a liquid propane class put on by Illinois Fire Service Institute hosted at Station #1. The training was also attended by other members of our department along with six members from other departments.

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Lieutenant Olson has been working on a firefighter training tower, which he has presented a proposal for to Mark Miller. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District presently has its legal department looking at the use of its land for the containers as a training site.

METRA will be hosting specialized training on train emergencies from how to evacuate and extricate patients from trains, to the hazards of the locomotive and how to shut them down.

**Grants**

The Fire Department received notification by FEMA that we were turned down for the SAFER grant for staffing of Firefighters. The grant will be applied for again next year.

Mark Miller received a grant for new a sidewalk at Station #2. This work should begin in several weeks.

No information has been received on the AFG grant for 2 new ambulances.

**Railroad Bridge Fire**

Chief Luety provided the following report on the Railroad Bridge Fire. On Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department received a call concerning a brush fire with possible railroad tie involvement, which was soon reported to be a CSX trestle bridge fire at Broadway and Vine. It started out as a single engine response, then upgraded. Ten Fire Departments assisted us to contain the fire. Creosote in the railroad ties acted as a catalyst. The Coast Guard put out a warning to boats on the canal. A tugboat called the Morgan from Kindra Lake Towing came to assist. They used their pump to help put out the fire. It does not appear to be intentionally set. The bridge has been deemed structurally sound. The 911 Center handled 78 calls within the first hour. BIEMA organized traffic control.

**Police Department Report****Safe Park Zone Ordinance**

The Safe Park Zone Ordinance was presented for approval. Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Johanson. The ordinance was approved. There was some discussion about whether or not the additional funds could be assigned to the Rec Center. This will be sent to Attorney Raines.

**Summer Personnel Changes**

Officer Jerry Colone will be assigned to DEA and Officer Lasalle King in DDE as a School Resource Officer. Officers who have previously been with DEA will serve as mentors to our younger officers.

**Reports**

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The Police Department answered 2122 calls including 239 business premise checks. 81 liquor establishment checks were done.

**Stats/Cases of Interest**

5 Armed Robberies  
2 Robberies  
3 Commercial Burglaries  
7 Residential Burglaries  
112 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)  
7 Shots Fired (4) unfounded

**Calls of Interest**

Regarding the incident at Stan's Park, 12701 Irving, the last two offenders have been taken into custody.

From April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> four armed robberies occurred on the east side. On May 1<sup>st</sup> Officer Chickerillo observed three subjects that fit the description of the Armed Robbery offenders. One of the subjects appeared to be hiding an object. Officer Chickerillo approached the subjects and one of them fled. Officer Chickerillo gave chase and eventually caught him. The subject did not have the object on him, officers checked the route of the subject's flight and found a hand gun in the 2300 block of Orchard. The gun matches the description of the armed robber's gun. This is an on-going investigation.

Extra officers have been placed on patrol in the area where these robberies occurred.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> there was a call of shots fired in front of the Island Bar, 13414 Olde Western. Nothing was hit and nobody was hurt. The incident is being investigated.

**Overtime Paid**

Supervisors: 72 hours  
Patrol Officers: 192 hours  
Court: 79.5 hours  
Detectives: 64 hours  
Late calls/Paperwork: 10.5 hours

**Liquor Establishment Call**

13 disturbance calls were received in April on liquor establishments.

**Training**

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Fourteen officers attended training in April. Training classes included Suicide Awareness and Intervention, Ground Fighting Control Tactics, Illinois Concealed Carry Update, Training Manager Specialist, and Truck Enforcement, among others.

**Miscellaneous**

Code Red is complete and will be ready to go live next week.

The Boot Program should begin this week.

The Police Department received a new vehicle. It still requires equipment and graphics. These bids will be put through the Finance Department.

**Facebook account.**

It has added almost 45 followers in the last month, and is up to 673 likes. It is interesting to note that nearly 24% of the followers are women from 25-34.

**Upcoming Events**

Kid/Cop Day at Bethel Church, 2726 Broadway, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**911 Center**

The 911 Center received 12,700 calls in April. Calls are slightly down from last year. Jim McGeever is working on a training program for the dispatchers. Some dispatchers attended a LEEDS seminar. The 911 Center handled 78 calls in one hour concerning the rail road bridge fire. These included calls from Blue Island, Calumet Park, Midlothian, and Posen.

**BIEMA**

There is no BIEMA report for April.

**Public Health**

Tom Mailhot received 2 complaints about food establishments and performed 23 health inspections on businesses in the month of April.

**Aldermen's Concerns**

None

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Our next regular meeting is June 4th at 7:00 in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman

Deputy Chief Cornell informed the public that Code Red is up and running. The link is up on the web page.

**Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Monday, May 19, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

**Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

## **MOTIONS**

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

- 1. Approval of Payroll – April 25, 2014 for \$358,011.45**
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable – May 7, 2014 for \$571,366.19**
- 3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented**
- 4. An Ordinance Rescinding Time-Related Parking Restrictions on a Certain Portion of Union Street Near its Intersection with Irving Avenue in Blue Island, Illinois and Deeming that Portion to be a No Parking Zone and Establishing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.**
- 5. An Ordinance Designating Residential Permit Parking Only District B8 Within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.**
- 6. An Ordinance Designating Residential Permit Parking Only District B9 Within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.**

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Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Vieyra to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

The Meeting was reconvened at 7:48 pm.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Vieyra to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 12 Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-025**

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**Motion by Ald. Johanson second by Ald. Carr to approve.**

Ayes: 12            Ostling, Pittman, Johnson, Frausto,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2            Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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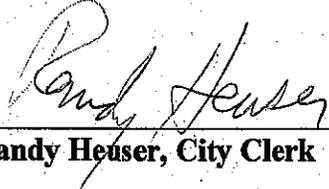
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for  
May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2014.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor

