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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois
February 25, 2014

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion to approve minutes from February 11, 2014

5. **Public Comment**

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WELCOME YOU AS OBSERVERS TO THIS PUBLIC MEETING. YOU ARE REMINDED THIS MEETING IS FOR THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGARDING CITY BUSINESS AND GOVERNANCE. IF YOU INTEND TO SPEAK, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THIS EVENING'S BUSINESS. ONCE RECOGNIZED BY THE MAYOR, PLEASE APPROACH THE PODIUM, ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. IF YOUR COMMENTS REQUIRE A RESPONSE, THEY MAY BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON FOR FOLLOW-UP.

6. **Report of City Officials/Presentations/Resolutions**

Mayor:

Bids:

City Clerk:

1. Motion to approve a request from the Blue Island Little League for their annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 26, 2014 starting at 12:00 p.m.

2. Motion to approve a request from the Library to close the city parking lot east of and adjacent to the Library all day on Saturday, April 19, 2014 for an outdoor civic event for Library Week.

City Treasurer:

City Attorney:

1. An Ordinance Authorizing Execution and Providing for Terms of a Contract for EMS Billing Services.

2. A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreement Related to Certain Litigation.

7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Community Development Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Public Health and Safety
 - d. Municipal Services Committee
 - e. Judiciary Committee

8. **Motions**
 - a. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Payroll – February 14, 2014 for \$355,912.42
 2. Approval of Accounts Payable – February 19, 2014 for \$304,393.42
 3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented.
 4. A Resolution Delegating the Treasurer’s Signatory Authority for the Blue Island Police Pension Fund.

9. **Motion to Retire to Closed Session for consideration of:**
 - a. Discussion of Pending Litigation

10. **Motion to Reconvene Regular Session**

11. **Motion for Adjournment**

February 10, 2014

Randy Heuser, City Clerk
City of Blue Island
13051 S. Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406

Dear Mr. Heuser:

It's that time of the year again, and the Blue Island Little League is asking for approval for the annual opening day parade on Saturday, April 26, 2014 starting at 12:00 p.m. The Parade will start from Eagle's Hall going East on Grove, to Gregory, North on Gregory, to Prairie, West on Prairie to Western, South on Western to Vermont, East on Vermont to Division St., North on Division to Schrei Field.

We are requesting a police escort and a fire truck if available and possible.

Should you have any questions, please call Rick Fiske at 708-389-1511 or Jaime Jalomo at 708-489-9572.

We thank you in advance.

The Blue Island Little League



Think Outside The Loop

Blue Island's Library, 2433 York Street, Blue Island, Illinois 60406,

February 12, 2014

Randy Heuser, City Clerk
City of Blue Island
13051 S. Greenwood Ave
Blue Island, Illinois 60406

Dear Mr. Heuser:

I am writing on behalf of the Library to request your help in securing the appropriate authorization from City Council for the Library to close the city parking lot immediately east of and adjacent to the Library all day Saturday, April 19th, 2014.

Weather permitting, we are planning an outdoor civic event for Library Week and plan to use the lot each for musical performances and food stands.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our efforts.

Dan Carroll
Public Information and Events
1-708-388-1078 x 30

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2014-009**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND PROVIDING
FOR TERMS OF A CONTRACT FOR EMS BILLING SERVICES.**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

1st Ward	CHRISTINE BUCKNER-CHEATLE	TOM HAWLEY
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Aldermen

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-009

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF
A CONTRACT FOR EMS BILLING SERVICES**

Whereas, the City of Blue Island has the authority to contract and be contracted with pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/2-2-12;

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the City for efficient management of city resources and billing activities relating to emergency medical and ambulance services to outsource such activities to a contractor whose primary business involves the same;

NOW AND THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: AGREEMENT FORMS AND TERMS AUTHORIZED

The Agreement between City of Blue Island and Medical Reimbursement Services, LLC for the providing of EMS billing services shall substantially and materially conform to the form and terms contained in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT TO EXECUTE AND ACT IN

ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT

The City Council further authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the City shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the City to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER-CHEATLE					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman STONE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED: this 25th day of February, 2014.

**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
25th day of February, 2014.

CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
25th day of February, 2014.

CITY CLERK

**Billing Contract
For
City of Blue Island**

THIS AGREEMENT is between the CITY OF BLUE ISLAND (hereinafter referred to as "CUSTOMER"), located at 13051 Greenwood Ave, Blue Island, IL 60406, and Medical Reimbursement Services, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "MRS"), and located at 9850 West 190th Street, Unit B-10, Mokena, IL 60448.

WHEREAS, CUSTOMER and MRS desire that MRS handle all of the billing functions for Ambulance Services provided by CUSTOMER;

TO WHICH, the parties agree as follows:

1. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement is the entire agreement between parties hereto, "Proposed Services / Billing Procedures" are attached hereto and, by this reference, made a part of this Agreement.
2. **SERVICES PROVIDED.** MRS agrees to provide the services described herein and specified more fully in "Proposed Services / Billing Procedures" beginning on the Commencement Date, and continuing through completion of the Services provided for herein
 - a. For each M.I.C.U. form and accompanying patient information sheet submitted by CUSTOMER, MRS will prepare the appropriate reimbursement form and submit the form and/or invoice to the appropriate third party payer or individual for payment. CUSTOMER retains responsibility for providing accurate and complete documentation of clinical services provided. CUSTOMER understands that MRS can only code from the documentation provided.
3. **COLLECTIONS.** All monies collected will be directed to CUSTOMER. Any collections received directly by MRS will be held in safekeeping and promptly remit those payments to CUSTOMER in a manner prescribed by CUSTOMER

It is responsibility of CUSTOMER to notify MRS within 72 [seventy-two] hours of all payments, correspondence, explanation of benefits, etc. relating to the services heretofore described.

MRS shall continue its best efforts to collect all payments on behalf of CUSTOMER in regard to such invoices for a period of 6 [six] months from date of issuance, MRS will deliver all documentation relating to those invoices to CUSTOMER for disposition as CUSTOMER deems desirable. MRS will provide CUSTOMER with contact information of Collection Agency upon request.

CUSTOMER shall provide MRS guidelines for sending the bills and claims, including but not limited to, the rates to be charged. CUSTOMER shall provide MRS with written notice of any changes that affect ambulance billing, including but not limited to, rate changes.

4. **COMPENSATION / FEES.** Medical Reimbursement Services, LLC will provide the CUSTOMER the services outlined in this proposal for the fee of 9.5% [nine and a half] of all payments collected based on the payments received in the preceding month. Medical Reimbursement Services guarantees to continue to collect \$370,000.00 per year. If \$370,000.00 is not collected at the end of the year our fee will be reduced to 4.75% for the preceding year; until collectables meet the \$370,000.00 level.
5. **OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES.** MRS shall be reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in performance of services and for usual expenses incurred at the written request of CUSTOMER. Expenses for local travel, postage and telephone charges are included in the price for services and shall not be considered out-of-pocket expenses.
6. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on February 1st 2014 (the "Commencement Date") and shall expire at the close of business on February 1st 2017, and be automatically renewed for additional one year periods at terms as outlined above unless terminated in accordance with paragraph 7 [seven] hereof.
7. **TERMINATION.**
 - a. **Default.** Each party has the right to terminate this Agreement if the other party breaches or is in default of any obligation hereunder which default is incapable of cure or which, being capable of cure, has not been cured within 15 [fifteen] days after receipt of notice of such default (or such additional cure period as the non-defaulting party may authorize).
 - b. **Acts of Insolvency.** Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other and regard the other party as in default of this Agreement, if the other party becomes insolvent, makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, files a voluntary petition of bankruptcy, suffers or permits the appointment of a receiver for its business or assets, or becomes subject to any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law, whether domestic or foreign, or has wound up or liquidated, voluntarily or otherwise. In the event that any of the above events occurs, that party shall immediately notify the other party of its occurrence.
 - c. **Force Majeure; Suspension and Termination.** In the event that either party is unable to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, or to enjoy any of its benefits because of (or if failure to perform the Services is caused by) natural disaster, actions or decrees of governmental bodies or communication line failure not the fault of the affected party (hereinafter referred to as a "Force Majeure Event"), the party who has been so affected shall immediately give notice to the other party and shall do everything possible to resume performance. Upon receipt of such notice, all obligations under this Agreement shall be immediately suspended. If the period of nonperformance exceeds 30 [thirty] days from the receipt of notice of the Force Majeure Event, either party so affected may be given or may give written notice to terminate this Agreement.
 - d. **Rights and Obligations of the Parties on Termination.** CUSTOMER shall pay MRS all fees and expenses due under paragraphs 3 and 4 hereof up to and including the date of termination of this Agreement.

- e. **Mutual Agreement.** Each party has the right to terminate this Agreement by notifying the other within 30 [thirty] days of such termination. Notification must be by registered letter through the U.S. Postal Service.
8. **Records / Confidentiality.** All medical records relating to the ambulance services rendered by the ambulance crew, claims, run reports, etc. shall be and remain the property of CUSTOMER. MRS will comply with all laws and policy regulations concerning patient confidentiality and will not disclose confidential information other than required by law.
9. **CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** In no event shall either of the parties hereto be liable to the other for the payment of any consequential damages.
10. **ASSIGNMENT.**
- a. **Consent Required.** Neither party shall assign or subcontract the whole or any part of this Agreement without the other party's written consent, except that the CUSTOMER may assign without the consent of MRS to any corporate affiliate provided that CUSTOMER remains the guarantor of, and is fully liable for, the performance of all of its obligations under Agreement, and MRS may assign its right to receive payments to such third parties as MRS may desire without consent of CUSTOMER, provided that MRS gives written notice including evidence of such assignment to CUSTOMER 30 [thirty] days in advance of any payment so assigned.
- b. **Subcontracting.** Any subcontract made by MRS with the consent of the CUSTOMER as aforesaid shall incorporate by reference all the terms of this Agreement. MRS agrees to guarantee the performance of any subcontractor used in performance of the Services.
11. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.
12. **REPORTS.** On or before the 15th [fifteen] day of each month that this Agreement is in effect, MRS shall provide CUSTOMER with an accounting reports detailing transactions, receivables, accounts aging, and collections. Additionally, MRS will remain fully compliant with confidentiality and privacy requirements under H.I.P.P.A.
13. **SIGNATURE.** It is the responsibility of CUSTOMER to obtain the signature of the patient or verification that it could not be obtained for the HIPPA privacy notice, for consent to release records as necessary for payment and for assignment of benefits forms.
14. **MISCELLANEOUS.** MRS and CUSTOMER are contractors' independent of one another and neither has the authority to bind the other to any third person or otherwise to act in any way as the representative of the other, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing signed by both parties hereto.
- a. **Insurance.** MRS shall insure against all losses and damages which are result of the fault or negligence of MRS in the carrying out of the Services. MRS shall carry errors and omissions insurance. 1 [one] million dollar General Liability with a 2 [two] million aggregate limit.

- b. **Notices.** Any notice or other communication hereunder shall be in writing.
- c. **Waiver.** No term or provision hereof shall be deemed waived and no breach excused unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented.
- d. **Modifications.** If CUSTOMER and MRS modify in writing the scope of services hereunder, MRS shall perform these services according to the modified contract. The modified contract shall provide any appropriate revisions to the compensation provisions of the modified contract and any other terms and conditions of performance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed and do each hereby warrant and represent that their respective signatory whose signature appears below has been and is on the date of this Agreement duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate corporate action to execute this Agreement.

**MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT
SERVICES, LLC**

CITY OF BLUE ISLAND

BY: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2014-012**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT RELATED TO CERTAIN LITIGATION.**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

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Aldermen

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-012

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
RELATED TO CERTAIN LITIGATION**

Whereas, the City of Blue Island has the authority to contract and be contracted with pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/2-2-12;

Whereas, there was filed a lawsuit captioned Allstate Insurance Company a/s/o Rondy Williams vs. City of Blue Island;

Whereas, the Council finds it is in the best interests of the City to resolve said litigation by an amicable settlement in lieu of continued litigation and litigation related costs; and

Whereas, the parties have reached an agreement to settle all claims, known and unknown without admitting any fault or liability;

NOW AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

The authority under this Resolution shall extend to the execution of all necessary agreements required to dispose of the pending litigation referenced herein for one thousand five hundred (\$1,500).

**SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT TO EXECUTE AND ACT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS**

The City Council further authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the City shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the City to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER-CHEATLE					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
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Alderman RITA					
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Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED: this 25th day of February, 2014.

**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
 COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
 25th day of February, 2014.

CITY CLERK

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2014-011**

**A RESOLUTION DELEGATING THE TREASURER'S SIGNATORY
AUTHORITY FOR THE BLUE ISLAND POLICE PENSION FUND.**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

1st Ward	CHRISTINE BUCKNER-CHEATLE	TOM HAWLEY
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Aldermen

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION DELEGATING THE TREASURER'S SIGNATORY AUTHORITY
FOR THE BLUE ISLAND POLICE PENSION FUND**

WHEREAS, the Blue Island Police Pension Fund ("the Fund") is a pension fund duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board") has deemed it necessary to authorize the Treasurer of the Fund to delegate his/her signatory authority under the limited circumstances set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the BLUE ISLAND Police Pension Fund as follows:

Section 1. Carmine Bilotto, as Treasurer of the Fund, hereby delegates (his/her) signatory authority under the circumstances set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution. This delegation shall remain in effect until revoked or amended in writing by Treasurer Bilotto, or until a successor Treasurer of the Fund is appointed.

Section 2. This Resolution shall supersede any resolution or motions, or parts of resolutions or motions, in conflict with any part herein, and any such resolutions or motions, or part thereof, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

EXHIBIT A

**DELEGATION OF SIGNATORY AUTHORITY
BY THE TREASURER OF THE
BLUE ISLAND POLICE PENSION FUND**

I, Carmine Bilotto the duly appointed Treasurer of the Blue Island Police Pension Fund (the "Fund"), hereby delegate my signatory authority on behalf of the Fund as follows:

1. The following individuals are hereby authorized as signatories for the Fund in my absence:

Kevin Sisk, Pension Board Trustee

Jason Slattery, Pension Board Secretary

Nathan Gaskill, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

Allison Barrett, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

2. The aforementioned authorized signatories may exercise their signatory authority on Harris Bank account #321-550-6 when I am unavailable to provide a signature as Treasurer of the Fund.
3. I understand that Lauterbach & Amen, LLP maintains Commercial General Liability insurance and that Certificates of Insurance are available upon request. I also understand that, per the Internal Controls in place within Lauterbach & Amen, LLP,
 - a. the Lauterbach & Amen, LLP signer has been granted signatory authority on the Pension Fund's above-referenced Harris Bank account, and
 - b. the Lauterbach & Amen, LLP signer reviews the disbursement documentation approved by the Pension Fund to ensure the data matches the information on the check being signed.
4. I reserve the right, as Treasurer of the Fund, to revoke or amend this delegation of signatory authority at any time. Any such revocation or amendment shall be in writing and adopted by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Fund.

**Carmine Bilotto, Treasurer
BLUE ISLAND POLICE PENSION FUND**

Date

ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER-CHEATLE					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
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Alderman DONAHUE					
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Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED: this 25th day of February, 2014.

KEVIN SISK
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BLUE ISLAND POLICE PENSION FUND

ATTEST:

JASON SLATTERY
SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BLUE ISLAND POLICE PENSION FUND

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 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 February 11, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Carr, second by Ald. Bilotto the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2014 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Regular Meeting ~ February 11, 2014

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Rachel Orozco of 11957 Longwood Drive invited everyone to attend the Black History Month Celebration that will be taking place on Friday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Annex.

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood Drive expressed his gratitude in the changes he has seen made in the city council and city. Mr. Scott thanked the Mayor for attending the Kwanzaa celebration. He also invited everyone to observe Black History Month in their own way.

Kevin Yates of 1520 Broadway Street asked what the citizens of Blue Island can do to provide momentum and support in order to get funding from state or federal to repair the bridges that are currently closed.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

Appointment of Deputy Chief Michael Cornell to the Police Pension Board

Recognition of JR Bramlett of Airline Towing

The Mayor thanked JR Bramlet, President of Airline Towing, for the donation of equipment and salt, and their assistance with snow removal throughout Blue Island Streets and the removal of snow from the sidewalks of the 127th Street Bridge in Blue Island.

Jason Berry presented City of Blue Island scarves that came about as part of marketing effort to promote the City of Blue Island. They are available at the Rock Island Pub for \$30.

Mr. Berry explained the "We won" flyers seen around town. Voters selected to hear Blue Island's annexation story over Oak Park and Evanston.

The Mayor announced that scouts from the Chicago Fire show visited city hall and is hopeful the location will be used for an episode.

BIDS: **No Bids.**

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Pittman to approve a request from American Legion Post 50 to hold their annual Poppy Days on Friday and Saturday, May 16th and 17th, 2014 with a rain date of May 23rd and 24th.

Ayes: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Stone to approve a request from MetroSouth Park/St. Benedict Church to hold their 2nd Annual Fundraiser “Run for your Life 5k/1 Mile Walk” on October 4, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ayes: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve a request from Park Lawn to hold their annual Tag and Candy Day Fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, April 11th and 12th and April 18th and 19th, 2014 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. or dusk.

Regular Meeting – February 11, 2014

On the Question: Ald. Stone asked if they are still not allowed to do 127th and Western.

She was answered that is remaining the same.

Ayes: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2014 to be placed on file.

Ayes: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

ORDINANCE. 2014-007

CITY OF BLUE ISLAND WATER AND SEWER RATE ORDINANCE.

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

Regular Meeting – February 11, 2014

On the question: Ald. Donahue stated that he supports the increase but thought the way it was gone about was wrong. He hopes in the future things of this magnitude will be dealt with differently.

Ayes: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE. 2014-008

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF A CODE RED NEXT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES.

Motion by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Donahue to adopt.

On the question: Ald. Stone asked if residents were going to have to register and when would this be taking effect.

John Rita stated that Code Red would allow them to contact all residents in town by telephone, text, and email. It allows for emergency and non-emergency notifications. They would start with a database that already exists in 911 center and would also link it on the website so any resident can go on and register. Once the contract is finalized, it would go in effect in no more than a couple weeks.

Ald. Frasuto thinks it is a great service that could be benefited from, but was concerned about the cost and spending at this time.

Ald. Johanson thinks that there will be many efficiencies that will offset the cost.

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Ald. Thompson asked how many other municipalities use this system.

Deputy Chief Cornell answered that over 50 in Cook County use it.

Ayes: 10 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Thompson, Johanson,
Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

Present: 1 Frausto

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

No Report.

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

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 2-4-14

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:43 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, Alderman Nancy Thompson and Alderman Kevin Donahue present. Alderman Chrissy Buckner absent. Also present were Finance Director Matt Anastasia and Director John D. Rita, Jr.

Accounts Payable for February 5, 2014 in the amount of \$498,717.03 authorized by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2nd by Alderman Nancy Thompson and a voice vote with all in favor to approve. Motion carried.

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Payroll for January 31, 2014 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 the total payroll liability in the amount of \$355,792.20
Motion carried.

A motion by Alderman Nancy Thompson and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley to authorize CodeRED NEXT Emergency Communications Network Service Agreement. Voice vote with all in favor. Motion carried.

Further discussion regarding the vehicle sticker software program with 3rd Millennium. No action taken.

Discussion regarding the Motorola 911 Maintenance Agreement. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of February 5th, 2014

Present were Director John Rita, Fire Chief Mark Luety, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Deputy Fire Chief James Klinker, Elderly Service Officer Jason Slattery, Don Marchbanks (7:30), Alderman Vieyra, Alderman Johanson, Alderman Johnson (7:15), and myself. Absent was Alderman Buckner. Also present were Fire Lieutenant Tom Zielinski and Firefighter William Kirby. The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Citizens Concerns

No citizens were present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 353 emergency calls in January, 222 were EMS calls

191 Patients were treated

184 Patients were transported

35 Patients refused transport

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They responded to 28 general fire alarms, and 26 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 27 auto aid calls.

They had 43 calls to man the firehouses.

They received 7 mutual aid calls.

There were no major events for the month of January

The Fire Department collected \$30,991.06 in Medical Reimbursements in the month of January.

General

Chief Luety commended the members of the Fire Department for working so hard in the extreme weather conditions.

During some of the severe cold weather days, the department responded to numerous calls for frozen sprinkler system pipes that burst and a few frozen domestic water pipes. Extra manpower was utilized for 9.6 extra days due to the extreme snow amounts and cold weather.

Fire Recovery Inc. the new billing service that the fire department will be using for specialized billing service, is close to being in service. Paul Hollock the IT tech is finishing up a few programming issues that need to be completed which should be completed by February 7th.

Four new interns from Moraine Valley Community College Fire Science program started January 20th. They will be working at Station #1 for several days per week until the end of school semester in May. This is the third class from the college that we have hosted as interns to complete their hands-on training time to receive their degree and State Fire Marshal's Office Certification as Basic Firefighter.

Chief Luety will be attending a MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) conference February 17th, 18th, and 19th in Springfield, IL. He will be representing the City of Blue Island and MABAS Division 22 at the conference as the Fire Service Intelligence Officer for our division. The division is covering the cost of the conference and they are also covering the cost to send two 911 dispatchers to a separate dispatch section also being held at the conference.

Request for payment of the semi-annual intergovernmental agreement with the Southwest Hazardous Materials Response Team for \$750.00.

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This goes for training and equipment. Motion made by Alderman Johanson to approve, second by Alderman Vieyra. Motion was passed unanimously. Invoice will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Maintenance

Engine 2133 was out of service for several days to replace a pump air switch on the dash panel and replaced pump air seals on the fire pump. Ambulance 2182 had the rear brakes replaced and an oil leak from the engine repaired. The repairs were performed in house. Ambulance 2152 had a bad water pump that was also replaced in-house. A total of 11 hours for in-house maintenance, repairs and documentation was performed by Lieutenant Kunz on various equipment.

Training

The training division has completed 446.68 hours of training for the month of January. Lieutenant Olson has organized the training schedule for the next six months. The department will also be conducting joint training with our Auto Aid Departments including both day and night drills. The Fire Department will be hosting a class on Firefighter Situational Awareness on Wednesday, February 12th. This is a new class presented by Cook County Department of Home Land Security, and will be open to any MABAS division members in Northern Illinois.

Grants

The department is still waiting for the portable radios and computers from the radio grant from the division and has not received any further word on the air packs from the air pack grant. No word has been received on the Safer Grant for staffing of new Firefighters.

Staffing

Firefighter Duffy has passed his probation and will be getting his letter on Friday, February 7th.

Statement by Director John Rita

Director John Rita thanked the Fire Department for the outstanding job they have been doing working with outdated equipment and dealing with the excessive snowfall.

This sentiment was echoed by other members of the committee.

Statement by Chief Luety

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Fire Chief Luety thanked Deputy Chief Klinker for filling in at the Fire Station while the Chief was on medical leave.

Presentation by Officer Slattery re: Adult Protective Services

Elderly Service Officer Jason Slattery gave a presentation regarding a proposal for the creation of the Calumet Township Adult Protective Services Committee and the Triad/SALT program.

This would encompass 33 communities and 6 townships. The Committee has been in place for about one month.

Police Department Report

The Police Department patrolled 14,737 miles for the month of January. 2049 calls answered.

619 Parking Citations
321 Moving Citations
158 Traffic Stops
24 Felonies
30 Misdemeanors
12 Warrant Arrests
54 Local Ordinance Violations (equipment violations, seatbelts)
100 Vehicles Impounded

Total Fees Collected: \$49,208.34

Stats/Cases of Interest

2 Armed Robberies
1 Aggravated Robbery
3 Reports of Battery
23 Reports of Domestic Battery
6 Burglaries
1 Aggravated Assault
15 Thefts
6 Damage to Property
20 Hit and Run Accidents

December Detective Report

32 Cases were assigned
8 Burglaries
24 Other Cases
59 Cases were cleared

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16 Larcenies
43 Other Cases

Snow Routes

The Police Department continues to assist Public Works in clearing designated snow routes after the several snow storms we have experienced.

Western Avenue Patrol

Starting February 10th the Police Department will start the Western Avenue Patrol. These will be staffed by Part Time Officers on weekends. They will be assigned to problem areas where complaints are already being registered. These patrols will continue through the summer.

Code Red EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Code Red EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION program has been approved by the Finance Committee, and will be up and running shortly. Citizens will be able register their cell phone numbers or emails and be alerted in case of a local emergency in their neighborhood or on their block.

Safety Education Alliance of America

The Safety Education Alliance of America will be sending out flyers asking for donations on behalf of the Police Department. This is a legitimate organization, donations fund materials for school age children and special events.

Aldermanic Meetings

Director John Rita and Deputy Chief Michael Cornell would like to meet with all the Aldermen to discuss issues and concerns they may have in their wards. Please contact them to make an appointment.

Well Being Checks

The Police Department continues to do well-being checks. If a citizen wishes to be added to the well-being checklist they should contact the Police Department.

Facebook account

The Police Department Facebook has 350 followers and reaches approximately 20,000 people a week.

Safe Park Zone

Alderman Carr presented information regarding Safe Park Zones

BIEMA

Don Marchbanks gave a brief report of BIEMA activities for the month of January. They assisted with the Rock Around the Clock Ball Drop, road closures due to accidents and downed power lines. The membership is now up to 14. 20 hours of training in January. Close to 100 hours in maintenance and repairs of equipment.

Aldermen's Concerns

Aldermen expressed gratitude to Police and Fire Departments and Public Works for all the extra work put in due to the snow

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

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

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

No Report.

Ald. Johanson echoed gratitude and thanks towards JR Airline Towing and his team.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Judiciary was scheduled to meet on Feb. 3, 2014. Due to lack of quorum no meeting was held. Insurance loss disbursement for Feb. 3, 2014 all work man comp claims total \$4,368.71.

Ald. Ostling made a request to the committee to please call or email her if they cannot attend the meeting so she can reschedule it.

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

Committee Restructuring Sub-Committee

Committee Restructuring Sub-Committee Report
for Meeting on February 3, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Aldermen Hawley, Ostling, Carr, Johanson and Rita

Also Present: Dir. John Rita, City Clerk Heuser and City Treasurer Bilotto

Alderman Hawley opened the meeting describing what the purpose of this Sub-Committee was to be. The purpose is to come up with a plan for what things should go through Committee, what the Committees roles are and how they should be structured.

City Attorney Raines put together a packet of information including how four other communities in the area have their committees set up, a memorandum about committees in municipal government in general, and a draft of a revision of the Committee Ordinance using the current structure as a basis. The end result from these meetings will be a recommendation made to the Mayor with an Ordinance setting up the Committees and how things should move through City Council. He will make the final determination as to whether or not to implement the changes and bring the Ordinance to the Council for approval.

The purpose of Committees in general was discussed. Things should be brought to Committees with discussion and support for the decisions that are being made or need to be made. The idea of the Committees is to do the research and make a recommendation to the full Council through their reports for their approval.

Discussion about how things are happening currently and initial discussions about what could possibly change. How do things get assigned to a Committee? How does it happen? How do we want it to happen?

Judiciary Committee is concerned that there is no one from the City to Report to the Committee. It was discussed that the City Attorney should be present at the Judiciary Committee meetings to explain Ordinances and other items brought to the Judiciary Committee.

The other ordinances from other communities were reviewed. It was noted that the Committees from Olympia Fields review and prepare the budgets for the various Departments. That way the committees for the Departments that report to them that know the most about what is happening in those Departments have input in developing the budgets/appropriations.

It was discussed that all Aldermen should receive all agendas for the Committee meetings. That way, if there is something on the agenda and an Alderman has something they would like to add to the meeting or have an opinion on it, they can try to attend the meeting or get something to the chair to present their ideas. Agenda structure was also discussed. There should be Old Business and New Business sections. Some discussion about whether you a committee could act on New Business during the meeting. Also, discussed Finance Committee being a 'gate-keeper' for all things financial.

The thought of having each department in the City report to some Committee was also discussed. This would mean the heads of those Departments would go to the appropriate Committee and present a report of what their Department is doing.

The Committee will review further ideas at the next meeting. The next meeting was set for 7 pm on Monday, February 24, 2014 in the East Annex Conference Room.

It was moved by Ald. Carr and seconded by Ald. Ostling to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 24, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

MOTIONS

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

- 1. Payroll for January 31, 2014 in the amount of \$355,792.20**
- 2. Accounts Payable for February 5, 2014 in the amount of \$498,717.03**
- 3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented**

Ayes: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

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Abstain: 0

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Carr to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

REGULAR MEETING

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

Ayes: 11 Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Stone, Carr,
Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson,
Johanson, Hawley

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Rita, Johnson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.**

Domingo Vargas, Mayor