



est. 1835

Office of the Mayor

p (708) 597 8602
f (708) 597 1221

City Clerk

p (708) 597 8603
f (708) 396 7062

City Treasurer

p (708) 396 7074
f (708) 597 1807

Finance

p (708) 396 7068
f (708) 597 1807

Fire

p (708) 396 7071
f (708) 388 5778

Marketing

p (708) 396 7035
f (708) 597 1221

Planning & Building

p (708) 597 8606
f (708) 396 2686

Police

p (708) 396 7004
f (708) 597 8223

Senior Citizens

p (708) 396 7085
f (708) 396 7062

Water & Sewer

p (708) 597 8605
f (708) 396 7062

Public Works

p (708) 597 8604
f (708) 597 4260

The Meadows

Golf Club

2802 W. 123rd Street
Blue Island, IL 60406
p (708) 385 1994
f (708) 385 1996

City of Blue Island
13051 Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406
www.blueisland.org

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois
July 22, 2014

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion to approve minutes from July 8, 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: 1. Appointment/Swearing In of Jim Klinker as Fire Chief

Bids:

City Clerk:

1. Motion to approve a request from George and Linda Krueger of Maplewood Inn to have their annual BBQ Party on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

2. Motion to approve a request from Kathy Gardner to have a block party on August 2, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. at 119th and Maple Avenue.

City Treasurer: 1. Monthly Treasurer's Report

City Attorney: 1. Motion for Action relating to Agreement with Metra

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 – July 3, 2014 for \$356,956.14
 2. Approval of Accounts Payable – July 16, 2014 for \$256,331.01
 3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented
 4. An Ordinance Authorizing Withdrawal from the South Suburban Joint Action Water Agency (JAWA) and Rescinding all Appropriate Ordinances.
 5. An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street at or Near 2518 Prairie Street for Handicapped Parking Only within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.
 6. An Ordinance Rescinding Handicapped Parking Restrictions at 2534 New Street in the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

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**

July 11, 2014

Dear Mayor Vargas,

George & I are asking your permission to have our annual BBQ Party at our establishment: Maplewood Inn

12432 S. Maple ave
We will be BBQing in the backyard (which is enclosed by a six foot fence) there will be bean bags, games, Raffles etc. and a band from 5pm til 9pm. It will be taking place on Aug. 16th 2014 (Sat.) from Noon til 11pm.

Please Respond
Sincerely yours,
Linda Kuegel

cell 208-642-7180
Bar, 208-388-6735

- * The neighbors are OK with it, as they will probably all be there
- * FUN IS HAD BY ALL!!!
- * Feel free to join us,

BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

City of Blue Island
13051 S. Greenwood, Blue Island, IL 60406
708-597-8603

Representative: Kathy Gardner Title: _____

Address: 11925 Maple Ave

Daytime Phone: 708 473 5852 Nighttime Phone: _____

E-mail Gardner.scott@sbcglobal.net

Organization (if any): N/A

Secondary Representative: Jose Verduzco Title: _____

Address: 11922 Maple Ave

Daytime Phone: 597-2783 Nighttime Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Specific Location of Block Party: 119th + Maple

Requested Date: Aug 2nd Time - Beginning: 11AM End: 10:30pm

City Services:

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Police Officer to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: _____

Yes, we would like a Blue Island Fire Engine to visit the Block Party. Please indicate the best time for us to schedule your visit, based on availability that day: 2 or 3pm

The Blue Island Public Works will deliver barricades as prescribed in the guidelines.

The applicants are responsible for any injury, damage to property or illegal actions during the Block Party. In the event that there should be a directive, written or oral, from the police department to discontinue the party for proper reasons, then the applicants must comply.

Kathy Gardner
Signature of Representative

Kathy Gardner
Printed Name

Jose Verduzco
Signature of Secondary Representative

Jose Verduzco
Printed Name

PAID
BY: check

TO: BLUE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL

THE UNDERSIGNED, CARMINE BILOTTO,



TREASURER OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND

IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT, SHOWING THE STATE OF THE TREASURY AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 6/30/14

FUND NAME	ON HAND LAST REPORT	RECEIVED	PAID OUT	CHECKING BALANCE	SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	TOTAL FUND BALANCE
GENERAL	\$299,233.90	\$1,645,310.05	\$1,488,635.94	\$455,908.01	\$0.00	\$227,310.74	\$683,218.75
WATER	\$533,419.26	\$435,701.04	\$392,923.39	\$576,196.91	\$0.00	\$896.50	\$577,093.41
GOLF	\$103,350.24	\$166,164.66	\$218,381.52	\$51,133.38	\$0.00	\$1,963.16	\$53,096.54
GOLF CONCESSION	\$3,186.72	\$29,582.55	\$24,737.32	\$8,031.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,031.95
MFT	\$4,061.98	\$34,294.31	\$34,293.37	\$4,062.92	\$0.00	\$110,973.20	\$115,036.12
CDBG	\$108.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.81
TIF 2	\$646,527.59	\$163.94	\$3,563.80	\$643,127.73	\$0.00	\$1,541.89	\$644,669.62
TIF 3	\$424,260.29	\$6,500.08	\$18,375.00	\$412,385.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$412,385.37
TIF 4	\$10,401.53	\$1.77	\$0.00	\$10,403.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,403.30
TIF 5	\$14,887.14	\$0.47	\$11,063.79	\$3,823.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,823.82
TIF 6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRANT (INT BEARING)	\$111,131.43	\$6,279.08	\$0.00	\$117,410.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117,410.51
VERMONT PARKING LOT	\$16,149.71	\$4,632.22	\$0.00	\$20,781.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,781.93
PARKING TICKET COL ACCT	\$119,376.68	\$21,505.43	\$0.16	\$140,881.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140,881.95
ALLIED A.S.O.	\$18,439.32	\$297.07	\$1,267.50	\$17,468.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,468.89
PAYROLL	\$7,766.58	\$788,232.35	\$743,669.87	\$52,329.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,329.06
GRANT(NON-INT BEARING)	\$329,973.83	\$102,967.87	\$13,222.75	\$419,718.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$419,718.95
MEADOWS VIDEO GAMING	\$2,177.26	\$3,520.81	\$0.00	\$5,698.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,698.07
BI SPECIAL EVENTS FUND	\$5,234.98	\$5,125.00	\$0.00	\$10,359.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,359.98
FUND TOTALS	\$2,649,687.25	\$3,250,278.70	\$2,950,134.41	\$2,949,831.54	\$0.00	\$342,685.49	\$3,292,517.03

Checks approved but not sent due to no cash available

\$148,965.03

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

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2014-042**

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN
STREET AT OR NEAR 2518 PRAIRIE STREET FOR
HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN
THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE
VIOLATION THEREOF.**

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

1st Ward	CHRISTINE BUCKNER	TOM HAWLEY
2nd Ward	LETICIA VIEYRA	CHARISSA BILOTTO
3rd Ward	NANCY RITA	KEVIN DONAHUE
4th Ward	MARCIA STONE	CANDACE CARR
5th Ward	JANICE OSTLING	KENNETH PITTMAN
6th Ward	DEXTER JOHNSON	JAIRO FRAUSTO
7th Ward	NANCY THOMPSON	JAMES JOHANSON

Aldermen

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-042

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET AT OR NEAR 2518 PRAIRIE STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Illinois, as enunciated in the State Constitution, that handicapped persons are entitled to enjoy the fruits of a full and meaningful life; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island hereby declare that it is the public policy of the city to encourage and assist handicapped persons to participate fully in the social and economic life of our community; and

WHEREAS, to implement such policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island recognize it is desirable to restrict certain portions of the public ways within the City of Blue Island for handicapped parking only;

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

SECTION ONE

That this portion of the street within the City of Blue Island, as hereinafter designated, is hereby restricted for handicapped parking only:

- a) On the north side of Prairie Street in front of the residence whose common address is 2518 Prairie Street (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)

SECTION TWO

Appropriate signs shall be erected by the Superintendent of Public Works on the portion of the street designated above informing the public that parking thereon is restricted or permitted as hereinabove provided for.

SECTION THREE

The operator of any vehicle violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for each offense.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FIVE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. A full, true and complete copy of this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council as Corporate Authorities.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
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 by the Mayor this 22nd day of July, 2014.

DOMINGO F. VARGAS
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
22nd of July, 2014.

CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
22nd day of July, 2014.

CITY CLERK

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

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2014-043**

**AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING
RESTRICTIONS AT 2534 NEW STREET IN THE CITY OF
BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

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

1st Ward	CHRISTINE BUCKNER	TOM HAWLEY
2nd Ward	LETICIA VIEYRA	CHARISSA BILOTTO
3rd Ward	NANCY RITA	KEVIN DONAHUE
4th Ward	MARCIA STONE	CANDACE CARR
5th Ward	JANICE OSTLING	KENNETH PITTMAN
6th Ward	DEXTER JOHNSON	JAIRO FRAUSTO
7th Ward	NANCY THOMPSON	JAMES JOHANSON

Aldermen

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-043

**AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT
2534 NEW STREET IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK
AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE

The parking restriction providing for handicapped parking only in front of the property commonly known as 2534 New Street, City of Blue Island, is hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION TWO

The Superintendent of Public Works shall remove all signs restricting parking on the portion of New Street identified in Section One.

SECTION THREE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. A full, true and complete copy of this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council as Corporate Authorities.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2014, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
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 22nd day of July, 2014.

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

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
22nd day of July, 2014.

CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
22nd day of July, 2014.

CITY CLERK

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
JULY 8, 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 July 8, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 11 Ald. Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto

Absent: 3 Ald. Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings of the Public Hearing for the Second Amendment to TIF District #5 - June 10, 2014 is accepted as printed.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on June 24, 2014 is accepted as printed.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Mark Kuehner, 2250 Orchard Street, requested that council move as quickly as possible to get Blue Island out of the JAWA. He also asked the City to not spend anymore more money on court proceedings regarding the lease at the Recreation Center and instead use that money to provide necessary upkeep at the center.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Kuehner for his comments.

Willie Scott, 11917 Longwood Dr, reiterated Mr. Kuehner's concerns. Mr. Scott requested that the City report the status at this time of the JAWA project. He encouraged council to consider bringing the Recreation up to date.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Scott for his comments.

Ms. Younger, 2067-2068 135th Place, expressed her concerns over ownership of the parking lot at this location.

The Mayor stated he would have someone take down Ms. Younger's contact information in order to address her concerns.

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, asked that a correction be made on the Journal of Proceedings for June 24, 2014 to include the writ of mandamus he asked the Mayor about.

The Mayor stated the correction would be made.

Mr. Stevo asked Attorney Raines that his request be satisfied. Mr. Stevo asked why the historical home at 2435 New St was torn down. He stated that it would be a good time for the City to ask them to build a parking lot in order to reduce parking congestion on New Street. He asked when the next JAWA meeting was and if the Mayor would be in attendance.

The Mayor stated nothing had been scheduled, but that he would be in attendance if it were scheduled.

Mr. Stevo asked how much of the \$75,000 grass cutting grant has been used for cutting grass, what company is cutting the grass, and how much are the administration fees.

The Mayor stated he would get Mr. Stevo the information.

Mr. Stevo asked if there would be a Treasurer's report given. He also asked for the city debt to be included in the Treasurer's report. Mr. Stevo asked if there was an arrest for the homicide at 2006 Union.

The Mayor stated he could not disclose that information; it is a pending investigation.

Mr. Stevo read a letter that Deputy Chief Cornell hand-delivered.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

1. The Mayor announced Fire Chief Mark Luety will be retiring July 16, 2014. He congratulated Chief Luety on behalf of the staff and alderman for his 30 years of service, dedication, and for volunteering so many hours of his personal life to the City of Blue Island and surrounding communities.
2. Presentation of various Awards to Firefighters
Medal of Honor – Lt. Joe Olson, Firefighter John McClement, and Fire Chief Jeff Kraft.
Unit Performance Award – Firefighter Ken Dompeling, Firefighter Richard Reed, and Firefighter Harry O'Hagan
Gold Seal for Outstanding EMS Call – Firefighter Larry Bethscheider, Firefighter William Kirby, and Firefighter Dennis O'Connell

3. Presentation of various Awards to Police Officers

Commendation for investigative contributions - Corporal Chris Connors

Unit Citation for Teamwork – Sergeant Jamie Schultz, Officer Erick Stahmer, Officer Tim Sisk, Officer David Stone, Officer Dennis Sepessy, and Officer Anthony Cirullo

Honorable Service Award – Corporal Francisco Navarro, Officer Carlos Ortega, and Officer Lasalle King

Gallantry Star – Officer Jerry Colone

Lifesaving Award – Officer Bryan Holwell, Officer Sean Donica, and Officer Nick Babbit

BIDS:

No Bids.

CITY CLERK:

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Pittman to approve a request from Rev. Robert Bond III of California Gardens Christian of Love Baptist Church to sponsor a Back-to-School Festival to be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve a request from Wanda Blackman to have a Block Party on July 26, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on 135th and Hoyne.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

CITY TREASURER:

Treasurer Bilotto announced the Financial Statement would be presented next council meeting. He gave a statement regarding JAWA and summarizing why it was not beneficial at this time for the City.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Johanson to authorize the City Treasurer to withdraw from the JAWA and instruct the City Attorney to research any other legal resource.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-035

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO GEMUTLICHKEIT, LLC, D/B/A BLUE ISLAND BEER COMPANY, TO ALLOW FOR ARTISAN MANUFACTURING AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13357 OLDE WESTERN AVENUE, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-036

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AND GRANTING A VARIATION OF THE BLUE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1971 AS AMENDED FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2435 NEW STREET, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-033

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-034

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND SERVISCAPE, LLC.

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to include the above stated items in the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of July 2nd, 2014**

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Deputy Fire Chief James Klinker, Jim McGeever, Inspector Tom Mailhot, Alderman Vieyra, Alderman Johanson, and myself. Also present were Mr. Allan Stevo, and Tracy Waters, a journalism student from Columbia. Absent were Alderman Johnson, and Alderman Buckner. The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

Public Health

Due to time constraints for Tom Mailhiot we reviewed the Monthly Inspection Report first. Twenty-two health inspections were done on businesses in the month of June. Mr. Mailhiot also explained the coding on his reports for the benefit of the aldermen. Ald. Vieyra asked about unlicensed businesses operating out of homes, or buildings occupied by other businesses. Director Rita spoke about the new local ordinance tickets being issued. Ald. Vieyra asked about the hours that Mr. Mailhiot works.

Citizens Concerns

Mr. Allan Stevo had three questions: The first was concerning the 4th of July parade, and why it was not being held on Western Ave. The second was concerning whether or not the Police Department has new detectives. The third was concerning a petition which is reportedly being circulated about the property at 12807 Gregory.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 323 calls in June, 208 were EMS calls
179 Patients were treated
157 Patients were transported
51 Patients refused transport

They responded to 29 general fire alarms, and 32 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 21 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 30 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response call.

Calls of interest for June: An arson fire at 11953 Ann St., the resident has been charged. A dryer fire at Blue Kangaroo, 2106 Vermont St., storm calls on the night of 6/30 due to violent storms.

Medical Reimbursement Services for June \$27,475.85.

Fire Recovery collected \$348.00 in June.

General

Deputy Chief Klinker spoke about the new fees being charged for false alarms.

Probationary Firefighter Matthew Stedman started June 9th, 2014 and has been working day shift. He will start his regular shift work on Thursday, July 10th, 2014 on Black Shift. Probationary Firefighter Harry O'Hagan started June 9th, 2014. He has been assigned to Gold Shift. The next candidate is in the hiring process and will start as soon as he completes the necessary testing.

Fill the Boot Drive for MDA dates are June 27th, July 11th, and August 15th.

Chief Luety's Retirement Open House is July 16th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Station One.

Maintenance

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

Diversified Inspections tested all ladders including the Tower Ladder on the ladder truck per NFPA standards on June 27th. One 16' roof ladder from 2133 failed the test. Repair estimates are forthcoming.

Ambulance repairs: 2162 rear brakes/sway bar repaired in house, 2152 torque converter/flywheel issue repaired at Bill Kay, 2182 oil/smoking issue.

Training

The training division has completed 406.00 hours of training for the month of June.

METRA Rail Emergency Preparedness classroom and hands on training was held for each shift.

Lt. Olson and Firefighter Abbatacola will be conducting the training for boat operations. Combined training sessions with the U.S.Coast Guard are scheduled for later in the month of July.

Grants

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

Police Department Report

Statement by Deputy Chief Cornell

The Blue Island Police Department's philosophy has made a slow progressive change towards the community policing model. Our ultimate goal is to completely embrace the concept which is successful in communities where it is implemented. Community Policing Philosophy is simply resource and responsibility sharing that allows officers access to more resources to address underlying problems long term, instead of just resolving the problem on a call short term. Often times calls for service in a certain neighborhood or structure is a symptom of a greater problem. My goal is to give the officers the tools to address the underlying problem.

Over the course of the last year we have addressed issues such as senior citizens in need and hoarding issues. The Blue Island Police Department is now addressing many quality of life issues, such as building ordinances in an effort to beautify the community and address the poor image that is sometimes associated with certain neighborhoods. The Day Shift and later the afternoon shift will be working with the building department to address maintenance issues, scrapping and poor public sanitary conditions.

Reports

The Police Department answered 2293 calls including 208 business premise checks. 100 liquor establishment checks were done.

Stats/Cases of Interest

131 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
3 Armed Robberies
3 Robberies
7 Commercial Burglaries
10 Residential Burglaries
6 Shots Fired (1 unfounded)

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014**118 Domestic Disputes****42 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods**

Total money collected for the month of June \$27,102.18.

Calls of Interest

On June 16th Officers responded to a fight at Memorial Park.

On June 20th Officers responded to a residential burglary on the 12800 block of Winchester and the 13500 block of Chatham.

One June 22nd on the 2600 block of Cochran a victim had their cell phone stolen.

*On June 25th Officers responded to 2006 Union for a gun-shot victim. The victim was rushed to Christ Hospital for treatment, where he later died. A person of interest has since been taken into custody.

On June 27th Officers responded to the 2700 block of Gruenwald for a shots fired call. A short time later a call was received of a gun-shot victim at MetroSouth Medical Center. The victim said that he and several other juveniles were playing with a gun in the basement of the residence.

On June 28th Officers responded to an Attempted Armed Robbery in the parking lot in the 12600 block of Fairview. The victim attempted to run and the offender stabbed the victim with possibly a screwdriver.

On June 28th Officers responded to a robbery in the area of 13667 Western. The victim stated that he was approached by 2 offenders on bicycles. One of the offender's took the victim's wallet.

*On June 28th Officers responded to a gun-shot victim/Armed Robbery in the parking lot in the 2100 block of 119th Street. It should be noted that the victim was with a friend that later admitted they were buying drugs.

Liquor Establishment Calls

5 disturbance calls and 1 battery call were received in June on liquor establishments.

Injuries

Two full time Officers are off on extended leaves, one Officer is due to return in July.

Training

New part time Officers received training in radio procedures.

Miscellaneous

Deputy Chief Cornell applied for the COPS Hiring Grant, which will allow Blue Island to hire officers. This is a 25% matching grant.

Officer Slattery is working on the Boot Program with parking tickets.

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

Deputy Chief Cornell reminded people to sign up for Code Red. Residents can sign up on the City website.

Upcoming Events

July 10th there will be a Ceremonial Intergovernmental Agreement signing at 11:00 am at the Calumet Park Senior Center with Riverdale, Calumet Park and Calumet Township that will allow us to share resources to address senior issues through the TRIAD program.

Both Deputy Chief Klinker and Deputy Chief Cornell mentioned the Benefit Softball Game between the Police and Fire Departments. There seems to be some dispute as to who will win. Come watch for yourself, July 12th, at Hart Park at 7:00 pm.

August 5th will be National Night Out.

911 Center

The 911 Center received 13,783 calls in June. Calls are slightly down from last year.

Jim McGeever supplied the Committee with a detailed time line of the storm on Monday June 30th.

BIEMA

We did not receive a report from BIEMA. However Ald. Vieyra, Ald. Johanson, and Jim McGeever highly praised the effort that was put out by these volunteers the night of the storm, Monday, June 30th, and the help with downed wires and trees that night and the following day.

Aldermen's Concerns

Ald. Vieyra expressed concern about low hanging wires on Irving near the hospital.

Ald. Vieyra expressed concern about various properties that are falling into disrepair, and work being done without permits.

Ald. Johanson expressed concern about burned and collapsed garages.

Ald. Johanson expressed concern about the City phone system after the storm.

Ald. Johanson expressed concern about mosquito abatement.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Our next regular meeting is August 6th at 7:00 in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

Next Meeting – Monday, July 7, 2014, 6:30 – East Annex

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

MOTIONS

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

1. Approval of Payroll – June 20, 2014 for \$361,613.47
2. Approval of Accounts Payable – July 2, 2014 for \$728,217.81
3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented
4. An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending a Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project for the Second Amendment to the TIF #5 Redevelopment Project Area.
5. An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending the TIF #5 Redevelopment Project Area (Second Amendment to TIF #5) of said City Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act.
6. An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Confirming Tax Increment Allocation Financing for Second Amendment to the TIF #5 Redevelopment Project Area.
7. An Ordinance Regulating Signs in the City of Blue Island
8. Ordinance 2014-35
9. Ordinance 2014-36
10. Resolution 2014-33
11. Resolution 2014-34

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Buckner, Bilotto, Johnson

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Donahue announced that Calumet Township is hosting Movie in the Park on Saturday. It is a free event and the Lego movie will be showing.

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

Ald. Frausto mentioned the good work with the update to the website.

Ald. Pittman asked about branches being picked up.

Ald. Stone stated that she had several resident concerns about calling the Water Department and not being able to get anyone.

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 8:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
July 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
22ND DAY OF JULY, 2014.**

Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor