

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2016.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	11	Ald. Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Absent:	3	Ald. Johnson, Poulos, Rita
Present Also:		Randy Heuser, City Clerk Patrick Ward, City Attorney Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Slattery the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes:	11	Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johnson, Poulos, Rita
Abstain:	0	

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, stated it had been 35 days since the last council meeting. He asked how many aldermen had in their possession accounts payable and payroll; he wanted to be sure that they know what they were voting on. Mr. Stevo asked for the journal of proceedings and packet to be posted online not just the agenda. He respectfully requested Ald. Frausto to place him on the agenda for the next Judiciary Committee meeting.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

Swearing in of Full Time Police Officer – Jeremy Rhodes

Presentation of Certificate to the City of Blue Island for being a Star Community.

Presentation on Passport Parking by Commander Sisk - Starting February 1, 2016 Passport Parking will be the new easy and convenient way to pay for parking in Blue Island using a mobile phone, tablet or computer. By April 1st, Passport Parking will replace old coin boxes at commuter train lots and streamline the process to sign up for overnight parking for visitors. Commuters will be able to purchase parking tokens until February 1 to be used by March 31.

**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY CLERK:**

No business.

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Carr to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Reports for the periods ending November 30 and December 31.**

Ayes:	11	Ostling, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr, Slattery
Nays:	0	
Absent:	3	Johnson, Poulos, Rita

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Abstain: 0

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

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

No business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2015, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for November 20, 2015 for \$336,494.19 and December 4, 2015 for \$361,359.56.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Poulos, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Ostling to approve Accounts Payable for December 11, 2015 for \$509,621.09.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Poulos, Rita

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Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 14, 2015, 5:30 pm – East Annex.

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

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

Ald. Donahue gave an update on the Western Avenue Bridge. There are three phases: planning, engineering, and construction. Currently we are on phase two with phase three construction expected to start in Fall 2016. The proposed improvements include the superstructure replacement, removal and replacement of the existing light poles and any attached utilities, construction of new south abutment as well as repairing existing abutment. It is an IDOT project as the state of Illinois owns the bridge. Estimated cost of the project is 12 million at no cost to the city.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

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

**Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Johanson to approve Damage Claim 2015-2427.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Poulos, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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**Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Bilotto to deny Damage Claims 2015-12247, 2015-12256 and 2015-12443.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Poulos, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN CHAPTERS OF TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

**Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Ordinance.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 Johnson, Poulos, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Frausto thanked the council members and city clerk for their work on creating a new form available to seniors. It provides reduced water, sewer, and sanitation rates for seniors.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Ald. Pittman announced that Mission Covenant Church is having their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday from 7 am to noon.

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Ald. Donahue thanked the public works and water department for their work on snow removal and keeping streets clear.

Ald. Pittman asked that the sidewalks on 127<sup>th</sup> Street bridge be cleared.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Hawley to adjourn the meeting.**

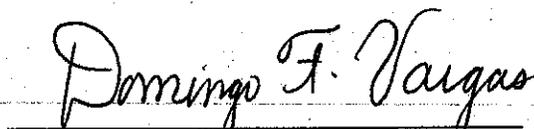
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor