

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:00 p.m. on November 10, 2015.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 9 Ald. Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Absent: 5 Ostling, Johnson, Poulos, Bilotto, Rita

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

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Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Pittman the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on October 27, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 9 Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Ostling, Johnson, Poulos, Bilotto, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Attorneys from the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights representing a group of Blue Island residents concerned about voting rights violations in the city spoke to the council. They are looking to ensure the city has a new constitutional ward map put in place by January 2016 and that the city announces a public hearing schedule so Blue Island residents can be involved.

A representative from Haven of Love Center stated they are in the process of establishing their office in Blue Island and wanted to make the community aware of what they are trying to do in order to bring jobs to the community. She announced they will be hosting a function at the Salvation Army on November 21 where they will be giving out turkeys and different give a ways.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union St, stated that the responsibilities for the Director of Public Safety are very vague in the new codification book. Mr. Stevo asked when a Police Chief will be appointed and asked the Mayor if he thought a Safety Director is more important than a Police Chief. He asked if there are Rec. Center commissioners in the new codification book and if the Mayor was taking suggestions from the residents for the codification book. Mr. Stevo stated an ordinance is needed regarding the conduct of elected officials. The Mayor, aldermen, department heads, and city attorney need to answer the residents queries. Mr. Stevo asked about the status of the JAWA and asked why it was not in the audit and what account the million dollar saved by the city was placed in. He asked to be placed on the Judiciary Committee Agenda for the next meeting.

Reverend Reindhart, 2457 Oak St, thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to stand and speak before the council. He stated he has been attending the council meetings for the last eleven years and has been shocked by a member of the community who continually asks obscure but accusatory questions of the Mayor, the personal accusation he makes at council members, and implies some wrong doing on the part of the city government. He stated that most of us would say the majority of that individual's attacks, questions, and implications are unfounded and hurtful statements based on some kind of unresolved personal problem or veiled private vendetta. He encouraged the responsible citizens of Blue Island to encourage that individual to seek help and speak out when they are offended by that kind of behavior.

Joe Gattrell, 12607 Artesian St, stated that in all his years of being in the city council that was the biggest crock he had ever heard.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS****MAYOR:****RESOLUTION NO. 2015-034****A RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOIS STATE LEADERS TO RELEASE NON-GENERAL FUND REVENUES PAYABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

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**Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Slattery to approve Resolution 2015-034.**

Ayes: 9 Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto,  
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Ostling, Johnson, Poulos, Bilotto, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-035**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE COOK COUNTY AMUSEMENT TAX.

**Moved by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Carr to approve Resolution 2015-035.**

Ayes: 9 Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto,  
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Ostling, Johnson, Poulos, Bilotto, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

**BIDS:****CDBG Street Resurfacing Program**

~~The following companies put in bids for the CDBG Street Resurfacing Program:~~

- Davis Concrete - \$328,320
- Gallagher Asphalt Corp - \$333,320
- Crowley Sheppard Asphalt - \$394,070
- K-Five Construction Corp - \$399,994
- D Construction, Inc - \$437,776

The bids were reviewed and found to be competitive in order. Davis Concrete is recommended for being the lowest bidder in the amount of \$328,320.00.

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**Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Donahue to approve the Recreation Center Bids.**

Ayes: 9 Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto,  
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Ostling, Johnson, Poulos, Bilotto, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

**CITY CLERK:**

No business.

**CITY TREASURER:**

**Moved by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Pittman to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the period ending 10/31/15.**

Ayes: 8 Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto,  
Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Ostling, Johnson, Poulos, Bilotto, Rita

Abstain: 1 Thompson

There being Eight (8) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

No business.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Next Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2015, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 12, 2015, 5:30 pm – East Annex.

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

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

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-033**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN CHAPTERS AND SECTIONS OF TITLE I, TITLE III AND TITLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve Ordinance 2015-033.**

Ayes: 9 Donahue, Carr, Slattery, Pittman, Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 Ostling, Johnson, Poulos, Bilotto, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

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**ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Ald. Donahue wished all the veterans a Happy Veteran's Day and thanked them for their service.

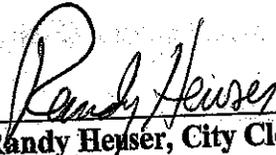
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

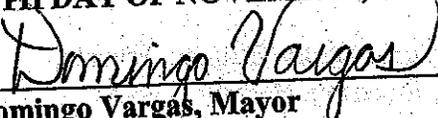
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for November 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS  
24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor