

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 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 December 8, 2015.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Slattery, Ostling, Johnson,  
Frausto, Thompson, Johanson, Hawley,  
Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto, Donahue, Carr

Absent: 2 Ald. Pittman, Rita

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

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING**

Moved by Ald. Slattery, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on November 24, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 12 Slattery, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Donahue, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Pittman, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Johnson to go into Closed Session.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Vieyra to reconvene Regular Meeting.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marcia Stone, 12761 Sacramento Ave, wished the city council, departments, and citizens a Merry Christmas. She thanked the parade committee for organizing the parade. She also asked if there was something that could be done so businesses keep their areas neat. Ms. Stone stated she didn't know how we were going to draw businesses into Blue Island if we do not have a clean uptown.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union St, asked the city attorney to explain the city's position on JAWA. He asked if the tax levy was for May 1 thru December 31. Ald. Rite responded it was January 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Stevo asked what percent increase should be expected. The Mayor answered 4.9 percent. Mr. Stevo asked the city treasurer to explain why we are spending so much money that we have to have a tax anticipation warrant. The Mayor responded it is less than we have gone out for in the past. Mr. Stevo asked how much did the provisions cost in legal fees regarding the ordinance in the agenda under judiciary committee. Mr. Stevo stated that there should be a December 22<sup>nd</sup> council meeting.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR:**

Congratulated and thanked everyone who participated on the Christmas Light Parade.

The December 22, 2015 city council meeting is canceled per consensus.

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**BIDS:**

No bids.

**CITY CLERK:**

**Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Johanson to approve a request from Neighborhood Watch Group#37, to have their annual Black Culture Night Celebration on Friday, February 19, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Rita to approve a request from Misericordia to have their annual Misericordia/Jelly Belly Candy Days to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 .**

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**CITY TREASURER:**

No business.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Donahue to approve the AFSCME Contract.**

Ayes: 13      Slattery, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 1      Pittman

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CERTAIN LITIGATION  
PENDING IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING  
EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

**Moved by Ald. Hawley, second by Ald. Poulos to approve.**

Ayes: 13 Slattery, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Pittman

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared  
the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:00 pm – East Annex.

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

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND FOR THE  
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER  
31, 2015.**

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve.**

Ayes: 13 Slattery, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Pittman

Abstain: 0

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There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSES TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.**

**Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve.**

Ayes: 13 Slattery, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Pittman

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 10, 2015, 5:30 pm – East Annex.

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

Ald. Carr announced the Police Department is taking application for a full time officer until December 28.

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

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

Ald. Donahue asked everyone on the committee to please attend as they have had an issue of no quorums.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE V AND TITLE XV OF THE BLUE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

**Moved by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve.**

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Ayes: 13 Slattery, Ostling, Johnson, Frausto, Thompson,  
Johanson, Hawley, Poulos, Vieyra, Bilotto,  
Rita, Donahue, Carr

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Pittman

Abstain: 0

There being Thirteen (13) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

#### ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Ald. Johanson stated he appreciates everything the Mayor does for the vets. He commended the council and administration for getting so much done in the last 30 months. He invited everyone to attend the Santa houses from the park district as well as at White Castle on Sunday, December 13.

Ald. Johnson thanked Robinson Engineering for the Christmas party he was invited to. He gave a shout out and congratulated the Blue Island Untouchables cheer and football team.

Ald. Carr thanked everyone on the committee for the light parade. She also thanked the Police Department for the fill a cruiser food drive for Angel's Touch. She invited everyone to attend the Rock Around the Clock on New Years Eve.

Ald. Rita thanked the committee, public works, and police department on the parade. She announced she is collecting cereal for Angel's Touch. The deadline is Saturday, December 12.

Ald. Vieyra wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ald. Donahue wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He announced that on December 21, Alderman Rita, Santa, and he will be at Centennial Park at 6:30.

Ald. Poulos thanked his fellow Alderman Hawley on the great job he did on the parade.

Ald. Hawley thanked all the members of the committee and all their work on the parade. He thanked everyone who donated and attended the fundraiser for the parade. He recognized the major business sponsors in town: Rock Island Public House, Access Family Center, and MetroSouth Medical Center.

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Ald. Bilotto thanked Tom Hawley for all the work he did on the parade. He announced the ward redistricting committee will meet for their second public hearing on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Ald. Thompson wished everyone Happy Holidays. She congratulated her colleagues and everyone who was on the committee for the parade.

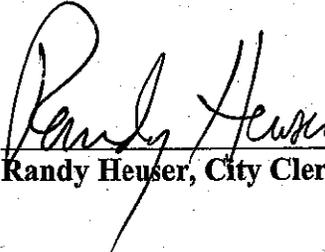
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Ald. Poulos, second by Ald. Rita to adjourn the meeting.**

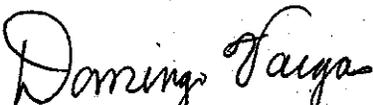
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.**

  
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Domingo Vargas, Mayor