

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Peloquin at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 13 Ald. Stone, Ostling, Janko, Johnson,
Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino,
Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita,
Ruthenberg.

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk
Felicia Frazier, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

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Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Patoska the Journal Of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on January 22, 2013 is accepted as printed with the amended correction on page 9.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

BLUE CAP FEES WAIVED

Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Spizzirri to approve to waive permit fees for Blue Cap School for the northwest corner of Chatham Street parking to be repaved.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESIGNATION LETTER

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita to approve to accept the resignation letter from Sandra Quinn from the Forestry Board.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

KINSELLA LANDSCAPE

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Frausto to approve to allow the City Attorney and Robinson Engineer to draw up a dedication to vacate portions of Harrison Street and Shamrock Lane at 139th Street to Kinsella Landscape.

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked what the 60-foot section that is marked exception is.

The Mayor stated that is by the bottom of the bridge.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

GIRL SCOUTS

Mayor Peloquin thanked the young ladies that were there interviewing him from the Girl Scouts.

The Mayor announced there would be a motion on the redevelopment later into the meeting but wants Council to be aware that the property is still pending litigation on back taxes.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

No Questions.

BIDS

No Bids.

CITY CLERK

TAG DAYS

Salvation Army is requesting permission to tag “Donut Days” on Friday and Saturday, June 7th & 8th, 2013 and for their Red Kettle Campaign starting on Friday, November 15, 2013 through Tuesday, December 24, 2013.

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Johnson to approve.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

HEROES PARADE

Clerk Frasor announced Officer LaSalle King and Jim Reihel are requesting a welcome home celebration for Adam Lietz on February 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Meadows Golf Club. Any one who would like to participate should notify Officer LaSalle King or Jim Reihel for more information.

MEETING CANCELED

Mayor Peloquin asked Council if they would like to cancel the April 9th City Council Meeting due to it being Election Day.

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Johnson to approve.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

Motion by Ald. Natalino, second by Ald. Rita to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2013 and to be placed on file.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Janko the headings be read and then a motion for adoption.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 – 220

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND BLUE ISLAND HOSPITAL COMPANY, LLC D/B/A METROSOUTH MEDICAL CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Ostling to adopt.

Ayes: 10 Ald. Stone, Ostling, Janko, Johnson,
Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino,
Ruthenberg and Mayor Peloquin.

Nays: 1 Ald. Rita

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner

Abstain: 3 Ald. Vierya, Spizzirri, Patoska.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Natalino to approve Accounts Payable for February 12, 2013 - Grand Total for the amount of \$635,025.15.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Stone, Ostling, Janko, Johnson,
Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino,
Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Payroll for February 1, 2013 for Net Pay - \$231,505.12 and Total Gross - \$392,476.76.

Ayes: 13 Ald. Stone, Ostling, Janko, Johnson,
Frausto, Vargas, Thompson, Natalino,
Vieyra, Spizzirri, Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg.

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska announced income tax is still 3-months behind and property tax is approximately behind \$230,000.00 and third quarter financial report will be available on line.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

Ald. Vargas stated no meeting held due to not having a quorum.

Ald. Vargas reported there had been an accident involving a police car. Damages were up to \$6,000.00 on the other vehicle.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Kuehner addressed the Committee with concerns of the F.O.I. requests about hiring practices in Blue Island.

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Police Department Report for December – 2012

Parking tickets issued – 379, 370 moving violations, 19,368 miles patrolled, 6,165 computer aided dispatch (Cad calls) and \$33,112.37 fines collected.

Detective Division Report –

3 aggravated battery, 6 burglaries, 6 burglaries residential, 2 death investigation, 1 home invasion, 1 kidnap/abduction, 6 larceny, 1 missing person, 1 search warrant, 5 property damage, 5 robberies and 3 sex offenses.

Results of the year-end “Drive To Survive” campaign designed to buckle up to lower vehicle fatalities December 17th to December 31st.

25 seat belt violations, 1 fugitive apprehended, 1 drug arrest, 1 felony aggravated fleeing and attempting to elude police. This is funded by a federal traffic safety grant of \$9,843.60.

9-1-1 Center Report --

Blue Island Police & Fire Calls - 2,676
Midlothian Police & Fire Calls - 1,717
Calumet Park Police & Fire Calls - 1,482
Posen Police & Fire Calls - 1,092

Department down 2 officers due to accidents.

Fire Department Report --

298 emergency calls in Dec., 209 were Emergency Medical Service. 47 medical, 17 psychiatric evaluations, 33 injuries, 23 cardiac calls, 22 breathing problems, 17 diabetic response, 10 vehicle accidents, 1 overdose, 7 intoxication, 12 seizures, 3 DOA, 44 refused transport, 6 lift assists no transport, 2 labor pains, 4 battery victims, 1 dog bite, 189 patients treated and 164 patients transported.

The Fire Department responded to 31 fire alarms, 4 caused by smoke, 1 pull box pulled by child, 1 power surge, 6 undetermined cause, 3 burned pop corn, 2 dust while working, 4 over heated motors, 1 back yard bon fire, 1 barbeque grill on balcony, 1 broken sprinkler head, 3 order investigation, 3 garbage fires and 1 check furnaces, 19 assists to other towns, 31 times we received aid from other towns and 30 calls man to station.

1 Firefighter is in therapy after shoulder surgery and 1 Lt. Off with surgery from knee injury.

The roof has been replaced at Fire House 2. Mobile home test unit removed from City property at Fire House 2 in bad condition, new suction chargers installed in 2 ambulances. 4-100 foot lengths of new 5-inch supply hose was put in service.

Medical reimbursement collection for December - \$28,659.95
Processing fee - \$2,722.70

Paul E. Johnson Coordinator for Blue Island Emergency Services & Disaster Agency requested to change name to Blue Island Emergency Management Agency this change will keep inline with Department of Homeland Security and the State of Illinois. This agency was established under Blue Island Civil Defense October 6, 1957.

2012 Summary –

2348 total Emergency Medical Service
2099 patients treated
1852 patients transported
1865 emergency response
480 non-emergency responses
1349-day response
998-night response

Next meeting – Monday, February 18, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

Ald. Ostling commented that in the Municipal Review there is a nice article about our Fire Department and would like signed copies from the Chiefs.

RED-LIGHT CAMERAS

Mayor Peloquin stated in regards to the red-light cameras, he has asked Attorney Sullivan along with the Police Department to follow up with our contacts to make sure that everything is up and on board with everything.

F.Y.I.

Mayor Peloquin stated that he has gotten several calls on why the news stations were at the Police Department today. They were here for the incident that occurred on the Calumet Express Way in regards to the individual who was thrown out of the car. The driver was arrested in Alsip and brought to Blue Island to do the interview. Blue Island was not interviewed or on camera.

Ald. Johnson asked if the bilingual 911 operator were fully trained.

The Mayor stated they are trying to bring everything up to speed.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

Ald. Frausto read the minutes.

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Stone approve for an Ordinance be draft to rescind handicapped parking for 2035 Union Street and for handicapped parking for 2947 Edison Street.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Director of Golf, Mr. Vidovic submitted the monthly report for January and mentioned that he still in negotiations with Service-Scape in regards to our contract. There has also been some repair work to hole # 13 and is looking to add a tee off position for more options on the course.

Public Works Superintendent Stachulak reported that so far 250 tons of salt have been used this winter season, all from last year's stock. New signage was received for streets that were recently redone and for the permit parking area in the 7th Ward, the signage will be installed soon. The EPA has removed more than 300 tires that were located east of 136th and Kedzie. Burnt out street light control panels were repaired on a portion Western Avenue as well as Francisco and 141st area. 15 new radios were received for public works 3 desktop and 12 vehicle. Mr. Stachulak noted that the City has received the "Tree City USA" award for a third year in a row. Public works will be ordering 100 replacement ash trees for citywide placement.

Water Department Superintendent Werner reported pump station upgrades nearly complete – finishing touches on cosmetic items and ASSE/ASME standards for pipe makings and safety controls are all that remain at the Highland Pumping Station. He hopes to be complete by the end of the month.

This work is often set aside as other issues arise that require our full attention. We are still operating with field staff levels well below 2010. Current field staff remains at 7 full time / 0 part time vs. 8 full time / 2 part time in May of 2010. I have no immediate intention of adding to staff, preferring to concentrate on additional training for existing water operator as a priority.

Water Department Financial Management - Superintendent Werner is in the process of shifting a significant amount of focus to the Office / Financial Management component of the Water Department. Billing and collections continue to be a major issue and require significant evaluation and analysis. He has been developing an outline for this analysis in order to establish a list of priorities. He believes that a wholesale review will be necessary to establish what methods can be utilized to improve this important function.

It is his goal to define and implement a complete and comprehensive business model including job descriptions, process and procedures manual and enforcement policies supported by ordinances where necessary. This will be a long and arduous task, but he believes the outcome is well worth the effort. In addition he

is working with office staff to facilitate discussions regarding ways to improve customer service and the residents experience when they come to City Hall.

Superintendent Werner reported day-to-day operations that they have experienced a series of water main breaks of late related to the drastic temperature fluctuations. They discovered a major water break at the Old Prairie Material property, which thankfully was metered and chargeable to them. Our SCADA System has given us the opportunity to better measure and monitor the effects of breaks in terms of being able to look at what effects can be seen on our data and learning how to recognize losses sooner. Other than that the Water Department continues to manage the day-to-day tasks and believes that overall they are performing well, providing good service to our residents.

Perry Recker and members of the UFB submitted a report on the recommendation for the need of a “Professional Urban Forester” to provide the many functions/services needed to address the issues we face here in the City such as a matured tree Scape, emerald ash borer and regular upkeep / maintenance of City trees. Ald. Frausto thanked the members of the UFB for all of the work they have done thus far for the City and the Committee noted the presentation and would have to evaluate options, department recommendations and continue dialogue about our city tree Scape and recommendation submitted.

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex.

Ald. Janko stated that the Committee was waiting for the evaluation for the Division Street Bridge that occurred a few months back. The Committee would like to know what the status is and asked if it was possible to get a report on it.

Mayor Peloquin stated yes, as soon as they get the report he would give a copy of it to everyone.

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

No Report.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

Mayor Peloquin would like to make it public knowledge that in his private owned business, he and his partners are trying to purchase the old Blue Island Nursing Home in order to make additional parking. They have since found with dealing with the bank, the bank has turned it back to the owners because of back due taxes which exceeds the value of the property. The Mayor has asked the City Planners to proceed to try to get it on the City's Tax Scavenger Sale at that time he and his brother-in-laws would purchase it from the City.

Mayor Peloquin wanted to make this publically knowledge so everyone would know what they are trying to do.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
REGARDING THIS EVENING BUSINESS**

Willie Scott of 11917 Longwood Drive announced Black History night will be on Friday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. and Know Your Candidate Night will be on Saturday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army. Mr. Scott requested the letter the Mayor stated he would have for him.

Mayor Peloquin stated he would give him the letter after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

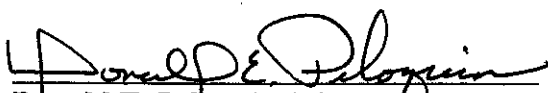
Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.


Pam Frasor, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**


Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor