

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 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 26, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Rita the Journal Of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Ald. Janko stated a correction in the last Municipal Service Report minutes it was reported that there were 300 tires cleaned up and the count should have been more than 3000 tires cleaned up on page 8.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried with the amended correction of said change on page 8.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

HONOR PRESENTATION

Mayor Peloquin invited Chief Vrshek to join him at the podium for a presentation to honor one of their finest Firefighters.

Lieutenant Jim Klinker approached the podium and was awarded a Certificate of Recognition on receiving his Bachelor Degree on Fire Science.

Lieutenant Klinker thanked everyone for their support.

BRIDGE DRAFT

Mayor Peloquin announced every one should have a copy of the rough draft of the bridge. There are 2 more phases before the final draft will be complete. A decision would have to apply for either a rebuild or a total reconstruct. The Mayor's recommendation to Council, even though he will not be there, is for a reconstruct. It would cost about 9 million dollars and the Mayor recommends that Council begin the process now to have the Engineer draw up the plan to set this all in motion.

Ald. Janko asked on the design if the bridge would be a truss type or a girder beam type bridge.

Mayor Peloquin request the City's Engineer, Tom Nagel come up to answer any questions.

Mr. Nagel stated as far as the reconstruct, they would be removing the existing bridge and the 2 options are to have a girder or have an arch. They cannot go with the same structure that is there now. Mr. Nagel is sure that it will be an arch.

Ald. Janko asked if typically the girder style is more economical to maintain.

Mr. Nagel stated it is but the reason is the depth and the arch of the bridge that would be put in, any other system would be much to complicated. Mr. Nagel feels this would be a landmark for the area.

Ald. Johnson asked if this is guaranteed for 100 years.

Mr. Nagel stated no it is not. The Federal Highway Authority mandates that you do a net present value on both options over a 100-year period. That is the estimated life of a bridge with normal maintenance.

Ald. Patoska asked how long would the construction take.

Mr. Nagel stated from the start of construction roughly a year and a half to maybe two years.

PARKING LOT LEASE

Mayor Peloquin requested to change the lease on the parking lot east of Chatham in regards to begin the process with the Community Builders with the stipulation if the process does not move forward, the City does not lose the lease and maintain the lease with Water Reclamation.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PARK DISTRICT/REC CENTER

Mayor Peloquin received a letter from the Blue Island Park District stating the possibility of taking over the Rec Center. The Mayor is requesting permission to start the process of the take over, it would not be completed while he is in Office but he could have it ready for who comes in after him.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Buckner to approve.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

No Questions.

BIDS

No Bids

CITY CLERK

YELLOW BOOK

Clerk Frasor announced that Yellow Book is in town and will be delivering phone books.

ST. BENEDICT FEST

St. Benedict is requesting to hold their Fest celebrating 152 years as a Catholic Faith Community on Saturday, September 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Motion unanimously by all the Aldermen.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ABATEMENT

**ABATEMENT OF \$786,427.50 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES
LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 98-197.**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

ABATEMENT

**ABATEMENT OF \$337,219.00 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES
LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 03-441.**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

ABATEMENT

**ABATEMENT OF \$389,625.00 OF REAL ESTATE TAXES
LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 06-046.**

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. TABLED

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF HARRISON
AVENUE AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IN AND AS
DEPICTED ON THE PLAT OF VACATION ATTACHED
HERETO IN BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

Motion by Ald. Johnson, second by Ald. Frausto to Table.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 221

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

Location: 2947 Edison Street.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 222

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Rita to adopt.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 455

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

Mayor Peloquin announced there would be Executive Session directly after the regular Council Meeting regarding pending litigations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Accounts Payable for February 26, 2013 for the Total Amount of \$721,459.22.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Janko to approve Payroll for February 15, 2013 Net Pay - \$229,593.95 and Total Gross - \$394,498.84.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska announced that Matt Anastasia handed out the agreement with Sheldon Fox for the upcoming Audit and also discussed the funding from the Gaming Board Revenue and that State is still behind in Income Tax.

Mayor Peloquin asked Ald. Patoska if the agreement for Sheldon Fox needed to be adopted.

Ald. Patoska stated that it was on hold.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

No Report.

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

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Fire Department Report –

The Fire Department had 274 emergency calls in January, 177 were EMS.

59 medical, 15 psychiatric evaluations, 24 injuries, 13 cardiac, 29 breathing, 2 diabetic responses, 9 vehicle accidents, 1 overdose 5 seizure calls 5 DOA, 23 patients refused transport,

2 accidental medical alert, 7 lift assists no transport and 3 battery victims.

159 patients treated
138 patients transported

Fire Department responded to 16 fire alarms, which were assisted by other towns –
2 pull box activated by children, 3 leaking water into detectors, 2 dust created while working, 3 phone lines, 3 faults with detectors, 1 smoke odor and 2 cooking.

Four structure fires –
3 from unattended cooking and 1 bedroom fire.

5 calls were for carbon monoxide alarms.

We responded 23 times to assist other towns
We received aid from other towns 21 times
We had 30 man to station calls.

We have not heard from FEMA regarding grants applied for.
We have contacted Senator Durbin, Senator Kirk and Representative Rush for support. Kirks office responded that he did send a letter of support for our grant.

One Firefighter will be off for 1 year with injured shoulder and has applied for disability pension.
One Firefighter is expected to return in April after knee surgery
One full time Firefighter was hired
One part time Firefighter was hired.

The Fire Prevention Officer position has been filled however the Committee will hold a special meeting to hear a grievance filed by the Union in regards to this position.

Medical reimbursement service for January is \$24,078.40
Processing fee is \$2,287.45.

Ambulance 2152 was sent out for repair for a fuel leak is back in service.

Police Department Report –

430 parking tickets issued, 289 moving violations issued, 17,361 miles patrolled, 5,777 number of computer aided dispatch (cad calls), 1 search warrant, and 2 major crime task force call out.

9-1-1 Center –
Blue Island Police & Fire Calls – 2,189
Midlothian - 1,561
Calumet Park Police & Fire Calls -1,238
Posen Police & Fire Calls -1,352

In January the department added the 2nd Ford Taurus to the patrol fleet from federal seizure account.

Det. Werniak will be going to fill the DEA spot in March.
Det. Nedved requested to stay in detective division.

Detective Division cases assigned –
1 aggravated battery, 1 arson, 3 battery, 4 burglaries, 11 residential burglaries, 2 death investigations, 2 kidnap/abduction, 5 larceny, 1 narcotics investigation, 1 property damage crimes, 3 robberies, 2 sex offenses, 42 cases total.

Fines and Fees collected - \$42,070.32.

September 22 the first 911 written employment test was issued.
20 applications were returned
9 applicants showed up to take the test
6 applicants passed the test & were interviewed for 3 positions and 3 were hired.

Next meeting – Monday, March 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Lower Level of the Police Department.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

No Report.

Ald. Janko announced that Municipal Services are planning to schedule a City work and revue, which covers all the projects, that have been completed in 2012 and what is in store for 2013.

The Alderman stated for lack of information for what was scheduled for the month of February and March regarding the

JAWA engagement meetings. He and Ald. Vargas discussed postponing the last 2 meetings until further notice.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Patoska to have an ordinance be drafted for a no parking any time sign posted on Oak Street between Hoyne and Division Street on north side of the street.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carries.

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

Mayor Peloquin stated in regards to JAWA, he should have more information by next week.

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

Hair Executives at 13037 Western Ave. – Approved pending 90 days to complete the outside repairs and apply for the remodeling permit. All inspections also need to be completed.

Fruteria Arandos at 13442 Western Ave. – Tabled

Aztek Ink at 13357 Olde Western Ave. – appeared before Committee for approval of roof signage. The Committee referred him to go before the Planning and Zoning for special permits.

Dream Bags at 13636 Western Ave. – Approved a 60-day temporary license until building and electrical inspections are completed and building owner completes all compliance issues.

Kari Gift Baskets at 12150 Western Ave. – Approved.

Building Department Report for January – 2013

- Building Permits 54
- Apartment Inspections 40
- Residential Inspections 25
- Commercial Inspections 16
- Letter of Conditions 8
- Demand Notices 0
- Court Summons Issued 12
- Complaints Checked 45
- “Not Approved for Occupancy” 7

- “Code Violations” door tags 32
- “Notice of Christmas Decorations” 0
- “Stop Work” 6
- Vacant Properties Registered 17
- Vacant Properties Inspected 9
- Housing Court Fines Issued \$1,250.00

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

Ald. Stone announced there would be a special meeting regarding Island Sports Bar & Grill scheduled for Wednesday March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Ald. Thompson thanked everybody who participated in the program on Friday night and a special thanks to Ald. Frausto and his daughter for attending.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Stone to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Natalino to reconvene the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ROLL CALL

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Absent: 1 Ald. Ruthenberg.

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

Mayor Peloquin stated that while in Executive Session a matter of litigation was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

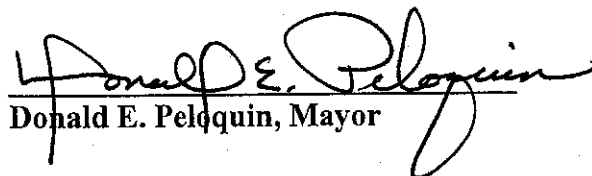
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



Pam Frasor, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**



Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor

