

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 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 March 12, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

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

Absent: 1 Ald. Vieyra.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk
Burt Odelson, City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Janko, second by Ald. Johnson the Journal Of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting on February 26, 2013 is accepted as printed.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Peloquin announced the Planning Department planted a Community Gardens and would appreciate any support on March 20th at Centennial Park.

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Ruthenberg to approve to give an exclusive for 6 months to Renewable Carbon and Nature Soil at 119th Street.

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked what this exclusive allows.

Mayor Peloquin stated this means we won't negotiate with anybody else for that property for a 6 month period so they can try to finalize deal.

Ald. Janko asked basically if this was in the landfill.

Mayor Peloquin stated it is all the landfill property behind Kloos Brothers where the old soccer fields were.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Peloquin brought back the Ordinance that was tabled at the last meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 223

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 adopt.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

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

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

No Questions.

BIDS

No Bids.

Clerk Frasor stated that under the Financial Committee, they will be looking for a recodification proposal.

CITY CLERK

Motion by Ald. Vargas, second by Ald. Janko to allow Clerk Frasor read all the requests all at once.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Clerk Frasor requested the follow:

The Blue Island Little League is requesting permission for their annual "Opening Day Parade" on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

Veterans Memorial Middle School is requesting permission for their annual "Bike Day" on May 14, 2013.

District 130, Kerr Middle School is requesting permission for their annual "Career Fair" on March 22, 2013

District 130, Kerr Middle School is requesting permission for their annual "Arbor Day Celebration" on May 8, 2013.

The Friends of Blue Island Memorial Park is requesting permission for their "5 De Mayo Celebration" on May 5, 2013.

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

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked if there could be Police Assistance for the School Bike Day.

Mayor Peloquin would make sure of that.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Ruthenberg to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending February 26, 2013 and to be placed on file.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 224

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

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Ald. Patoska, Chairman

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve Accounts Payable for March 12, 2013 - Grand Total for the amount of \$550,145.64.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Natalino to approve Payroll for March 1, 2013 for a Net Pay - \$236,651.44 and Total Gross - \$398,131.90.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve the Agreement for Seldon Fox to complete the annual audit.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Ald. Vieyra.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska reported the Gaming Revenue for the month of February is \$5,599.00. The State still owes the City approximately \$538,000.00 in income tax, approximately \$214,000.00 due from 2011 taxes and just under 1 million for the tax year of 2012.

Ald. Patoska stated that Clerk Frasor has been working with Ruth Fazio from American Legal Publishing to recodify the ordinances for the City. This will be paid for in 2 budget cycles in the amount of \$13,600.00.

Mayor Peloquin asked that the Committee turn this over to Attorney Odelson to check the contract before anything is done.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Johnson to approve to turn this over to the Legal Department.

On the Question: Ald. Janko asked regarding that \$13,600.00 is that times 2.

Ald. Patoska stated no, it's divided by 2.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas, Chairman

No Report.

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 6:00 pm – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

No Report.

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

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

No Report.

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – East Annex.

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

The purpose of the meeting is to hear Mr. Alan Shorter, Owner of the Island Sports Bar & Grill, regarding his appeal of the hours that were shortened to a 1:30 a.m. closing and what has been done to correct the problems that caused the hours to be shortened for 60 days at the December 27, 2012 special meeting.

Mr. Shorter stated he has done the following:

- Increased the parking to 3 lots.
- Residential parking permits have been approved, but the signs have yet to be put up.
- His security staff has been registered with the Police Department.
- Smoking receptacles have been installed outside.
- He has added trash cans outside.
- Additional security has been hired.
- He has new policies of dispersing patrons in an orderly fashion, not all at once.
- He has a new updated menu.
- Staff goes around and picks up littering on Friday and Saturday after closing.
- Has purchased additional insurance.
- He has a dress code on the weekends.

Mr. Shorter asks that since he has done everything that was requested that his hours be returned to the 3 a.m. closing.

Alderman Frausto stated Mr. Shorter has been in contact with both himself and Ald. Johnson regarding operation improvements. He has also talked to residents in the area who stated things have been a bit better, but is concerned that as the weather improves, things might revert back.

Deputy Chief Cornell supplied the Committee with a cad call list and explained some of the incidents on the list that occurred at the premises. This list included calls over the past 60 days. There were premise checks made by the Police at closing time to make sure that crowds dispersed in an orderly matter. There were a few loud noise complaints and a few disturbance calls. There was a minor traffic incident on February 3rd that resulted in a crowd of people yelling at each other. The patrons left with no problem. There were tickets issued for double parking and sometimes the patrons that were double parked refused to leave. This happens in

front of the bar and security is not always outside helping to disperse the crowds.

Apolonia Alvarado, 13434 Olde Western Avenue stated there still were parking issues, loud patrons, loud security and loud music coming from cars when the bar is closing. These problems mostly occur on Friday and Saturday nights. Mrs. Alvarado also asked about a missing bus stop sign across from the bar and the curb is painted yellow. Cars should not be parking along the painted yellow curb.

Deputy Chief Cornell stated that some of the problems might be alleviated if the age restriction is raised.

Mr. Shorter state he was considering raising the ages to 27 for males and 25 or 26 for females.

A motion was made by Ald. Buckner, seconded by Ald. Potaska to have the closing hour remain at 1:30 for 60 more days.

There was a vote of 3 Ayes, 4 Nays. The motion failed.

Ayes: Ald. Buckner, Vierya, Potaska.

Nays: Ald. Ostling, Johnson, Thompson, Stone.

A motion was made by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Thompson to raise the closing hours back to 3 a.m. for 60 days with the age for males going up to 27, and 25 or 26 for females as Mr. Shorter stipulated.

There was a vote of 4 Ayes and 3 Nays. The motion carried.

Ayes: Ald. Ostling, Johnson, Thompson, Stone.

Nays: Ald. Buckner, Vieyra, Potaska.

Mr. Shorter will appear at the May 21, 2013 community Development meeting when the Committee will review how things are going.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – East Annex.

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

Kevin Murphy at 2317 Florence announced he will be teaching a computer class at the Blue Island Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

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

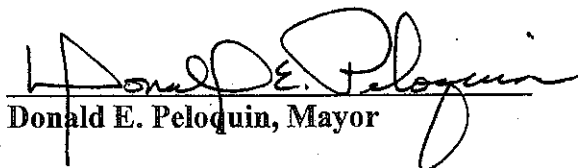
Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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



Pam Frasar, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.**


Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor

