

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 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 March 26, 2013.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 12 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Vargas,
Thompson, Vieyra, Spizzirri,
Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone,
Ostling, Janko.

Absent: 2 Ald. Natalino, Buckner.

Present Also: Pam Frasor, City Clerk
Leslie Quade-Kennedy, Acting City Attorney
Carmine Bilotto, City Treasurer

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

CONGRATULATIONS

Mayor Peloquin congratulated George the camera man on the article in the Southtown with his son regarding physical fitness.

REQUEST

Mayor Peloquin is requesting permission for St. Donatus Church to have 2 precessions for Holy Friday on March 29th.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

No Questions.

BIDS

No Bids.

CITY CLERK

REQUESTS

Blue Island Untouchables Football League is requesting permission for Tag Days on Saturday, September 7th & Saturday, September 21st.

The Salvation Army is requesting permission for their annual Donut Days on Friday and Saturday, May 31 & June 1; Friday and Saturday, June 7th & June 8th and 2013 Red Kettle Campaign from Friday, November 15th through Tuesday, December 24th.

Blue Island Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission to hold Drivin' the Dixie on Saturday, June 15th.

Blue Island Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission to hold Cruise Night on Monday evenings during June, July, August and September 9th.

Boy Scouts of America is requesting permission to hold a community wide paper drive on Saturday April 27th at Christ Memorial Church.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Vieyra to approve all requests.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER

No Report.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 – 225

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. Stone, second by Ald. Janko to adopt.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Vargas,
Thompson, Vieyra, Spizzirri,
Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone,
Ostling, Janko.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Natalino, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13 – 226

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY (PEGGY RAUCH FIELD) BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND AND BLUE ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT.

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

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Vargas,
Thompson, Vieyra, Spizzirri,
Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone,
Ostling, Janko.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Natalino, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

There being Twelve (12) 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 26, 2013 - Grand Total for the amount of \$624,435.99.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Vargas,
Thompson, Vieyra, Spizzirri,
Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone,
Ostling, Janko.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Natalino, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

PAYROLL

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Johnson to approve Payroll for March 13, 2013 for Net Pay - \$228,048.08 and Total Gross - \$390,631.31.

Ayes: 12 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Vargas,
Thompson, Vieyra, Spizzirri,
Patoska, Rita, Ruthenberg, Stone,
Ostling, Janko.

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Ald. Natalino, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

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

Ald. Patoska announced moneys stilled owed to the City –
Income Tax - \$541,000.00
Property Tax 2011 - \$214,000.00
Property Tax 2012 - \$406,000.00

Resident Allan Stevo asked questions regarding City finances.

Motion by Ald. Patoska, second by Ald. Stone to approve the Recodification Agreement with American Legal Publishing.

On the Question: Ald. Janko stated he did not see any details regarding the cost and charges for the updates.

Ald. Patoska stated the cost would be \$13,600.00.

Clerk Frasor stated that currently all the Ordinances are on a computer with the program Laserfiche and with our technician and their technician they believe with everything that is on the computer can be transferred and can work with it as is.

Ald. Janko stated as time goes on, as revisions to those codes when ordinances are updated after this is done what the cost would be to manage hard copies.

Clerk Frasor stated that she believes that the City Attorney, Felicia Frazor, negotiated with them that it would be free of charge.

Ald. Janko stated he would like to see that stated before this is voted on.

Clerk Frasor stated she will get back to him with the information.

Ald. Janko stated he did not see the details of it and would like to before voting on it.

Ald. Rita motioned to send this to the Judiciary Committee.

Mayor Peloquin stated she could make a motion to table it.

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Thompson to Table.

Ayes: 7 Ald. Vargas, Thompson, Vieyra, Spizzirri,
Rita, Ostling, Janko.

Nays: 5 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Patoska,
Ruthenberg, Stone.

Absent: 2 Ald. Natalino, Buckner.

Abstain: 0

There being Seven (7) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Peloquin announced to make it clear this won't come back until the new council is set because the committees are going to go sine die after the next Council Meeting. There will be no committees after the April 23rd meeting. This would have to all come back from scratch because once it goes to committee its dead.

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Vargas Chairman

No Report.

Next meeting – To be announced.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Fire Department Report –

The Fire Department had 261 emergency calls – 170 were Emergency Medical Service calls
45 medical illness calls, 21 psychiatric evaluations, 15 cardiac calls, 16 breathing problems, 2 diabetic responses, 5 seizure calls, 34 patients refused transportation, 7 stoke symptoms, 6 lift assists no transport, 1 battery victim, 3 intoxicated, 3 pregnancy related, 3 allergic reactions, 3 wellbeing checks, 2 anxiety attacks, 155 patients treated and 141 patients transported.

Fire Department responded to 27 fire alarms which assisted by other towns –

5 pulled box activations no fire, 1 caused by water leaking detector, 4 maintenance work, 4 cooking, 1 smoke odor from large screen TV, 2 heat buildup in duct, 1 broken sprinkler restored, 4 malfunctioning detectors, 3 auto fires, 2 calls for wires down, 6

carbon monoxide alarms and 1 investigation that gasoline was being used to clean parts in commercial building.

We have not heard from FEMA regarding the grant application.

Steve Allen, Steve Wilson and Andrew Rauch were ire as part time fire fighters.

The Fire Prevention Officer Position has not been filled; the union is challenging the benefits that accompany position.

Medical Reimbursement Service for February was \$24,078.40 and processing fees were \$2,287.45.

Police Department Report –
455 parking tickets issued, 357 moving violations, 16,253 miles patrolled, 11,537 number of computer aided dispatch and \$40,190.67 fines collected.

Detective Division –
3 search warrants and 1 Major Crime Task Force calls out.

9-1-1 Center –
Blue Island Police & Fire calls - 2,266
Midlothian Police & Fire calls – 1,492
Calumet Park Police & Fire calls – 1,291
Posen Police & Fire calls – 1,364

Detective Division monthly report –
1 burglary, 8 residential burglaries, 1 death investigation, 2 home invasions, 6 larceny, 1 missing person, 3 property damage, 2 robberies and 2 sex offenses.

Residents of the 7th ward were in attendance concerning residential parking on Vincennes.

Next meeting – To be announced.

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Janko, Chairman

No Report.

Special meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting – To be announced.

Community Development – Ald. Stone, Chairman

Nate Lechtenfeld of 13354 Rexford appeared before the Committee to request a variation to maintain his wooden privacy style fence for his backyard. City ordinances permit a 6 foot fence. Me. Lechtenfeld seeks a 2 foot variation of his completed 8 foot fence which he erected to protect his property from vehicular traffic traveling down Packard Street and keeping people from using his property as a short cut. Mr. Lechtenfeld presented the Committee with pictures of other properties that have fences tall than 6 feet. Follow discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Patoska, seconded by Ald. Buckner to approve the variance of an 8 foot fence along the back of his property, 6”8’ along the sides and a 6 foot gate in the front. The motion carried.

Mr. Crite Planning Director presented the Committee with a Memorandum with recommendations for the following businesses:

Gulf Auto Parts & Export, Inc. at 2864 Vermont St. – approved pending installation of the fire alarm system.

The Clamp & Gasket Brewing Company at 12718 Western Ave – recommended going in front of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board.

Fun & Cocktail, Inc. at 1859 Burr Oak Ave – they were asked to appear because their timeline on renovations has passed. The Mayor gave them an extension to February 15th and that deadline was not met. Following discussion, moved by Ald. Ostling, seconded by Ald. Thompson to approve a final extension to June 3, 2012 to have the following completed: the kitchen and bathrooms, the parking lot is to be paved and the plumbing and electrical brought up to code. The motion carried.

Division Warehouse #58 at 13039 Western Ave. - Mr. Adnan Nassan was asked to appear before the Committee because of an unapproved sign. He was told the sign needs to come down and he needs to submit signage plans for approval. He also needs to complete the repairs of the outside of the building. Moved by Ald. Ostling, seconded by Ald. Johnson the repairs on the outside of the building be done by May 19, 2013 and the unapproved sign come down. The motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell Simborg who owns the building at 13600 Western was asked to appear before the Committee to discuss concerns about the building. Mr. Simborg did not attend the meeting but sent a letter regarding the installation of a fire escape route for

Dream Bags, and a new fire alarm system for the entire building. The current system is obsolete. Chief Vrshek state the new panel will have to support over 600 devices and is concerned about escape solutions. He is evaluating the route and working with State Fire Marshall on this. Mr. Simborg's is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Alex Loyfman, 13102 Western was asked to appear before the Committee to discuss concerns about the Kline's building, but failed to appear.

Ald. Patoska asked Mr. Adams to check on limo that has been parking at 1942 Vermont Street and signs on the house at that address. He also informed Mr. Adams that LaFinka on Vermont & Division are posting signs all over the area.

Rita Pacyga presented the Committee with a list of date for the TGIF Picnic's and other events as follows -

TGIF Picnics: June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2 and August 9. There will also be evening events on August 2nd & 9th. Also scheduled are the theatre hike on Friday, October 18th, the Pumpkin Celebration on Saturday, October 26th, the Cardinal Hall of Terror at Eisenhower High School in late October and the Christmas Light Parade on Saturday, December 6th.

Mrs. Pacyga also stated the Senior Citizen Office has applied for a \$5,000 grant thru the American Heart Association to help seniors make better choices on food, partnered with the Senior Circle at MetroSouth on events, trips and activities and they are working with Officer Jason Slattery regarding making well-being checks. She said this is working out beautifully and the seniors really like Officer Slattery.

Lastly she stated lunches at the Salvation Army are up to 70 or 80 per day and programs there are very well attended.

The Committee discussed the need for a business license inspector to check on and enforce business licenses.

Mr. Adams presented the Building Department report for February –

- Building Permits 40
- Apartment Inspections 46
- Residential Inspections 30

• Commercial Inspections	20
• Letter of Conditions	4
• Demand Notices	0
• Court Summons Issued	4
• Complaints Checked	30
• “Not Approved for Occupancy”	10
• “Code Violations” door tags	32
• “Notice of Christmas Decorations”	0
• “Stop Work”	3
• Vacant Properties Registered	12
• Vacant Properties Inspected	4
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$2,300.00

Next Meeting – To be announced.

Ald. Ostling stated she would like to make a correction in her minutes that the residents from the 7th Ward in attendance concerning residential parking on Longwood.

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

No Citizens.

Mayor Peloquin invited County Commissioner Simms and County Commissioner Murphy to the podium and stated that it’s always good to have the best looking people from the County Board show up.

Mayor Peloquin informed Council that these 2 Commissioners, ever since we’ve been taking over tax delinquent properties and bring them on the tax rolls, these Commissioners and their staff have helped expedite all our projects and the Mayor thanked them.

County Commissioners Simms and County Commissioners Murphy approached the podium and both announced it was a pleasure and honor working with Mayor Peloquin. Both Commissioners congratulated the Mayor on his retirement and wish him well and proceeded to read a Resolution honoring his 28 years of service and presented him with a plaque.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Peloquin announced since there won't be a City Council Meeting on the 9th he would like to clarify that on the 23rd when they meet we will be appointing a Mayor Pro tem to carry on the meeting in April because they have been informed that the County will not be certifying the votes to at least May 1st. The first meeting in May is with the new Council and new Mayor will be sworn in. On April 23rd there will be a brief meeting to finalize some things on finance, payroll and accounts payable. At that point we will go sine die and the Committees will be set aside until the new Council takes office and the new Mayor takes office and will set the new Committees. April 23rd will be the last meeting as a body here.

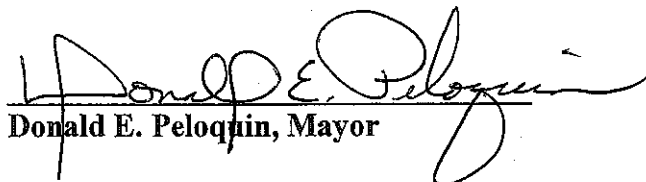
Ald. Thompson announced the passing of Les Catlin.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for April 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



Pam Frasor, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.**



Donald E. Peloquin, Mayor

