

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

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 November 11, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra,
Donahue

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Berrini, Rita

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

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Hawley the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on October 28, 2014 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 10 Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra,
Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Berrini, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Ronald Young, 12440 Maple, expressed his concerns about the Red Light Camera Project. He stated he opposed the program and urged council to defer taking any action tonight on the red light camera program.

Mary Carvlin, 2103 119th Place, spoke in regards to the corner of 119th Place and Washington concerning the IEPA funding. She expressed her concerns about the funding neglecting the flooding issues in the area. The North East Blue Island Resident Action Group is in support of a sewer relief pipe in that area.

The Mayor stated there will be a meeting at the end of the month that will go into more details. He also stated they are looking into different possibilities.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union, asked why the red light camera go out to bid.

The Mayor stated it did go to bid.

Mr. Stevo asked where it was published and what percentage of the fine will the City of Blue Island receive.

The Mayor stated he could get that information.

Mr. Stevo asked for a public hearing on the matter or a referendum vote.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR:

The Mayor wished all the veterans a happy Veterans Day and thanked them for their service.

He announced that Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m. there will be a holiday party and gift drive for hospitalized and homeless veterans at Saint Joseph Saint Aiden's Episcopal Church.

BIDS:

No bids.

CITY CLERK:

No business.

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CITY TREASURER: Motion by Ald. Donahue, second by Ald. Ostling to accept the Financial Statement ending on October 31, 2014.

Ayes: 10 Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra,
Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Berrini, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-052

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESCINDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 07-060 RELATING TO AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-045

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SERVICES PROVIDER AND RELATED TO AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS WITHIN BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-046

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (IEPA) RELATING TO THE BLUE ISLAND, BLUE WATER INITIATIVE.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-047

A RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL COLLECTION SERVICES INCORPORATED FOR THE PROVISION OF COLLECTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-048

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF CLASS 6(B) REAL ESTATE TAX INCENTIVE ABATEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SBS BUILDING, LLC AND PUMPING SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR PLANNED EXPANSION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13800 SOUTH CALIFORNIA AVENUE, BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Motion by Ald. Frausto, second by Ald. Ostling to include items 1, 3, 4, 5 under City Attorney business in the Consent Agenda as items 4, 5, 6, 7.

Ayes: 10 Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
Thompson, Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra,
Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Berrini, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

Motion by Ald.

Motion by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Carr to approve item 2 – Resolution No. 2014-045.

Ayes: 4 Carr, Ostling, Frausto, Vieyra

Nays: 6 Stone, Pittman, Thompson, Johanson,
Hawley, Donahue

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Berrini, Rita

Abstain: 0

The Mayor declared the motion denied.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Public Health & Safety Committee Report for the Meeting of November 5th, 2014

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, Jim McGeever, and myself. Also present were Mr. Allan Stevo, Mr. Ron Young, Alderman Marcia Stone, Alderman Nancy Rita, and Alderman Tom Hawley. Absent were Don Marchbanks, Alderman Vieyra and Alderman Buckner, Alderman Johnson, and Alderman Johansen. The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Citizens Concerns

Mr. Ron Young expressed concern about the red light cameras.

He said he has timed the yellow lights at 127th and Western and 127th and Gregory and the timing is not correct according to IDOT standards.

He asked how much money is collected in fines from the red light cameras.

He asked the percentage charged to us by the service provider.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 348 calls in October, 235 were EMS calls

204 Patients were treated

188 Patients were transported

46 Patients refused transport

They responded to 17 general fire alarms, and 16 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 38 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 39 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response call. All were ambulance calls.

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Average response time was 5.3 minutes.

There were several small fires in October, none were significant. There was a mattress fire, a garage fire, a small electrical fire at a school, and a cooking fire.

There was also a car into a building at 12964 Ashland, and a stranded boater on the Cal Sag Channel.

Medical Reimbursement Services for October was \$41,454.77

Fire Recovery collected \$495.00 in the month of October.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$0.00

General

Fire Prevention Poster Winners Daniella Hernandez and Xavier Bush were driven to school in Truck 2104 on Wednesday, October 29th.

Annual hose testing was completed in October.

Numerous Fire Drills, Fire Safety Presentations, and Fire House tours were given.

Dr. Tina Halliman Superintendent of S.D. 130 ordered the schools to have fire drills with Chief Klinker present.

Probationary Firefighter William Hall started Monday, November 3, 2014.

The Fire Department is currently processing one new full time Firefighters. (Pinnick)

Firefighter Nathan Lichtenfeld has applied for a duty disability pension.

Maintenance

Ambulance 2162 has had two alternators replaced.

Ambulance 2152 is scheduled to go out for High Idle Repair.

Ambulance 2182 was repaired at Rizza Ford. \$2,654.18 was the cost.

Lieutenant Kunz is updating all maintenance records and scheduling repairs based on safety priority and availability of funds.

Training

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The training division has completed 607.83 hours of training for the month of October.

The Fire Department has received Ebola training.

Grants

Air Pack Grant update. Air Packs were approved by NIOSH. We are hopeful for an early November delivery date.

Small Equipment Grant Illinois OSFM – The Fire Department has applied for \$22,600 of new Personal Protective Equipment. No reply yet.

2014 AFG Grant – Application period is open through December 5th, 2014.

Police Department Report

Statement by Deputy Chief Cornell

Deputy Chief Cornell urged everyone to go on the Blue Island Police Department's Lost Dogs page. The Police Department has been able to reunite dogs with their owners through the use of this page. Deputy Chief Cornell and Alderman Carr mentioned that Corporal Connors has been doing an excellent job running the Lost Dogs page.

Reports

The Police Department answered 2426 calls including 515 business/premise checks, and 82 liquor establishment checks. The increase in premise checks is due to abandoned home checks. These checks will be conducted periodically to make sure that the homes are properly secured.

Stats/Cases of Interest

- 90 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
- 3 Armed Robberies (1 unfounded, 1 in Calumet Park)
- 1 Robberies
- 1 Burglaries
- 11 Residential Burglaries (1 unfounded)
- 9 Shots Fired (6 unfounded)
- 110 Domestic Disputes
- 28 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods

Total money collected for the month of October \$35,985.25

18,036 miles patrolled. This means that on average each street is patrolled 10 times a day.

Calls of Interest

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No significant calls of interest this month.

Liquor Establishment Calls

1 subject removals, 2 disturbance calls, 1 domestic calls, and 3 fight calls were received in October on liquor establishments.

Training

October 20th seven Officers attended rifle training class.

October 22nd Officer Sepessy attended rifle instructor's class.

October 29th ten Officers attended in house Use of Force/Officer Safety Training at the Blue Island Public Works facility.

October 30th, new part-time Officers received officer safety/radio procedure training.

Miscellaneous

Halloween night there were officers on foot in the neighborhoods. Cook County Sheriff's gang unit and the Blue Island Detective Division worked together late into the evening to ensure that our children were safe.

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

The CPU investigated four calls regarding senior citizens. Several other senior checks were conducted throughout the City.

CPU answered several calls by area grade schools regarding abuse, run aways, fights and traffic jams.

CPU conducted Deputy Chief Cornell's "Safe Halloween Initiative" to all elementary schools, middle schools, as well as the high school. In order to better educate parents that throwing eggs, taking children's candy or threatening to strike a child with an egg is a criminal offense the CPU reached out to the schools regarding this type of horseplay. This program has helped reduce the number of unnecessary juvenile arrests that occur during Halloween.

Officer Slattery attended the PLOWS meeting regarding the Commission on Aging. Officer Slattery is a committee member and represents law enforcement interests on the committee.

Events

November 8th will be the Veteran's Day Parade.

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December 6th will be the Fill a Cruiser food drive for Angel's Touch at Memorial Park

December 6th will also be the Christmas Light Parade.

Facebook Page

The Police Department Facebook Page has 1144 likes.

911 Center

The 911 Center received 13,252 calls in October.

BIEMA

No Report

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of October 24 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done.

Tom Mailhiot attended a seminar at the Will County Health Department regarding health inspections, radon risk, produce borne disease, and private well education.

Aldermen's Concerns

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be December 3rd at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 6:00 – East Annex

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MOTIONS

Motion by Ald. Stone, second by Ald. Ostling to approve the Consent Agenda which includes:

1. Approval of Payroll – October 24, 2014 for \$345,154.13
2. Approval of Accounts Payable – November 5, 2014 for \$481,990.57
3. Committee Reports and Recommendations as presented
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-052
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-046
6. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-047
7. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-048

Ayes: 10 Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman, Frausto,
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Donahue

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Buckner, Berrini, Rita

Abstain: 0

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Donahue to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

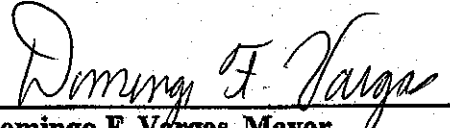
The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
November 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



Randy Heuser, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS
25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.



Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor