

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BLUE ISLAND CITY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

1) **Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 6:01 p.m. on November 9, 2022.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 6 Johnson (6:15 pm) Fahrenwald, Rita (6:11 pm), Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent:

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
Erin Blake, City Attorney
Thomas Wogan, City Administrator
Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Montoya to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of October 12, 2022.

Ayes: 5 Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson (6:15 pm), Rita (6:11 pm)

Abstention: 0

There being five (5) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman McGee requested a correction at page three of the minutes – this should read “Tot Lot” not Hart Park.

5) **Public Comment**

No comment.

6) **New Business**

No new business.

7) **Mayor's Report**

a. **Resolution 2022-___: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Authorizing and Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.**

Chief Haywood stated that this an agreement and no changes were made.

b. **Discussion regarding Property Insurance Renewal Proposal.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, presented the proposal and informed the Mayor and City Aldermen that this represented the annual renewal for property insurance coverage, with a slight increase in cost. The city obtained three different quotes for this insurance.

c. **Discussion regarding rental fee structure for John D. Rita Recreation Center.**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that the City wants to establish a fee structure to rent out the John D. Rita Recreation Center and noted that the City staff would be working on the same.

d. **Discussion regarding Regulation of Fire Alarm Systems.**

Chief Haywood stated the City Code needs to be updated to deal with regulation of fire alarm systems.

e. **Mayor's Announcements/Comments.**

The Mayor stated that street resurfacing was ending. The contractor would be doing the last few streets; and if the weather cooperated, they would try to do minimal landscaping.

The Mayor informed the City Council that Burke Engineering is working on the City's 2023 street program; but several decisions would be dependent on funding availability. District 218 has agreed to split costs for Sacramento Ave; but the City is still waiting to hear back from Calumet Park on cost sharing for Wood Street resurfacing and Robbins for Francisco Street resurfacing.

8) **City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments**

a. City Clerk's Announcements.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, thanked everyone for participating in the scarecrow event. She noted that over 50 homes participated in the event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, thanked everyone for an awesome Day of the Dead event. She gave a special thanks to City staff for all of their assistance preparing for the event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the hometown hero banners would be coming down for the winter and would be rehung in May 2023.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, noted that St. Peter/Paul will have their annual sloppy joe lunch on 11/19/22 from 11 am until 1 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, encouraged everyone to participate as a vendor for the Christmas Light Parade on 12/3/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that the Ball Drop will be 12/31/22 and that additional details were forthcoming.

9) City's Attorney's Report

a. Attorney Announcements.

No comments.

10) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. Discussion regarding Garbage Ordinance.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, expressed his gratitude to Mark Patoska for doing a lot of the legwork in regard to the new garbage ordinance and the potentially new fees associated with the same. Wogan explained that there would be changes in bulk pickup that needed to be addressed in the ordinance.

The Mayor informed City Council that garbage rates had not been increased since 2021, and the City has been footing an approximately \$4 difference between rates charged to residents and rates charged by LRS to the City. However, the administration did not raise the administrative fee with the new contract just yet; and would like input from all of the Aldermen in relation to the same. He would like a discussion regarding an amendment of the City Code to reflect updated penalties and the new structuring of picking up large portions of bulk garbage.

Alderman Roll commented on the fee structure options provided by the administration. He noted that schedule A represents an increase in fees/costs to the residents which would allow the costs relating to waste management within the City's Public Works Department

Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

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

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to resume regular meeting.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

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

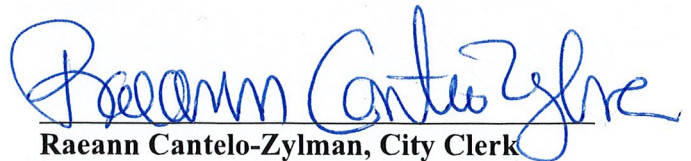
The Mayor stated the Council discussed pending and probable litigation.

13) Motion for Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0

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


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2022**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fred Bilotto', is written over a horizontal line.

Fred Bilotto, Mayor