

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2023**

1) Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 7:28 p.m. on January 24, 2023.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 7 Johnson, Fahrenwald, Rita, Montoya,
McGee, Carr, Roll

Absent:

Present Also: Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk
Jairo Frausto, Treasurer
Erin Blake, City Attorney
Tom Wogan, City Administrator
Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman Johnson second by Alderman McGee to approve the City Council Minutes from January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting of City Council.

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.

5) **Public Comment**

Resident of Blue Island invited everyone to the Blue Island Forestry Board Town Hall meeting this Thursday at 6 pm at the East Annex.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

a. Proclamation – Richard Withers

The Mayor stated Richard Withers was the Mayor of Blue Island for twelve years. The City is currently waiting to hear from the family; so that a proper proclamation can be issued.

8) **Mayor's Report**

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for January 20, 2023, for \$471,990.20 (gross).**

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Rita to approve Payroll for January 20, 2023, for \$471,990.20 (gross).

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.

b. **Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$411,457.46.**

Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Fahrenwald to approve Accounts Payable for \$411,457.46.

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.

Alderman Fahrenwald asked administration regarding certain items in accounts payable and a discussion was had regarding the same.

- c. **Motion to Approve January 13, 2023, Manual Check to KAM Construction in the amount \$24,725.00.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald second by Alderman Roll for Manual Check to KAM Construction.

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.

- d. **Motion to Approve January 18, 2023, Manual Check to Silvestri Printing in the amount \$2,156.38.**

Motion by Alderman Carr second by Alderman Fahrenwald for Manual Check to Silvestri Printing.

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.

- e. **Ordinance No. 2023-006: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Amend Title XI (“Business Regulations”), Chapter 111 (“Alcoholic Liquor”).**

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-006.

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.

Alderman McGee requested an amendment to the ordinance that would make all violent acts a per se nuisance. The aldermen were in agreement with the same.

- f. Resolution No. 2023-001: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois To Authorize and Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and MWRD for the Green Alley Project in Blue Island, Illinois.**

The Mayor stated that this resolution is not yet complete. They are awaiting additional information. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- g. Ordinance No. 2023-007: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title XIII (“General Regulations”), Chapter 130 (Offenses Against Public Peace and Safety”) of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.**

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-007.

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.

- h. Ordinance No. 2023-008: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Amending Title X (“Garbage”) and Title III (“Administration) to Update the City Code for Changes in Waste Removal Practices.**

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-008.

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.

Request to Amend Ordinance No. 2023-008 by Alderman Roll, Agreed Upon by Alderman Rita.

The amended ordinance would state that the increase in sanitation fees would be limited to one year; and that City Council would reassess fees thereafter and make necessary adjustments to the same.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Amended Ordinance No. 2023-008.

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.

i. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor appreciated the Council's considerations and time during the last meeting.

The Mayor stated that Richard Withers' son had arrived from Kansas and Mark Patoska gave him a tour of City Hall. The family did not have a service for him.

9) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that there will be a River cleanup on 5/13/23.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that there is a Town Hall Meeting for the Forestry Board on Thursday, 1/26/23 at 6 pm at the East Annex.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Blue Island will be offering an English Conversation Group every Thursday at 11 am. Flyers are located at City Hall.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed the City Council that the Hometown Heroes Flags will be hung on Memorial Day and new applications were being accepted.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman reported that the Black History Month Program is scheduled for 2/26/2022 at 3 p.m. at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

The Mayor stated that a small dedication ceremony for the police training would take place on 2/5/23 at 1 pm.

10) Treasurer's Report

a. City Treasurer's Announcements/Comments

No comments.

11) City Attorney's Report

a. Attorney's Announcements/Comments

No comment.

12) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Administrator's Announcements/Comments

City Administrator, Tom Wogan, stated that he is working with LRS to correct the flyer for the 5th Ward garbage pick-up, which is occurring on Monday rather than Friday. The information is also being updated on social media. In addition, Deputy Clerk, Reyna Alvarado, is working on translating the flyer with the rest of the Clerk's office.

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman McGee wanted to ensure revisions to the garbage pick-up schedule and appropriate communication with the residents regarding the same.

Alderman Johnson stated that the watch group is collaborating with the Library to create a video presentation regarding Black History Month. He also noted that he would like to see more free programs for children at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

14) **Motion for Adjournment**

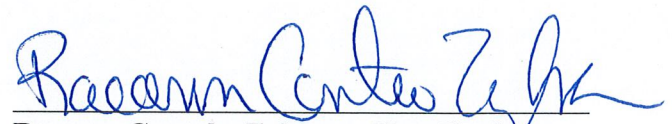
Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman McGee to adjourn the regular meeting.

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.


The meeting was adjourned 7:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled February 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor