

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2023.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:	5	Carr, Roll, Rita, Fahrenwald (remote), McGee
Absent:	2	Johnson, Montoya
Present Also:	4	Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk Erin Blake, City Attorney Thomas Wogan, City Administrator Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator

**4) Motion to Allow Alderman Bill Fahrenwald to Attend the Meeting Remotely Due to Family or Other Emergency and Pursuant to the City of Blue Island's Remote Attendance Policy.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to allow Alderman Fahrenwald to Attend the Meeting Remotely.**

Ayes:	5	Carr, Roll, Rita, Fahrenwald, McGee
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Johnson, Montoya
Abstention:	0	

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

5) **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**

**Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman McGee to approve the City Council Minutes from the August 22, 2023, Regular City Council meeting.**

Ayes: 5 Carr, Roll, Rita, Fahrenwald, McGee  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 Johnson, Montoya  
Abstention: 0

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

6) **Public Comment**

A Blue Island resident contacted Public Works on several occasions and inquired as to why the Department had not picked up yard waste.

A resident of Blue Island shared her concerns about the incident that happened last Saturday in her area. She noticed an increase in police activity, but wanted to urge her neighbors to get more active in the neighborhood rather than simply complaining.

7) **Old Business**

No old business.

8) **New Business**

No new business.

9) **Mayor's Report**

**a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for September 1, 2023, for \$414,856.67 (gross).**

**Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman McGee to approve Payroll for September 1, 2023, for \$414,856.67 (gross).**

Ayes: 5 Carr, Roll, Rita, Fahrenwald, McGee  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 Johnson, Montoya  
Abstention: 0

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

**b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable dated September 13, 2023, for \$1,305,315.17 and a \$6,000.00 Manual Check to Environmental Protection Industries.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to approve Accounts Payable for September 13, 2023, for \$1,305,315.17 and the \$6,000.00 Manual Check.**

Ayes:	5	Carr, Roll, Rita, Fahrenwald, McGee
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Johnson, Montoya
Abstention:	0	

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

Alderman Rita stated she doesn't remember certain expenditures being discussed at the Committee of the Whole.

The Mayor stated a breakdown of accounts payable, due to the abnormally high amount, was provided to City Council via email. The accounts payable was high due to the purchase of a new street sweeper, the second payment for the Olde Western project, an oil tank discovered on Olde Western, the Cal Sag Trail, and payment on the new ladder truck. All noted that all of these expenditures had previously received Council approval.

**c. Motion to Award Triggs Construction, Inc. the Bid for the MWRD Green Alley Project in the amount of \$799,995.00.**

**Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll to Award the Green Alley Project to Triggs Construction, Inc.**

Ayes:	5	Carr, Roll, Rita, Fahrenwald, McGee
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Johnson, Montoya
Abstention:	0	

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

Alderman McGee requested a recap on why these three alleys between Maple and Highland required permeable pavement.

The Mayor stated that these alleys were chosen prior to their administration taking office.

Alderman Rita did not recall discussing the project but thanked the Mayor for clarifying.

The Mayor wanted to state on the record that the lowest qualified bidder grant was Triggs Construction Inc. in the amount of \$799,995.00 and the grant was for \$800,000.00.

**d. Resolution No. 2023-024: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Ratify Payment to Genco, LLC for Overflow Piping at the Highland Ground Storage Tank.**

**Motion by Alderman Carr, second by Alderman Roll for Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-024.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Montoya

Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Roll requested a brief explanation of why this expense was necessary. The Mayor stated there was an emergency repair needed at the Highland Ground Storage Tank to stop water coming from the top of the tank.

**e. Ordinance No. 2023-038: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Requiring Vehicular Traffic to Stop At the Intersection of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street and Irving Avenue.**

**Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-038.**

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Montoya

Abstention: 0

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

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

The Mayor informed the City Council that the Olde Western streetscape project is proceeding as planned. They finished the major work on the west side of the street, discovered an oil tank, which has since been remediated; there is an issue with another structure, but it is being addressed.

The Mayor informed the City Council that Gallagher will begin work shortly on the 2023 Street Project and that they expect to complete a large portion of the roadways this season.

The Mayor stated that the new street sweeper would be arriving soon.

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

**a. City Clerk's Announcements**

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, thanked City Department Heads, Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department for their contributions to the success of the Fireworks at the Falls.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, notified everyone to save-the-date for the Community Health Fair on 10/7/23 at the John D. Rita Recreation Center from 10 am until 2 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, notified everyone to save-the-date for Movie on the Green at The Meadows Golf Club at 7 pm on 10/7/23 on the driving range.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to the Blue Island Public Library Hispanic Heritage Celebration on September 16th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in their parking lot.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited everyone to a Blue Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Church on 9/17/23 at 3 p.m. A blue mass commemorates first responders, as well as current and former members of the armed services. The mass is an occasion to commemorate and appreciate the men and women who put their lives in danger to protect their community.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, notified the City Council that the Guildhaus is preparing a 5k run/walk on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**11) Treasurer's Report**

**a. City Treasurer's Announcements/Comments**

No report.

**12) City Attorney's Report**

**a. Attorney's Announcements/Comments**

No report.

**13) City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments**

**a. City Administrator's Announcements/Comments**

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, indicated that the railroad crossing at 127<sup>th</sup> Street will reopen on Friday.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated flood assistance is still ongoing. There will be an open house at the Department of Human Services site at 3301 Wireton Road from September 26 to September 31. Any resident, whether they get SNAP benefits or not, is eligible to apply for emergency funding. The City planned to meet regarding traffic control for these dates.

The Mayor thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for the Labor Day fireworks display. As the City Clerk previously stated, the City is scheduled for the actual Fourth of July for fireworks and a parade in 2024. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer or join in the parade, band, or float, please let us know.

**14) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Rita praised Michael Schroeder and Public Works for their assistance with the two water main breaks over the Labor Day weekend. She then inquired about the \$17,000 paid to Hitchcock for Olde Western. She also asked in the wall mural painted by D'Masti was part of the streetscape?

Alderman McGee expressed gratitude to the Police and Fire Departments for attending a neighborhood block party and giving the kids the opportunity to ride their vehicles.

**15) Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending before a court or an administrative tribunal and actions of probable or imminent litigation.**

No Executive Session.

**16) Motion for Adjournment**

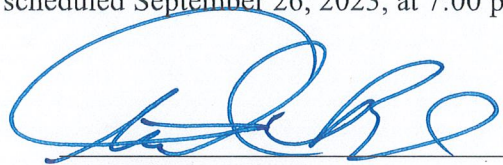
**Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to adjourn the regular meeting.**

Ayes:	5	Carr, Roll, Rita, Fahrenwald, McGee
Nays:	0	
Absent:	2	Johnson, Montoya
Abstention:	0	

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

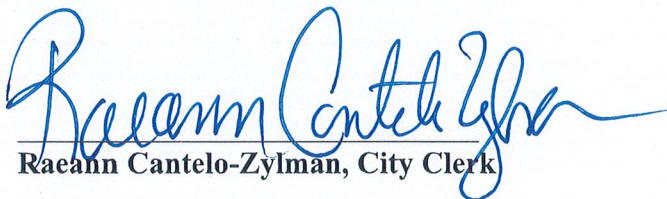
The meeting was adjourned 7:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled September 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.



**Fred Bilotto, Mayor**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS  
26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023**



**Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk**