

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

No new business.

8) **Mayor's Report**

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for April 29, 2022, for \$384,110.36 (gross).**

b. **Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to approve Payroll for April 29, 2022, for \$384,110.36 (gross).**

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, Carr (online), Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, McGee (arrived 7:12 pm)

Abstention: 0

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

c. **Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$438,467.19.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Rita to approve Accounts Payable for \$438,467.19.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, Carr (online), Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, McGee (arrived 7:12 pm)

Abstention: 0

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

d. Motion to consent to Mayoral Appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Roll for the Appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, Carr, Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, McGee (arrived 7:12 pm)
Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor appointed Gregory Robinson who has been a resident of Blue Island for over 20 years.

e. Motion to consent to Mayoral Appointment to the Library Board.

Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Montoya for the Appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, Carr (online), Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, McGee (arrived 7:12 pm)
Abstention: 0

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

The Mayor reappointed Sara Nunez and Anita Kinney to the Library Board and filled one vacancy by appointing Mariela Esparza.

f. Motion to consent to Award Altitude Valve Replacement Project at Highland Avenue Potable Water Pump Station to Genco Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$44,840.00.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to Award Altitude Valve Replacement Project to Genco Industries, Inc.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, Carr (online), Roll

Nays: 0
Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, McGee (arrived 7:12 pm)
Abstention: 0

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

Alderman Johnson asked if Genco had any previous experience and if the City had seen any of their prior work. Mark Patoska, Deputy City Administrator, indicated that there were only two bids for the project, Genco's bid was \$10,000 lower, and Burke Engineering had previously worked with them on several projects.

g. Ordinance No. 2022-034: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Ordinance Number 2014-007 – City of Blue Island Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance.

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Montoya for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-034.

Ayes: 4 Johnson, Montoya, Carr (online), Roll
Nays: 2 Rita, McGee
Absent: 1 Fahrenwald
Abstention: 0

There being four (4) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Rita is not comfortable with raising sewer rates after coming out of a pandemic, specifically noting that there are senior residents living on a fixed income. She informed council that she supports maintaining the City's sewer systems but requested the City look at alternative revenue sources to fund the same.

Alderman Roll inquired regarding the revenue allocation and expenditures from the sewer/water fund. He suggested the City create a separate line item on the ledger. Deputy City Administrator, Mark Patoska explained the accounting for the increased revenue from the rate increase.

h. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor stated that the nice weather has arrived, and Public Works will begin repairing the major water breaks that occurred over the winter, such as Maple/Collins, as well as patching on streets and alleys. There will also be code enforcement if residents are not cutting their grass and conforming with City Code.

The Mayor stated that the roof repair project at City Hall will be done shortly.

The Mayor stated that they have officially been in office for one year. He thanked the City Council, the City Clerk, Treasurer, and staff for all their effort this year. He commented on the groundwork that has been laid for real progress in the City.

9) City Clerk’s Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk’s Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the school of Oak Montessori is having a climate demonstration on May 11, with a rain date of May 12 from 9 am until 1 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the new church, Upper Room on 120th will host a Family Fun Bingo Night on Friday, 4/29/22 at 7 p.m.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed City Council that there will be a Flower Sale on York and Western this Saturday, 5/14 and 5/21 at 8:30 am.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that on the next City Council Meeting of May 24th they will have a blessing of the new fire truck.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman notified us that the July 3, 2022 Fireworks celebration is moving along. She requested craft vendors wanting to participate in the event to contact the Clerk’s office.

10) Treasurer’s Report

a. Treasurer’s Report.

Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report, April 2022.

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll to Approve Treasurer’s Report, April 2022.

Ayes: 6 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr (online), Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Fahrenwald

Abstention: 0

There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

11) **City Attorney's Report**

a. **Attorney's Announcements.**

No announcements.

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

a. **City Administrator's Report.**

City Administrator Thomas Wogan stated that May 20th and May 21st will be Poppy Days.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan requested that if the Aldermen observe filming in their wards that they notify administration, because not all filming crews are obtaining the appropriate permits.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan stated that after speaking with multiple insurance companies, the City determined that the Golf Course will not be eligible for its own liability package. Instead, the administration was informed to seek a comprehensive insurance coverage package for the entire City.

Alderman Rita asked how the City's inability to obtain individual insurance coverage for the Golf Course would impact operations. The City Administrator, Thomas Wogan stated that the Golf Course would have the same liability as it did in previous years.

13) **Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Johnson stated that each alderman can provide the Mayor or Public Works with their own list of streets that need pothole repairs. He inquired whether there was a phone app through which children could be notified of activities taking place at the recreation center or elsewhere in Blue Island. He wants to publicize all of the wonderful things that are happening thanks to Alderman Montoya. He also reported that he met with the Mayor of Posen and are establishing a trucking company that will face the California Gardens while entering and exiting through Harrison Street.

Alderman Rita stated that the high school has an phone app for detentions where students can sign in; so she hoped there could be a phone app available for the purpose expressed by Alderman Johnson.

14) **Motion for Adjournment**

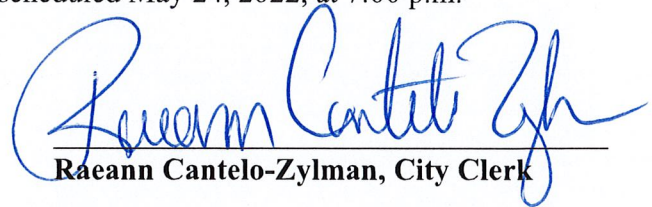
Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Rita to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: 6 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Carr (online), Roll
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Fahrenwald
Abstention: 0

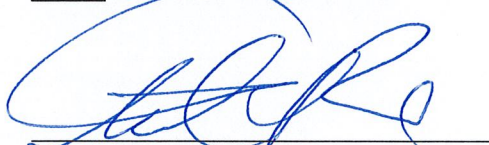
There being six (6) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 7:38 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled May 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.


Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
24TH DAY OF MAY 2022**


Fred Bilotto, Mayor