

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2022**

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 7:02 p.m. on August 23, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Roll

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Carr

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

4) Presentation of Journal of Proceedings

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Roll to approve the City Council Minutes from August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting of City Council.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Carr

Abstention: 0

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

5) Public Comment

A Blue Island resident wanted to thank the city for honoring the Hometown Heroes with flags displayed throughout the city. He also expressed gratitude for paving his alley. He reported that there are many cars on 135th without city stickers and asked when the bridge repair would be completed.

A Blue Island resident reported a hole on 13102 Water Street. She also asked if she could report people who park in her handicapped spot to the police. The Mayor stated that Water Street is privately owned and that his administration would follow up with her regarding the handicap parking issue.

6) **Old Business**

No old business.

7) **New Business**

Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is partnering with Blue Island for the second time. This program provides low-income families with assistance in home repairs including painting, carpentry, railings, plumbing, and electrical work. To qualify, the resident must own and occupy the home and meet financial eligibility requirements. The applications will be accessible online, in the Building Department, and in the Clerk's office. The due date for these applications is October 1, 2022.

8) **Mayor's Report**

a. **Motion for Approval of Payroll for August 19, 2022, for \$403,509.94 (gross).**

Motion by Alderman McGee second by Alderman Montoya to approve Payroll for August 19, 2022, for \$403,509.94 (gross).

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

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

b. **Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$635,489.81.**

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to approve Accounts Payable for \$635,489.81.

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

Abstention: 0

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

c. Ordinance No. 2022-044: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize the Disposition of Surplus Vehicles.

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-044.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Carr

Abstention: 0

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

d. Ordinance No. 2022-045: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Granting a Special Use Permitting Blue Island Truck Repair, LLC to Operate an Automobile Repair Shop Within the Limited Industrial District (I-1) (2922 Wireton Road).

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-045.

Ayes: 5 Johnson, Rita, Montoya, McGee, Roll

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Fahrenwald, Carr

Abstention: 0

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

e. Motion to Award Bid to Alexis Esparza for 2122 Broadway Avenue.

Motion by Alderman Montoya, second by Alderman Johnson to Award Bid for 2122 Broadway Avenue to Alexis Esparza.

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

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

f. Motion to Award Bid to Alexis Esparza for 2154 Grove Street.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman Johnson to Award Bid for 2154 Grove Street to Alexis Esparza.

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

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

g. Motion to Award Bid to Mission Covenant Church for 12419 Greenwood Avenue.

Motion by Alderman Roll, second by Alderman McGee to Award Bid for 12419 Greenwood Avenue. To Mission Covenant Church.

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

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

h. Ordinance No. 2022-046: An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, Amending Title V, Chapter 52 “Waters and Sewers Generally” of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois.

Motion by Alderman Roll second by Alderman Rita for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-046.

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

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

i. Mayor’s Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor informed the City that street resurfacing was scheduled to begin on September 1 and last through November 30, 2022. The contractors would start on 119th and Artesian and move their way through the City.

The Mayor reported that City’s focus on code enforcement and noted that parking lot replacement on 123rd Street and Western is a result of the same.

The Mayor reported that three homes had been recently demolished due to their extreme deterioration. The homes have been put up for bid by the previous administration; but were never purchased. The demolition costs were paid for with grants received by the city.

The Mayor reported that the roof project for the fire department and the police garage was completed. In addition, the city jails’ old dog kennels were moved to the police garage.

The Mayor stated that one alley has been replaced in each of the wards.

The Mayor reported that the City received two grants, one for \$2.5 million and another for \$300,000. However, IDOT permits for the projects are still pending.

9) City Clerk’s Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk’s Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, notified the City that Superheroes, Super Health will be held on 10/1/2022 at the John D. Rita Recreation Center from 10 am until 3 pm. There are currently 17 vendors, three exercise groups, as well as five food vendors.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, invited all Aldermen and city officials to decorate a scarecrow at York and Western on October 14th. In addition, Scarecrow town was

also being advertised and all residents/businesses who wish to be involved have to have the home/business decorated by 10/16/22.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, reported that the Day of the Dead event would be held on November 2nd on York and Western.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, reported that the City Channel 4 will be returning and details regarding the same are forthcoming.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, stated that Untouchables registration will be this Saturday, 8/27/22 at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, informed us that the Chicago Soldiers organization hosted an event at the Golf Meadows and thanked Vinnie Franchetti for his professionalism. Matthew West, an army veteran, received a monetary donation this year. He has two children and resides in Beverly.

10) **City Attorney's Report**

a. **Attorney's Announcements.**

No announcements.

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

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

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, stated that red tag notices on water bills have been mailed out to those residents/businesses that owe \$5,000 or more. He noted that residents will be offered payment plans.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan also reported that Channel 4 will be returning.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed City Council that the City's audit is moving forward and the administration hopes that it will be completed by September/early October.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed the Council that the street sweeper requires some repairs and that he will let them know as soon as he has more information on the cost of those repairs.

12) **Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments**

Alderman Roll thanked Lauren Pflugradt for her assistance with the city's finance department.

Alderman Montoya inquired about the completion of the Francisco bridge repairs. The Mayor stated the repairs should be completed by late fall.

Alderman McGee reported that there will be a free electronic recycling event at Hart Park on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

13) Motion for Adjournment

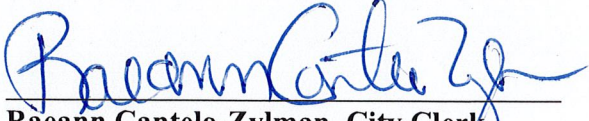
Motion by Alderman Rita, second by Alderman Roll to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

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

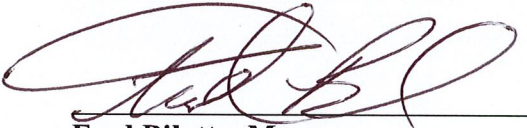
The meeting was adjourned 7:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled September 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022**



Fred Bilotto, Mayor