JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 9, 2022

1) <u>Call to Order</u>

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Bilotto at 7:01 p.m. on August 9, 2022.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present:

Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya (7:04 pm),

McGee, Carr

Absent:

2

Rita, Roll

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 Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve the City Council Minutes from the July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting of City Council.

Ayes:

5

Fahrenwald, Montoya, Carr, Bilotto

Nays:

0

Absent:

2

0

Rita, Roll

Abstention:

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

5) Public Comment

Valerie Weiskirch stated she was very excited about the farmer's market having live music. She also requested that the administration review the code of ordinances paying particular attention to the title of the Building Commissioner or Building Official.

A Blue Island resident that has lived on Coopers Grove for the last 14 years reported that she did not know about the new overnight parking ordinance. She asked the City to come up with a better solution to inform residents regarding the changes in the law.

A long time Blue Island resident that lives on Walnut reminded the City Council of a tragic event wherein one of his young neighbors was struck by a speeding driver. He informed the City that speeding is still an issue in the City. He thanked the Blue Island Police Department as well as the Blue Island Fire Department for all their hard work and dedication.

6) Old Business

No old business.

7) New Business

The Mayor swore in two new police offers Benjatoris James and Amber Ulatowski.

8) Mayor's Report

a. Motion for Approval of Payroll for August 5, 2022, for \$372,653.94 (gross).

Motion by Alderman McGee, second by Alderman Carr to approve Payroll for August 5, 2022, for \$372,653.94 (gross).

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

b. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable for \$329,750.33.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Carr to approve Amended Accounts Payable for \$329,750.33.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Roll

Abstention:

0

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

c. Resolution No. 2022-031: A Resolution of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois to Authorize and Approve a Release and Settlement Agreement in Case Number 21-DV-2868.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald second by Alderman McGee for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-031.

Johnson, Fahrenwald, Montoya, McGee, Carr Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: 2 Rita, Roll

Abstention:

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

d. Mayor's Announcements/Comments.

The Mayor stated that former Alderman Pittman passed away and as soon as he knows more details regarding the services, he will pass them along.

The Mayor informed the City that the street projects will begin September 1st and will be completed by November 30th.

The Mayor invited all of the Aldermen and City Officials to attend the ribbon cutting hosted by the City at the Lyric Thursday at 7 pm.

The Mayor informed the City that Saint Donatus had no issues except for the rain.

The Mayor stated they had a meeting with District 218, the Police Department, and District 130 to discuss back to school plans.

9) City Clerk's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. City Clerk's Announcements

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman thanked everyone who took part in the 50th anniversary of the Bike Ride.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated that National Night Out was a huge success and thanked all the vendors who participated and the city staff that helped with the event.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City that this Wednesday from 11 am -1 pm there would be a staff appreciation cook out at Public Works. The Aldermen were invited to attend.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman informed the City about the ribbon cutting for the Lyric Thursday at 7 pm.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman notified the City that the Clerk's Office is planning a Community Health Fair for 10/1/2022 at the John D. Rita Recreation Center.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated the Trunk or Treat event will be held on October 29, 2022. She requested that residents contact Luis Montoya at the Blue Island Park District for additional information.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman invited all Aldermen and city officials to decorate a scarecrow at York and Western in October.

City Clerk, Raeann Cantelo-Zylman stated a Day of the Dead celebration will be held on November 2, 2022 on York and Western.

10) Treasurer's Announcements/Reports/Comments

a. Motion to approve July 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Alderman Fahrenwald, second by Alderman Montoya to Approve the July 2022 Treasurer's Report.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

11) City Attorney's Report

a. Attorney's Announcements.

No announcements.

12) <u>City Administrator's Announcements/Reports/Comments</u>

a. City Administrator's Report.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan asked the Aldermen to complete the audit questionnaire.

City Administrator, Thomas Wogan, informed City Council that property tax bills for the second installment of 2021 have not been issued; and therefore, receipt of those taxes by the municipality will be significantly delayed. The administration is reviewing options for additional income sources, should that become a necessity. The administration will keep City Council apprised.

13) Aldermanic Announcements/Reports/Comments

Alderman Fahrenwald received phone call reporting that the resident's garbage pick-up was not consistent over the last several months. Aldermen Fahrenwald spoke to Lakeshore regarding the complaint and received a satisfactory explanation and outcome.

Alderman Dexter Johnson stated that registration for the Untouchables 2.0 will be held this Saturday at the John D. Recreation Center. He also stressed that pet owners have a responsibility to clean after their pets.

14) Motion for Adjournment

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 Rita, Roll

Abstention: 0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled August 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Raeann Cantelo-Zylman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2022

Fred Bilotto, Mayor