



REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BURBANK CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of September 10, 2014 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Klein in the Council Chambers, 6530 west 79th Street. Burbank, Illinois.
- ROLL CALL** Roll call indicated the following members present: Alderman Foy, Looney, Grider, Pacella, Piznarski, Szymczak and Pyle. Also present: Mayor Klein, Deputy Clerk Chisholm, and Attorney Joseph Cainkar. Absent: Clerk Roach and Treasurer Viverito.
- The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- JOURNAL** Motion made by Alderman Grider, seconded by Looney to approve the minutes from August 20, 2014 as presented was unanimously approved by the voice vote and so declared by the Chair.
- CURRENT BILL** Motion made by Alderman Grider seconded by Alderman Szymczak to approve the current list of bills. A roll call indicated 7 ayes, 0 nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting Aye: Alderman Grider, Foy, Szymczak, Piznarski, Pyle, Pacella, and Alderman Looney.
- CLERK'S REPORT** There was a bid opening on September 5, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. for the 2014 E.A.B tree removal. There were no bids received and there will be another bid opening at a future date.
- DEPT. OF ZONING ORDINANCE #37-9-14** Alderman Foy, seconded by Alderman Szymczak, made a motion TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE ORDINANCE #37-9-14 A VARIATION TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 6 FOOT FRONT/SIDE YARD FENCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7800 SOUTH MASON AVENUE. **APPROVED BY ZONING.** A roll call indicated: 7 ayes, 0 nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting aye: Alderman Piznarski, Pacella, Looney, Pyle, Grider, Foy, and Alderman Szymczak.
- Alderman Szymczak wanted to publicly thank everyone for all his get well wishes during his recovery for his heart event.
- MAYOR KLEIN** Mayor Klein wanted to read a statement and update everyone on what has been going on since the July 12, 2014 rainfall / flood event. Mayor Klein attended a meeting with the MWRD, COOK COUNTY, HOMELAND SECURITY PERSONEL, AND THE ENGINEERING STAFF met at the office of our City Attorney on July 17, 2014. What they determined at the meeting was the 87th Street reservoir did not have adequate volume to hold the water capacity for a major storm event, and also that the pumps were not working properly so that it could move the water downstream. There is years of debris that has never been removed to bring the reservoir back to the optimal capacity for the design specification which was in the late 1960's. The Bedford Park reservoir which the water storage capacity ultimately flows down through Burbank until emptying into the Cal-Sag channel had prematurely emptied its water into the drainage of the City of Burbank. The 87th Street Reservoir lacks generator back up in the event of a Com-ed failure. These issues were the major point of contention from Burbank's perspective. The meeting concluded that the MWRD would

check into the volume capacity, remove all debris and conduct a study to see if new technology exists to prevent future flooding events, and to look into power back up to ensure the pumps keep running. Before anything tangible came forth from the MWRD we were hit with another major flood event on August 22, 2014.

**MAYOR
KLEIN
CONTINUED**

The President of the MWRD, other Officials, and our Fire Chief at 8:30 A.M. entered the pump house at the 87th Street reservoir and found that one of the three main pumps was inoperable. This hampered the ability to release water downstream, and this was caused due to a Com-Ed transformer being down and no electrical back up to bring the pumping capacity up to 100 %. Mayor Klein stated when he was at the reservoir he spoke with the Com-Ed people who said “the transformer was inoperable 2 weeks prior. There was another meeting on August 26, 2014 at the MWRD on 100 East Erie Street Chicago, IL Mayor Klein and the City engineer and Officials and engineers from the MWRD were all in attendance. The discussion was as follows: 1.) The 87th Street reservoir capacity has to be increased, 2.) A study to see if there has been any loss of capacity and the rate release flow from the Bedford Park reservoir has to be better controlled so that it won’t adversely impact flooding downstream. 3.) A generator back up has to be installed at the 87th Street reservoir. 4.) An expansion of the reservoir should be studied and done. What has transpired since the last meeting the MWRD has conducted a study on the capacity. Mayor Klein then introduced the Officials from the MWRD who are responsible for both reservoirs located in Burbank, Catherine O’ Connor-Director of Engineering, John Murray- Managing Civil Engineer, Joe Kratzer- Principal Civil Engineer, and David Tang- Associate Civil Engineer. Mayor Klein explained to the public please take the time to listen to each question being answered so we can keep an orderly meeting.

**CITIZENS
REPORTS**

The residents of Burbank had various questions for the MWRD officials that pertained to the flooding that they had on August 22, 2014, and several other times in the past. The Mayor explained that he had been in contact as well with Governor Quinn’s Office and announcement will be forth coming.

**MOTION TO
AJOURN**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Alderman Grider, seconded by Alderman Szymczak to adjourn the meeting was agreed on by the voice vote and so declared by the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

GENELLE M. CHISHOLM, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
APPROVED _____

**MOTION TO
AJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at INSERT TIME HERE p.m.

PATRICIA E. ROACH, CITY CLERK
APPROVED _____