



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, September 24, 2026

6:00 PM

AGENDA

To participate in the Public Comment for this meeting, email your comment to mayorjones@calumetcity.org. Please limit the comment to 300 words and be sure to identify yourself and address. Comments must be submitted no later than 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2026.

Meetings shall be open to the public but limited to participation due to social distancing; at capacity, no additional public will be allowed. Meetings are televised on the government access channel (Channel 4 for Comcast users.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Special Meeting September 1, 2026

B. Regular City Council Meeting September 10, 2026

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Memorandum on 160th Watermain Improvement Project funded through Cook County CDB Grant program (\$200,000) and City project match / actions needed regarding the funding.

B. Notification of Property Tax Exemption Application for the Steps to the Future Childcare Center.

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to override Mayor Thaddeus Jones veto of an amended ordinance #25-09 Establishing the salaries and other fringe benefits of appointed officials, Supervisory Personnel, and other Full time and part-time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement for the City of Calumet City, Illinois.

2. Motion to override Mayor Thaddeus Jones veto of the motion made by Alderman Tillman and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to appoint Steve Laducinsky as Special Counsel regarding the reconsideration and amendment of the city councils prior motion authorizing legal action against Mayor Thaddeus Jones arising from unauthorized, improper, or otherwise non-

compliant use of city issued credit cards at the September 1, 2026, special meeting of the City of Calumet City Council.

3. Motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 389 Hoxie Avenue.
4. Motion to approve block party with amplified music in the 200 block of Ruth Street between Wentworth Ave and Lincoln Ave. on Saturday September 26th, 2026 from 11am - 9pm. Direct public works to provide trash receptacles and barricades.
5. Motion to direct the Police and Fire Commission to extend a conditional offer of employment to the next eligible candidates to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Officer Moore and Officer Wang, and the retirement of Officer Miro and Officer Gavin.
6. Motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 384 Luella Avenue.

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE

1. 871 Buffalo Avenue Privacy Fence 6th Ward
2. 141 157th Street Privacy Fence 5th Ward
3. 358 Crandon Avenue Privacy Fence 3rd Ward
4. 530 Bensley Avenue Privacy Fence 2nd Ward
5. 402 Clyde Avenue Privacy Fence 3rd Ward

9. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEAL OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 1757 RIVER OAKS DRIVE
2. A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ELLA WILLIS
3. Resolution to honor director Sheryl Tillman for service to the city for twenty two years
4. AN ORDINANCE ENUMERATING THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY CLERK BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES), DIVISION 4 (CITY CLERK), OF CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
5. A RESOLUTION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DELILAH WATSON

10. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Motion to approve payment to National Power Rodding, Corp. (Inv #56839) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$82,583.10 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55171.

2. Motion by City Council to commit to allocation of \$500,000 in match funds to the Cook County CBD funded 160th Watermain Improvement Project and to direct finance to work with engineering on project match specifics.
3. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271394) for Project #02501151.001 Public Works Drainage and Site Work. This project can be reimbursed through DCEO funding under Calumet City grant number G-141 (DCEO State Award ID: 1785-55223), in the amount of \$8,933.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55208.
4. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$42,461.23 for corporate legal services dated September 10, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
5. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$25,969.75 for legal services dated September 10, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
6. In accordance with Resolution #02-40 and the Agreement between the City of Calumet City and the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau (the Bureau), please authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Bureau in the amount of \$6,261.00 payable from Account #01099-52696. This amount represents 95% of 1% of gross rental or lease charges collected from January 16 ,2026, through July 15, 2026, for the sole purpose of promoting tourism, in accordance with Ordinance #02-21, and the imposition of the Hotel Accommodations Tax.
7. Motion to approve the proposal for an AT&T Dedicated Fiber solution to be located at 1651 Dolton Road (Animal Control); authorize the City Treasurer to remit a non recurring fee of \$199.95 and a monthly fee of \$726.95 to charge account number 01099-52020.
8. Approve W Gavin Buyback as shown in the communication.
9. Motion to approve repairs to CCPD Unit 21S242, with work to be performed by C.D.E. Collision Centers in the amount of \$5705.11; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to C.D.E. Collision Centers in the amount of \$5705.11. To be charged to account 01060-54152.
10. In accordance with the City's financial procedures, the Office of the Treasurer respectfully requests City Council approval of the August 2026 (5/3rd Bank) credit card charges in the total amount of \$4,606.90.
11. Motion to approve the purchase of firearm ammunition for the Police Department in the amount of \$15,605.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Ray O'Herron in the amount of \$15,605.00, to be charged to 01060-53311.
12. Motion to authorize the City Treasurer to complete IRS Form 720 and issue payment to United States Treasury for \$1,964.02 for the PCORI fee. The expense will be posted to general ledger account 01099-51130.
13. Motion to approve payment to Complex Network Solution for invoice #2336; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$48,000.00 and charge account #01028-52335.

14. Motion to approve costs payable to EKO CLEAN LLC. (INV#1114), in the amount of \$6,396.00. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52343.
15. Motion to approve costs payable to EKO CLEAN LLC. (INV#1109), in the amount of \$6,838.00. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52343.
16. Motion to approve costs payable to EKO CLEAN LLC. (INV#1122), in the amount of \$6,819.00. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52343.
17. Motion to approve costs payable to Vermeer Midwest (INV#SA2878), in the amount of \$6,505.74 for chipper repairs. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-54150.
18. Motion to approve cost payable to Madays (INV# 202659s), in the amount of \$5,000.00. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52642.
19. Motion to approve costs payable to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 3405427), in the amount of \$5,585.80 for gas. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52009.
20. Motion to approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, (INV# 34397A), in the amount of \$8,240.00. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52447.
21. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #272103) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$124,600.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55171.
22. Motion to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment to Melissa Phillips in the amount of \$163.13 from account number #01099-52727 (7th ward neighborhood development account) for items purchased for the Breast Cancer event on Saturday, October 10, 2026.
23. Approve Bill List (\$1,604,867.28)
24. Approve Payroll (\$974,109.24)

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance ----- Ald. Williams
 Public Safety ----- Ald. Gardner
 Public Utilities ----- Ald. Phillips
 Ordinance & Resolution ----- Ald. Tillman
 Health, Education & Welfare ----- Ald. Wilson
 Permits & Licenses ----- Ald. Harvey
 Public Works ----- Ald. Nelson

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jones
 City Clerk Figgs
 City Treasurer Tarka

Alderwoman Harvey
Alderwoman Wilson
Alderman Tillman
Alderman Williams
Alderman Gardner
Alderwoman Nelson
Alderwoman Phillips

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

The deadline for submission in writing to the City Mayor for consideration at its next regular meeting of Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, October 1, 2026.