



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, January 08, 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, January 8, 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. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Presentation of veto message.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Special Finance Committee of the Whole December 4, 2025

B. Special Finance Committee of the Whole December 8, 2025

C. Regular City Council Meeting December 11, 2025

D. Finance Committee of the Whole December 22, 2025

E. Regular City Council Meeting December 22, 2025

F. Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting December 29, 2025

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Captain Borowski expressing recognition for fast and effective search techniques and services performed by Firefighter Lewis, Firefighter Raffin, and Firefighter Garcia, dispatched to 327 Pulaski on November 23, 2025.

- B. Captain Thomas Dukups joined the Calumet City Fire Department on February 1, 2000. After almost 26 years of dedicated service to the City and residents of Calumet City, Captain Dukups will be retiring effective January 3, 2026.
- C. Arthur Street Watermain Project Close-out.
- D. Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects Update
- E. Engineering and Infrastructure Grant Update

8. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to approve and to authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commission to promote Firefighter R. Banks to Engineer, Engineer R. Graser to Lieutenant and Lieutenant M. Wyrwicki to Captain.
- 2. Motion to direct the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to offer conditional employment to the next eligible candidate on the hiring list and to direct the Board to make the necessary promotions to reflect the retirement of Captain Dukups.
- 3. Motion to approve and to authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commission to promote Firefighter K. Cahill to Engineer, Engineer C. Pierce to Lieutenant due to the promotion and appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Samuel J. Vega.
- 4. Motion to direct the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to offer conditional employment to the next eligible candidate from the current list due to Deputy Chief Vega's appointment.
- 5. 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 518 Marquette Avenue.
- 6. Motion to remove a handicap pole located at 324 Luella Avenue.

9. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- 1. A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF SYLVIA DEYOUNG

10. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associated, LLC for invoice 19102; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 and charge account #01099-52610.
- 2. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associated, LLC for invoice 19212; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 and charge account #01099-52610.
- 3. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associated, LLC for invoice 19164; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 and charge account #01099-52610.

4. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associated, LLC for invoice 19102; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 and charge account #01099-52610.
5. Motion to approve the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor Police vehicles from Currie Motors for a total cost of \$161,205.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Currie Motors in the amount of \$161,205.00 to be charged to account 06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment). Note: Currie Motors was awarded the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative contract for the 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor.
6. Motion to approve the annual membership with North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) for the police training for \$6,745.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to North East Multi-Regional Training in the amount of \$6,745.00, to be charged to account 01060-52390.
7. Motion to approve payment to Track & Trap Invoice #1726 for Community Wildlife Services from September 16-30, 2025 in the amount of \$5,200 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01060-52487.
8. Motion to approve payment to Fire Service, Inc. (Inv #57910) for the city's portion on repairs to Engine - 112 involved in an accident on 8/4/2025, in the amount of \$35,000.00 (city's SIR) with the insurance company paying the remaining balance of this invoice and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #06617-54150.
9. Motion to approve payment to Public Response Group (PRG) for invoice 25-398 for \$7,500 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52351.
10. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #30, a 2011 Ford F-250 SD (VIN #1FTRF3B63BED10285), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
11. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #11, a 2015 International 7400 SFA 4x2 (VIN #3HAWDAZR4FL599238), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
12. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Van #1, a 2012 Ford Van (VIN #1FTNE1EW9CDA79532), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
13. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Van #2, a 2012 Ford Van (VIN #1FTNE1EW0BDA95942), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
14. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #49, a 1995 International 4900 DT466 (VIN #1HTSDAAN1TH251650), due to significant mechanical

issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.

15. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #52, a 2011 Ford F-350 SD XL (VIN #1FTRF3B61BED10284), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
16. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of the Animal Control Truck, a 2009 Ford F-150 (VIN #1FTMF1CW1AKB55779), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
17. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #56, a 2014 Ford F-250 (VIN #1FTBF2B60EEB43139), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
18. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #10, a 2008 Ford F-450 SD XL (VIN #1FDXF46R98EB86920), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
19. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #32, a John Deere Hi-Lift (VIN # DW624GD548493), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
20. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #19, a 2011 International 7400 SBA 6x4 (VIN #1HTWGAZR7CJ627616), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
21. Motion to authorize the Public Works Department to dispose of Truck #51, a 2011 Ford F-350 (VIN #1FTRF3B60ECEA22290), due to significant mechanical issues that render the vehicle no longer viable for service. Further, to remove from the city insurance policy and no further insurance payments.
22. Motion to approve pay application 3 (final project payment) to Airy's Inc. releasing the payment retention on the project once punchlist items have been addressed and approved by the City Engineer for Calumet City Arthur Street Water Main Improvement, in the amount of \$27,985.51 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-55139. Project has partial funding through ARPA funds from Cook County per the agreement entered into by the City with the County on October 12, 2023 allocating \$380,000 to the project.
23. Motion to approve payment to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to River Oaks L & E Automotive in amount of \$15,154.57 for truck repairs charged to account number# 01069-54115.

24. A motion is needed to approve and authorize City Treasurer to make payment to Fire Service, Inc. in the amount of \$21,669.22 for the maintenance and repairs to Truck-12. The line item to be used is 06617-54150.
25. Authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify via a journal entry the Arthur Street Water Main Project engineering expenses in the amount of **\$74,725.00** previously paid and posted to **Corporate Clearing account 01099-52600 – Engineering & Architect to Water Fund account 03036-55139 – ARPA-Covid Funding Relief Water Fund.**
26. Authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify via a journal entry the 2023 Green Alley MWRD Partnership Program expense paid to Transland Engineering Group LLC, in the amount of \$35,524.10, from the Corporate Fund, Account 01099-52600 – Engineering & Architect, to the Water Fund, Account 03036-52600 – Engineering & Architect.
27. Approve Payroll (\$1,119,143.30)
28. Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$3,452.25)
29. Approve Bill List (\$601,339.62)

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
Alderman Harvey
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Tillman
Alderman Williams
Alderman Gardner
Alderman Nelson
Alderman 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, January 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, January 15, 2026.