JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Public Comment

Attorney Mark Daniel commented regarding his availability to discuss the agenda items that he discussed in the Special meeting

Alderman Wilson questioned if Attorney Mark Daniel is being paid to attend this meeting on the Mayor's behalf.

Mayor Jones: "he's my attorney yes."

Alderman Wilson: "we pay that."

Mayor Jones: "Since the council took action against me; yes."

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:33 p.m. in a regular meeting on September 24, 2026, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN: Harvey (Zoom-Audio), Wilson, Tillman (Zoom-Audio), Williams, Gardner. Nelson, Phillips
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN: None

Also present were: City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, Deputy Fire Chief Sam Vega, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Corporate Counsel Mark Sterk, and Maurice Hunt (Ancel Glink), Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Public Works Commissioner Jericho Thomas, City Engineer Matt Buerger, HR Manager Deston Dorchack, Attorney Jayman Avery, Public Works Deputy Josh Brown, Water Commissioner Gerry Surufka, Deputy Water Commissioner Scott Nnmah, Deputy Water Commissioner Kevin Embry, and ESDA Director Ashley Allen.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Alderman Harvey Requested Remote Attendance to the Regular Meeting

Alderman Harvey requested to attend the Regular Meeting remotely via (Zoom - Audio) due to her being ill.

Approve Alderman Harvey to Attend the Regular Meeting Remotely

Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve Alderman Harvey to attend the Regular Meeting remotely at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	5	ALDERMEN: Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes		Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. 09/01/2026 Special Mtg. 09/10/2026 Regular Mtg.
ROLL CALL		
AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Watermain Improvement Project	RE: 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. Property Tax Exemption Application	RE: Notification of Property Tax Exempt application for the Steps to the Future Childcare Center.
Accept & place on file	Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to accept item A, and B and place on file.

ROLL CALL		
AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

3): Draft an Ordinance to Amend the Handicap Parking	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): Approve Block Party with Amplified Music in the 200 Block of Ruth Street	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): Extend Conditional Offer of Employment	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): Draft an Ordinance to Amend the Handicap Parking	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.

Approve New Business Items #3-6 As Presented

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve new business items #3-6.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS
New Fence

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

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1. A Resolution Consenting and Supporting a Class 8 Renewal (Tabled)

A Resolution in consenting to and supporting a renewal of the Class 8 Incentive for 1757 River Oaks Drive. (Tabled)

Tabling of a Class 8 Renewal for 1757 River Oaks Drive

Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to table a resolution in consenting to and supporting a renewal of the Class 8 Incentive for 1757 River Oaks Drive.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

#2. A Resolution Honoring the Life of Ella Willis

A Resolution honoring the life of Ella Willis

(Res.#26-19)

(See Attached 3A)

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-19

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ELLA WILLIS,

THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

DEJUAN GARDNER
SHALISA HARVEY
MIACOLE NELSON
MELISSA PHILLIPS
DEANDRE TILLMAN
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
MONET WILSON

Aldermen

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Prepared by Corporation Counsel Ancel Glink, P.C. – 140 S. Dearborn, #600, Chicago, Illinois 60603

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City acknowledge the passing of **Ella Willis**; and

WHEREAS, Ella Willis, was a valued employee of the **Calumet City Public Library**, serving the Library and the residents of Calumet City from **September 15, 2008, through November 30, 2008**; and

WHEREAS, through their service to the Calumet City Public Library, Ella Willis contributed their time and efforts to the betterment of the Library and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize that the loss of a member of our community is felt not only by family and friends, but also by the many individuals and institutions touched by their life and service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City wishes to honor the memory of Ella Willis and recognize their service to the Calumet City Public Library and the residents of this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby extend their deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of **Ella Willis** and honor their memory and service to the **Calumet City Public Library**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Ella Willis as a lasting expression of the City of Calumet City's respect and sympathy.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 2026, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Harvey	X			
Nelson	X			
Phillips	X			
Tillman			X	
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on September 24, 2026.

Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

#3. A Resolution to Honor Director Sheryl Tillman (Res.#26-20)	Resolution to honor Director Sheryl Tillman for service to the city for twenty-two years. (See Attached 4A)
#4. An Ordinance Amending the Powers And Authorities of the City Clerk (Amended)	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 which was authored by the Legislative Counsel. (Amended)
(Ord.#26-21)	(See Attached 4B)
Amending of the Powers and Authorities Of the City Clerk Ordinance To Have the Ordinance the Legislative Counsel Authored	Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to amend the 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 which was authored by the Legislative Counsel.

ROLL CALL		
AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

#5. A Resolution for the Celebration Of Life	A Resolution for the celebration of life for Delilah Watson.
(Res.#26-21)	(See Attached 4C)
Police Chief Kolosh Report	Police Chief Kolosh commented regarding the loss of Delilah Watson and requested the city keeps her sons in their prayers.
Approval to Adopt Resolutions #2,3, and 5	Alderman Wilson moved seconded by Alderman Phillips to adopt Resolutions #2, 3, and 5, as presented

ROLL CALL		
AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

Approval to Pass Ordinances as Presented	Alderman Wilson moved seconded by Alderman Gardner to pass Ordinances as amended.

ROLL CALL		
AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-20

A RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR SHERYL TILLMAN FOR 22 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY

THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

DEJUAN GARDNER
SHALISA HARVEY
MIACOLE NELSON
MELISSA PHILLIPS
DEANDRE TILLMAN
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
MONET WILSON

Aldermen

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Prepared by Corporation Counsel Ancel Glink, P.C. – 140 S. Dearborn, #600, Chicago, Illinois 60603

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City is proud to recognize and honor **Director Sheryl Tillman** for her outstanding twenty-two (22) years of dedicated and faithful service within the department of Building and Zoning; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished tenure, Director Tillman has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the City of Calumet City, its residents, businesses, employees, and the many organizations with which she works; and

WHEREAS, Director Tillman has consistently approached her responsibilities with professionalism, integrity, knowledge, patience, and an exceptional work ethic, contributing greatly to the effective operation of the Building and Zoning Department and the continued growth and development of the City; and

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, Director Tillman has worked diligently to serve the residents of Calumet City, addressing their concerns, assisting property owners and businesses, and helping ensure that the City's building and zoning processes are carried out efficiently, responsibly, and with the best interests of the community in mind; and

WHEREAS, Director Tillman's positive attitude, willingness to assist others, and genuine dedication to her work have earned her the respect and appreciation of City employees, residents, businesses, contractors, developers, community organizations, and the numerous departments and agencies with whom she collaborates; and

WHEREAS, Director Tillman has been a valued leader and an important part of the City's operations, working cooperatively with colleagues and partner organizations to help ensure that the many moving parts of municipal government work together smoothly and effectively for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, her leadership, commitment, dependability, professionalism, and willingness to go above and beyond have made a lasting and meaningful contribution to the City of Calumet City; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two years of service represents a remarkable milestone and is a testament to Director Tillman's dedication, perseverance, loyalty, and passion for serving the City and its residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby extend their **heartfelt congratulations, sincere appreciation, and deepest gratitude to Director Sheryl Tillman** for twenty-two years of exceptional service, dedication, leadership, and commitment to the City of Calumet City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Calumet City proudly recognizes Director Tillman for the positive impact she has made throughout her years of service and expresses its sincere appreciation for her countless contributions, professionalism, gracious spirit, and steadfast dedication to making Calumet City a better place for all.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Director Sheryl Tillman is hereby commended and congratulated on this significant achievement, with the City extending its best wishes for continued success and many more years of accomplishment.

ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2026.

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Harvey	X			
Nelson	X			
Phillips	X			
Tillman			X	
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on September 24, 2026.

Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 26-21

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

THADDEUS JONES, Mayor

NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

DEJUAN GARDNER
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Alderpersons

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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

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the "Home Rule Powers"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "Corporate Authorities") may from time to time amend the text of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois ("Municipal Code") when it is in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Division 4, Section 2-331, *et al.* of the Municipal Code establishes and governs the Office of the City Clerk, which is an elected position in the City, which office contains statutory powers as well as those granted by the Municipal Code of the City; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the powers and duties of the Clerk have been altered by executive and other actions, thus creating the possibility of confusion for persons seeking the elected office of City Clerk, as well as the persons employed within the Office of City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has concerns about the possibilities of confusion within the Office of the City Clerk, as well as with the City Clerk position currently and going forward; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a substantial amendment of Section 2-331 on May 7, 2026 that specifically enumerated statutory and other powers, duties, and rights of the City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has concerns that there has been interference with the specifically enumerated statutory and other powers, duties, and rights of the City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk set forth in the amended Section 2-331; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Calumet City for the City Council to set forth additional explicit and express requirements and regulations concerning the City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk to reduce and eliminate confusion regarding the City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk and to assist in the transition of City Government consistent with the ordinance as provided below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1: The forgoing recitals are incorporated into Section 1 of this Ordinance as findings of the corporate authorities of the City of Calumet City.

Section 2: Division 4 "City Clerk" of Article IV "Officers and Employees" of Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City is hereby amended adding the underscored text to Section 2-331 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City as follows:

Section 2-331. Powers and duties.

In addition to the powers and duties provided for in this Code, the city clerk shall have the powers and duties provided for by state law.

(a) Specific powers and duties of the City Clerk.

(1) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to accept all applications for all permits, licenses, including business licenses and animal licenses, zoning relief, City vehicle stickers, and any other application of whatsoever kind, and also to accept P ("parking") ticket payments, under the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City. Further, with respect to applications for liquor licenses, the City Clerk and the Office of City Clerk shall fully comply with

Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Liquor), Article III (Retail Establishments), Division 2 (Licenses and Permits) of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to grant the City Clerk power or authority to approve or deny any application accepted by the City Clerk or the Office of the City Clerk.

(2) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to process and evaluate all such applications for all permits, licenses, zoning relief, City vehicle stickers, and any other application of whatsoever kind under the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City. After accepting an application for any permit, license, zoning relief, City vehicle sticker, or any other application of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, the City Clerk, or the Office of the City Clerk, shall transfer the application to the City department or body designated under the City Code to otherwise approve such applications in conformity with the Municipal Code of the City of City.

(3) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to process and oversee all requests for adjudications of whatsoever kind under the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City. The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall consult with the Mayor and Mayor's Office, the City Council, applicable City Council Committees, including but not limited to the Chairs of said Committees, department heads, and other administrators and employees of the City of Calumet City, as required to properly process and oversee the adjudication procedures. Further, the City Clerk and the Office of City Clerk shall fully comply with Chapter 2 (Administration), Article IX (Code Enforcement) of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City in processing all requests for adjudications.

(4) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority for creating and posting the Agenda for any and all regular, ~~and~~ special, and committee meetings of the City Council, its Committees, and any other public meeting of the City of Calumet City required by law (State or Local) to be posted. Explicit in this authority are the following duties, which are by way of explanation and not limitation: receiving possible agenda items, preparing, compiling, and finalizing any such Agenda, and maintaining such agenda items and Agendas. It is expressly prohibited for any other person, elected or appointed official, department head, administrator, employee, contractor, agent, representative, or any other person acting or purporting to act on behalf of the City, to prepare, alter,

remove, substitute, finalize, or post an Agenda of the City that purports to be an official Agenda of the City, unless expressly and in writing authorized by the City Clerk to undertake such action. Such posting shall be in full compliance with applicable law, and shall be posted on the City of Calumet City's website and at any physical location of any such meeting, if permissible. The City Clerk shall post any Agenda for any meeting of the City within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the agenda.

(5) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to prepare, preserve, and maintain the minutes of any and all regular and special meetings of the City Council, its Committees, and any other public meeting of the City of Calumet City required by law (State or Local). The authority under this Section 2-331(a)(5) shall include the recording (audio) of any closed session and the preparation, preservation, and maintaining of the minutes and/or recordings of any such closed session, and shall also include attending all such meetings of the corporate authorities as provided herein.

(6) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to ensure that votes, motions, ordinances, and resolutions that are considered, taken up, and that take place at any and all regular and special meetings of the City Council, its Committees, and any other public meeting of the City of Calumet City required by law (State or Local) are accurately recorded.

(7) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to accept and certify nomination papers for elected offices within the City of Calumet City as provided in the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1, et seq.). The authority under this Section 2-331(a)(7) shall include providing notices of elections and maintaining election-related records, as well as coordinating with the Cook County Election Officials as necessary to preserve the integrity of elections within the City of Calumet City.

(8) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to maintain custody of and preserve all official records of the City of Calumet City, including permits, licenses, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, agreements, titles to vehicles and other personal property, deeds and leases regarding real estate, and all other official documents not given to the control and custody of other City officers. The authority under this Section 2-331(a)(8) shall include certifying copies of such official records as true and correct, as required by law, and

publishing such official records.

(9) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to maintain custody of and preserve the Corporate Seal of the City of Calumet City, and to affix it to and on any official records as provided in Section 2-331(a)(8), and as required by law. No Official, Officer, or employee of the City shall maintain possession of any City Clerk or Office of the City Clerk instrument, including but not limited to the Corporate Seal of the City of Calumet City and the City Clerk's signature stamp.

(10) The City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk shall have the exclusive and non-delegable authority to preserve, organize, maintain, and retain all records of the City of Calumet City in accordance with applicable record retention laws and to provide public access to such records as required by law.

(11) Consistent with Division 5 (City Collector), the City Clerk, who holds the office of City Collector, shall have exclusive and non-delegable powers to perform all the powers and duties of the City Collector enumerated in Division 5 (City Collector), without interference from any other official, elected or appointed, of the City of Calumet City, including but not limited to overseeing the water clerks that collect payments of water bills. No other official, elected or appointed, of the City of Calumet City, shall have any authority to act as "City Collector" without express written permission of the City Clerk.

(12) The City Clerk is designated as the Freedom of Information Officer of the City of Calumet City and shall perform all such powers and duties required by the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.) ("FOIA") without interference from any other official, elected or appointed, of the City of Calumet City. Such powers and duties shall include, but are not limited to, receiving and processing requests for public records pursuant to FOIA, responding to requests within the statutory timeframe, and maintaining records of FOIA requests and responses made by the City of Calumet City.

(b) Miscellaneous powers, duties, and responsibilities of the City Clerk and the Office of the City Clerk.

(1) The City Clerk's office shall be in City Hall.

(2) The City Clerk shall be given keys and/or PIN codes or card access to City Hall, to said office, and to the City Council Chambers.

(3) The City Clerk shall be given access to all software, including

passwords necessary to access all systems containing public records and necessary to perform business of the City, including but not limited to the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, SunGard, the City's email system, and any online or database portals of the City of Calumet City, which are necessary to the performance of the powers and duties of the City Clerk and the Officer of the City Clerk set forth in this Section 2-331.

(4) The City Clerk shall be given access to files and records kept by the City Administrator and Comptroller of the City of Calumet City (see Division 6 (City Administrator/Comptroller)), including passwords necessary to access all systems containing public records, including but not limited to liens, adjudications, and water bills, as are necessary to the performance of the powers and duties of the City Clerk and the Officer of the City Clerk set forth in this Section 2-331, and for the benefit of the residents of the City of Calumet City.

(5) All employees of the Office of the City Clerk shall be considered under the supervision and authority of the City Clerk and shall report to the City Clerk as their direct supervisor. Such employees may consult with the Mayor and Mayor's Office, the City Council, applicable City Council Committees, including but not limited to the Chairs of said Committees, department heads, and other administrators and employees of the City of Calumet City, as required to perform their duties, and with the approval of the City Clerk. The City Clerk's authority under this Section 2-331(b)(5) shall include, but not be limited to, hiring, supervising and firing employees of the Office of the City Clerk, and working in conjunction with the Human Resources Department of the City of Calumet City and the Mayor for such purposes.

(6) The City Clerk shall have exclusive and non-delegable powers to perform all the powers and duties of the City Clerk, City Collector, and City Comptroller as provided in this Section 2-331 and in applicable statutes, without interference from any other official, elected or appointed, of the City of Calumet City. It is expressly unlawful for any other elected or appointed official, administrator, department head, or employee of the City of Calumet City, or any person, firm, or entity to interfere with the City Clerk in the performance of any of the powers and duties of the City Clerk enumerated and set forth in this Section 2-331, which expressly includes statutory powers and duties.

(7) An elected or appointed official, administrator, department head, or employee of the City of Calumet City, or any person, firm, or entity that violates any provision of this Section 2-331, whether by

interfering with the City Clerk in the performance of any of the powers and duties of the City Clerk enumerated and set forth in this Section 2-331, or in any other way, is subject to a fine in an amount of not less than one thousand one dollars ($1,000.00) and not more than five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

Section 3: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 4: All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage due to the urgency of this matter as found by the City Council pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4 and as otherwise provided by law.

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ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 24th day of September, 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
HARVEY	X			
WILSON	X			
TILLMAN			X	
WILLIAMS	X			
GARDNER	X			
NELSON	X			
PHILLIPS	X			
(JONES)				

APPROVED this 24th day of September, 2026.

Thaddeus Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-21

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DELILAH JEAN WATSON,

THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

DEJUAN GARDNER
SHALISA HARVEY
MIACOLE NELSON
MELISSA PHILLIPS
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Aldermen

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Prepared by Corporation Counsel Ancel Glink, P.C. – 140 S. Dearborn, #600, Chicago, Illinois 60603

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Illinois, pause to honor the life, memory, and enduring legacy of **Delilah Jean Watson**, a vibrant and radiant woman whose beautiful spirit, infectious sense of humor, loving heart, and remarkable personality touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, Delilah Jean Watson was a devoted mother who treasured her children and dedicated herself to raising, loving, supporting, and guiding them. Her children were among the greatest joys of her life, and she embraced her role as a mother with unconditional love, strength, and devotion; and

WHEREAS, Delilah possessed a genuine zest for life. She enjoyed listening to music, spending precious time with her family and friends, and experiencing the newest foods and flavors. She was a true foodie who found joy in discovering and sharing new culinary experiences; and

WHEREAS, Delilah was known for her generous and compassionate heart. She was the type of person who would give someone her last without hesitation or second thought. Her empathy for others was evident in the way she loved, supported, and cared for the people around her; and

WHEREAS, Delilah cherished her family and friendships and was known for her unwavering loyalty. She loved deeply, gave freely, and formed meaningful bonds with those fortunate enough to be part of her life. Her radiant personality and beautiful spirit made her truly unforgettable; and

WHEREAS, to her family, Delilah was far more than a beloved mother, daughter, sister, relative, and friend—she was an essential part of their lives and meant everything to those who loved her. Her passing has left an immeasurable void and is among the most difficult and heart-heavy experiences her family has ever endured; and

WHEREAS, although Delilah's physical presence is deeply missed, her family finds comfort in knowing that she would want them to continue living their lives with love, strength, and purpose, while carrying her name, memory, and legacy forward for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the name **DELILAH** has taken on a special and beautiful meaning for those who loved her, representing the qualities that made her extraordinary:

D — A living **DOLL**, as she was lovingly seen through the eyes of her family;

E — Her **EMPATHY** for others, reflecting the compassion she carried within her heart;

L — The unconditional **LOVE** she poured into her children and those she held dear;

I — The **IMPORTANT** role she played in the lives of her family and friends;

L — The phenomenal **LEGACY** she leaves behind through the lives she touched;

A — The **AGAPE** love she demonstrated toward her family and friends; and

H — The **HERO** she was to her children, whose love and admiration for their mother will endure forever; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City recognizes that the memory of a remarkable person lives on through the love they gave, the lives they touched, the lessons they taught, and the memories they created. Delilah Jean Watson's legacy will continue through her children, family, friends, and all those whose lives were made brighter by her presence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Illinois, hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of **Delilah Jean Watson**, recognizing her extraordinary love, compassion, loyalty, generosity, humor, and devotion to her family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council extend their deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Delilah Jean Watson during this time of profound loss, while encouraging them to find comfort in the beautiful memories she created and the enduring legacy she leaves behind; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Delilah Jean Watson shall forever be remembered not simply as a name, but as a beautiful life, a cherished memory, and a lasting legacy of love that will remain in the hearts of her family and loved ones for eternity.

ADOPTED this 24th day of September 2026, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Harvey	X			
Nelson	X			
Phillips	X			
Tillman			X	
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on September 24, 2026.

Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Request to Take a Vote on Financial Items Separately	Alderman Wilson requested to take financial items #4 and 5 separately, 14, 15, and 16, and 23 and 24 separately.
1): Approve Payment to National Power Rodding, Corp. (Inv #56839)	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): Approve Payment to Cook County CBD	Approve 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): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271394)	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): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. (Tabled)	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. (Tabled)
5): Approve Payments for Financial Items #4 and 5 to Ancel Glink, P.C. (Tabled)	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. (Tabled)
Tabling Payments for Financial Items #4 and 5 to Ancel Glink	Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to table payment to Ancel Glink.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

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6): Approve Payment to Visitors Bureau	Approve payment 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): Approve Proposal for an AT&T Dedicated Fiber	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 Payment to W Gavin for Buyback	Approve W Gavin Buyback as shown in the communication.
9): Approve Payment to C.D.E Collision Centers	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): Approve Payment to 5/3rd Bank	Approve 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): Approve Payment to Ray O'Herron	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): Approve Payment to United States Treasury	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): Approve Payment to Complex Network Solution	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): Approve Payment to EKO CLEAN LLC. (INV#1114)	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): Approve Payment to EKO CLEAN LLC. (INV#1109)	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): Approve Payment to EKO CLEAN LLC. (INV#1122)	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.
Approve Payments for Financial Items #14.15. and 16 to EKO CLEAN LLC	Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve payments to EKO CLEAN LLC.
ROLL CALL	
AYES: 5	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS: 1	ALDERMEN: Wilson
ABSENT: 1	ALDERMAN: Tillman
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17): Approve Payment to Vermeer Midwest (INV#SA2878)	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): Approve Payment to Madays (INV# 202659s)	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): Approve Payment to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 3405427)	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): Approve Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric, (INV# 34397A)	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): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #272103)	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): Approve Payment to Melissa Phillips	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.
Approve Financial Items #1-3, 6-13, and 17-22	Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve financial items #1-3, 6-13, and 17-22.

ROLL CALL		
AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

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23): Approve Bill List ($$1,604,867.28)	Approve Bill List ($1,604,867.28).
24): Approve Payroll ($974,109.24)	Approve Payroll ($974,109.24).
Alderman Nelson Comments	Alderman Nelson stated for the record there is an error in the payroll as it pertains to her secretary.
Approve Financial Items #23 and 24 for the Bill List and Payroll	Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the Bill List in the amount of $1,604,867.28 and Payroll in the amount of $974,109.24.

ROLL CALL		
AYES:	5	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	1	ALDERMEN: Wilson
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance	Alderman Williams reported he is looking into calling a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting next week.
Public Safety	Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities	Alderwoman Phillips had no report.
Ord. & Res.	Alderman Tillman was absent.
H.E.W	Alderwoman Wilson reported she plans to have a Health, Education and Welfare meeting to discuss the uptick in prostitution and homelessness in the city. Alderman Wilson stated she would like to have the meeting in conjunction with the Public Safety Committee.
Permits & Licenses	Alderwoman Harvey had no report.
Public Works	Alderwoman Nelson reported to the residents that Public Works is out working hard around the city. Alderman Nelson is looking to have a Public Works Committee meeting in the upcoming week.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderwoman Harvey – 1st Ward	Alderwoman Harvey had no report.
Alderwoman Wilson – 2nd Ward	Alderman Wilson requested 2nd ward residents contact her at (708) 589-4990 or email her at monet@alderwomanwilson.com if they should need her. Alderman Wilson announced the 2nd ward October meeting will not be held at Sandridge due to the previous fire; the location will be announced. Alderman Wilson thanked All Inn and Sarah Brown for a phenomenal Domestic Violence Prevention brunch.
Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward	Alderman Tillman had no report.
Alderman Williams – 4th Ward	Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams would like 4th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 212-2240 with any questions or concerns. Alderman Williams announced the 3rd and 4th ward meeting with be held at the Calumet City library on October 5th at 6:30 p.m.
Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward	Alderman Gardner stated he is grateful to the Water Department for all their hard work during the recent water main break. Alderman Gardner reported the 5th ward will be having a townhall meeting in the month of October, the details will be released soon. Alderman Gardner would like 5th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8195 with any questions or concerns.
Alderwoman Nelson– 6th Ward	Alderman Nelson thanked the Water Department and Gerry Surufka for his hard work. Alderman Nelson commended the Water Commissioner for notifying the residents regarding the recent water main break.
Alderman Phillips– 7th Ward	Alderman Phillips stated that she will be scheduling a Clean Up Day for the 7th ward. Alderman Phillips stated looks forward to seeing all the residents at the Breast Cancer event on October 10th. Alderman Phillips would like 7th ward residents to contact her at (708) 891-8197 or email her at mphillips@calumetcity.org
City Clerk Figgs	City Clerk Figgs had no report.
City Treasurer Tarka	City Treasurer Tarka had no report.

Alderman Tillman Requested Remote Attendance to the Regular Meeting	Alderman Tillman requested to attend the Regular Meeting remotely via (Zoom - Audio) due to a work obligation.
Approve Alderman Tillman to Attend the Regular Meeting Remotely	Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve Alderman Tillman attending the Regular Meeting remotely at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	6	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Tillman Present in the Regular City Council Meeting	Alderman Tillman was present in the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:11 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1): Override of Mayor Jones Veto Of Amended Ordinance #25-09	Override Mayor 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 for the City of Calumet City, Illinois.
Override of Mayor Jones Veto Of Amended Ordinance #25-09	Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to override Mayor 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 for the City of Calumet City, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	5	ALDERMEN: Wilson, Tillman, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	2	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Williams
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

2): Revoking Veto of Appointment Of Special Counsel	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. (Revoked)
Mayor Jones	"For the record I am revoking the veto and for this record I would like Alderman Nelson and Alderman Tillman to put on record the potential conflict of interest."
Clerk Figgs	"I just want to make sure the item" (Mayor Jones interrupted the Clerk)
Mayor Jones	"We are on item number 2, New Business Action Items."

Clerk Figgs	"Special Counsel? And then you would like for Tillman and Nelson? (Mayor Jones interrupted Clerk Figgs)"
Mayor Jones	"Yeah, so the correct motion for item #2 is that I'm revoking my veto for item number #2 because I agree the city council it needs to be handled by Special Counsel. For the record I am requesting that Alderman Nelson and Alderman Tillman state their conflict or briefly state that there is a potential conflict of interest."
Alderman Gardner	"We would like for our Legislative Counsel to address what you're saying."
Alderman Tillman	"There is none."
City Clerk Figgs	City Clerk Figgs I just need to make sure that we are going over the correct item number 1 is the Salary Ordinance, number 2 is regarding the Special Counsel so the reason I think Alderwoman Nelson is confused is because number 2 is about the Special Counsel I think she thinks about the Salary Ordinance."
Mayor Jones	"So, we're finished with item number 1 and item number 2. I'm just asking for the record Legislative Counsel for those two individuals to state their conflict of interest. Alderman Tillman just stated that he has no conflict. Alderwoman Nelson?"
Alderman Wilson	"Conflict of interest regarding what?"
Mayor Jones	"For the record in item #1 New business action items, item number 1 Alderwoman Nelson is there a conflict of interest on item number 1."
Alderman Tillman	"Theres no requirement for us to answer that."
Alderman Wilson	"It's already been passed"
Alderman Tillman	"What's the next item."
Alderman Wilson	"The next item is adjournment."
Alderman Tillman	"I motion to adjourn."
Mayor Jones	"I'm not repeating that motion. You said for the record you don't have a conflict, I'm waiting on Alderwoman Nelson…. I'm asking Alderwoman Nelson does she have a conflict of interest on item number 1. So that question is a proper question."
Mayor Jones	"For the record can the Alderwoman answer the question is there a conflict on item 1 that was presented to the council?"
Attorney Jayman Avery	"That I will answer. Yes, either of the two alderpersons could answer but their answer could be I refuse to answer."
Alderman Nelson	"I don't have to answer, thank you."
Mayor Jones	"Mayor Jones inquired if there was a conflict of interest with Alderman Tillman working for the law firm that selected Special Counsel."
Attorney Jayman Avery (Legislative Counsel)	"Legislative Counsel Jayman Avery stated with respect to the appointment of Attorney Ladizinsky which is item number 2 and number 7 that I believe that

legislative counsel which is probably me presented three names to the council and the council picked the one that they felt was the best after my explanation of the three. So, I don't believe that creates any conflict with any member of our law firm or any member of the three law firms that we recommended nor does it create a conflict with Corporation Counsel which I believe also submitted three names, or were given the opportunity. So, I don't think there's any conflict of anybody in this room, or the people on the phone. "

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:19 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Tillman, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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