

other similar economic development or enhancement projects the council decides.

Green Alleys Project Update

City Engineer Matt Buerger gave an update on the Green Alleys Project. City Engineer Buerger stated that the wards that have been selected for Phase 3 of the project are 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. City Engineer Matt Buerger stated that the council would have to approve the \$112,800.00 to move forward. City Engineer Matt Buerger stated that the alleys that were selected were chosen because they would score high enough with the MWRD (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District) to receive the most funding possible. City Engineer Matt Buerger explained that the 6th and 7th wards do not score as high as the other wards because they are listed in the flood plain on the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) maps.

Alderman Gardner Request for MWRD To Perform Design Work For Green Alley

Alderman Gardner requested that City Engineer Matt Buerger make a request to the MWRD to perform the design work for the project.

Request for Amount Used for IT From Bond

Alderman Gardner requested Finance Director Kasperek provide a dollar amount utilized from the IT portion of the bond.

Discussion on 6th And 7th Ward Green Alleys

Alderwoman Nelson stated that the FEMA maps are not accurate and need to be corrected. Alderwoman Nelson stated that all of the 6th and 7th wards are not in the flood zones and are not required to have flood insurance. Alderwoman Nelson would like to know what needs to be done to get the 6th and 7th ward green alleys.

City Engineer Matt Buerger stated the soil would need to be tested.

Request For The Green Alleys Completed

Alderwoman Nelson requested a list of the alleys that have been completed.

Request For The 2nd Ward To Be Added To The Green Project

Alderwoman Wilson inquired about the second ward not being included in Phase 3. Alderwoman Wilson stated for the record the second ward has no soil issues, the second ward is covered in gravel and garages off of alleys.

Discussion On Postponing The Green Alley Project

City Engineer Matt Buerger stated the alleys that would score the highest were selected.

Deferment of the Green Alley Project Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to postpone construction of the Green Alley Project for one year.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Phase 4 of the Green Alley Project Alderwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to direct the City Engineer to apply for Phase 4 of the Green Alley project and include the 2nd, 6th, and 7th wards.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Recess The city council took a 5-minute recess at 6:49 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business The city council returned to the regular order of business at 6:54 p.m.

KSM Invoice Discussion IT Vendor Kevin Martin presented unpaid invoices that were removed from the previous bill listing for payment and the current contract with KSM Logistics. IT Director Kevin Martin stated that he and his three employees monitor the city's buildings, cyber security, and have upgraded the systems for the city.

There was a lengthy discussion about the contract with KSM Logistics not being a current active contract due to it being signed in 2021; Aldermen stated they are concerned because this is a new council and this is a new term. The council requested that the invoices be more detailed and issued monthly.

Alderwoman Wilson inquired if IT services have gone out to bid.

Mayor Jones stated that IT services are a personal service and does not have to go out to bid.

The council would like an updated contract that does not include automatic yearly renewal.

Alderman Gardner inquired about two payments to KSM that were paid by PayPal and if the payments violated the Credit Card Policy by splitting payments.

Mayor Jones stated there were 4 separate invoices so there was no splitting of payments.

Treasurer Tarka stated the invoices are from September 2nd, 6th and two invoices on September 30th.

IT Director Kevin Martin requested for payments of invoice 1177 and 1178.

Direct KSM
To Submit
Revised Contract
And Invoices

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips to direct IT Director Kevin Martin to revise and submit the revised contract and revised invoices to the city council.

Contract Discussion

Alderwoman Wilson stated to make a motion would imply that the city has a valid contract with KSM.

Alderwoman Nelson stated that she agrees with Alderwoman Wilson; this is not a valid contract nor are the invoices presented valid.

Alderman Williams
Motion Withdrawn

Alderman Williams withdrew his motion to direct the IT Director to revise and submit the revised contract and revised invoices to the city council.

Alderwoman Phillips
Motion Withdrawn

Alderwoman Phillips withdrew her second to direct the IT Director to revise and submit the revised contract and revised invoices to the city council.

RFQ Bid Process

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to direct City Attorney to draw up an RFQ for IT services and provide a cost analysis of IT contractual services for all Calumet City IT work, and to recommend the City Clerk handles the process to be sure it's handled in a clear and unbiased manner.

Alderman Williams
Requested an
Explanation

Alderman Williams requested the Clerk explain the bid process as it relates to the Clerks office.

City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs gave a brief explanation of how the City of Calumet City's bid process was executed prior to 2021. City Clerk Figgs stated the companies would submit their bids to her office, she would then time stamp the bids and only open them in the chambers in the presence of

interested parties and the public, lastly all of the bids would be placed on the agenda; this process was unbiased and transparent.

Alderman Gardner Motion Withdrawn Alderman Gardner withdrew his motion to direct the City Attorney to draw up an RFQ for IT services and provide a cost analysis of IT contractual services for all Calumet City IT work, and to recommend the City Clerk handles the process to be sure it's handled in a clear and unbiased manner.

Alderdwoman Wilson Motion Withdrawn Alderdwoman Wilson withdrew her second to direct the City Attorney to draw up an RFQ for IT services and provide a cost analysis of IT contractual services for all Calumet City IT work, and to recommend the City Clerk handles the process to be sure it's handled in a clear and unbiased manner.

RFQ Bid Process (Amended) Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderdwoman Wilson to direct City Attorney to draw up an RFQ for IT services and provide a cost analysis of IT contractual services for all Calumet City IT work, and to recommend the City Clerk to handles the RFQ process to be sure it's handled in a clear and unbiased manner. (Amended)

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$23,358.75 for corporate legal services dated October 8th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. (Amended) Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$51,781.64 for legal services dated October 8th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200. (Amended)

Approve Payments To Ancel Gink as Amended Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderdwoman Harvey to approve payments to Ancel Glink P.C. as amended.

Discussion Alderdwoman Wilson stated she has requested outcomes on certain lawsuits from Ancel Glink and has not received a response. Alderdwoman Wilson is also concerned about not receiving email notifications about meetings.

Aldерwoman Nelson reported the Ancel Glink invoices are specific to other lawsuits not the lawsuit Aldерwoman Wilson inquired about.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Recess The city council took a 5-minute recess at 7:58 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business The city council returned to the regular order of business at 8:04 p.m.

Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
(Invoice #69631) Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69631, in the amount of \$5,581.60; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
(Invoice #69665) Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69665, in the amount of \$7,695.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
(Invoice #69635) Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69635, in the amount of \$7,809.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
(Invoice #69586) Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69586, in the amount of \$7,104.20; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
(Invoice #69589) Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69589, in the amount of \$11,704.75; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

Aprove Payments To Calumet City Plumbing Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve payments to Calumet City Plumbing.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion for Closed Session Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss the employment of specific individual pending litigation.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session The city council met in executive session from 8:05 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order Of Business Alderwoman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips to return to the regular order of business at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion and Action on Policies There was a lengthy discussion regarding the bill listing from the October 23, 2025 agenda. Mayor Jones gave a list of items removed from the bill listing and stated he gave a \$25,000.00 check to the Treasurer to cover the cost of the southwest airline flights, Uber eats, Uber Rides, Chicago Cut Steak House, Amazon, Hooters, and Chicago Pita.

Treasurer Tarka reported that he submitted the check to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Gardner went over items that were not on the list provided by Mayor Jones like Ocean Prime, STK Steakhouse, and two Washington D.C. Tours.

Alderman Gardner requested to see the \$25,000.00 check.

Treasurer Tarka submitted a packet to the City Council.

Alderman Tillman stated there is a check from the Mission Dispensary for the 2023 Impact included in the packet, but not a reimbursement check.

There was a detailed discussion on whether the Misson Dispensary check was intended for the reimbursement of the Washington D.C. trip.

The council determined Mission Dispensary intended to send the City of Calumet City their last impact payment, this check was not a reimbursement.

Alderman Tillman requested that all names that participated in entertainment and meals paid for by the city be included with the receipts.

Alderman Tillman stated the city needs to be reimbursed by the Mayor or from somewhere else based upon the credit card policy that states: "The Employee or elected official will be expected to reimburse the City of Calumet City via deductions from their pay until the unauthorized amount is fully repaid. These deductions will at no time take the employee or elected official's wages below minimum wage. A person is not in violation of this section until a majority vote by the City Council determines that a violation occurred."

There was a discussion regarding the council addressing the Mayor's credit card usage and the misuse of city funds prior to the Washington D.C. trip.

Alderman Gardner stated that the credit card policy was violated because the policy states in addition to financial responsibility and liability for wage deductions, any purchases an Employee or elected official makes with a company credit card in violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and possibly including revocation of their card.

Revoking of
Credit Card

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to revoke the Mayor's Credit Card and leave the credit card purchases with the finance department.

Alderman
Wilson Motion
Withdrawn

Alderman Wilson withdrew her motion to revoke the Mayor's Credit Card and leave the credit card purchases with the finance department.

Alderman
Gardner Motion
Withdrawn

Alderman Gardner withdrew his second to revoke the Mayor's Credit Card and leave the credit card purchases with the finance department.

There was a discussion on how the council should proceed; the council established that a vote is needed to determine if there was a violation of the credit card policy.

Credit Card
Policy Violation Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to pose the question to the council: Has Mayor Jones violated the Calumet City Credit Card Policy?

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Revoke The
Mayors Credit
Card Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to revoke the Mayor's credit card and leave the card with the Treasurer's office.

Alderwoman
Wilson Motion
Withdrawn To
Revoke The
Mayors Credit
Card Alderwoman Wilson withdrew her motion to revoke the Mayor's Credit Card and leave the credit card purchases with the finance department.

Alderman
Gardner Motion
Withdrawn To
Revoke The
Mayors Credit
Card Alderman Gardner withdrew his motion to revoke the Mayor's Credit Card and leave the credit card purchases with the finance department.

Canceling the
Mayors Credit
Card Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to cancel the Mayor's credit card and leave the card with the Treasurer's office with a reduced amount and require a reimbursement of \$25,000.00 by the mayor accompanied with the receipts from the Treasurer.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 3 ALDERMEN: Wilson, Tillman, Gardner
NAYS: 4 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Nelson, Phillips, Williams
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION FAILED

Decrease Mayor's Credit Card Motion Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson to reduce and limit of the Mayors Credit Card to \$5,000.00 and have the Mayor provide reimbursement for the unrelated purchases made from the previous two months with the receipts.

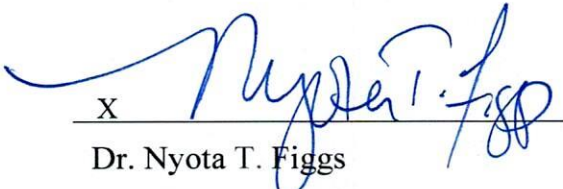
ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment Alderwoman Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey at 10:04 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk