

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

**City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois
MARCH 28, 2024**

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:11 p.m. in a Regular meeting on March 28, 2024, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMAN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMAN: NONE

Also present was City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Patrick Walsh, Assistant Police Chief Black, Fire Chief Bachert, Assistant Chief Bendinelli, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, Economic Development Department Val Williams Public Works Deputy Commissioners Scott Nnmah, Director of Inspectional Services Sheryl Tillman, Director Banskee.

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

Prayer

Pastor Fluker led the City Council in prayer.

Fire Chief Glenn Bachert Presented
Assistant Chief Bendinelli with an Award

Fire Chief Bachert recognized Assistant Chief Bendinelli with an award for completing the Executive Fire Officer Program through the U.S Fire Administration. Fire Chief Bachert read a letter from Congresswoman Robin Kelly acknowledging Assistant Chief Bendinelli's hard work and dedication.

Assistant Chief Bendinelli gave an
Acceptance Speech

Assistant Chief Bendinelli gave thanks to Mayor Jones and the City Council for acknowledging his hard work. Assistant Chief Bendinelli thanked Fire Chief Bachert for allowing him time to complete the program. Assistant Chief Bendinelli thanked his father. Assistant Chief Bendinelli thanked his wife for editing his papers and having his back while in the program. Assistant Chief Bendinelli stated he cannot wait to share his research findings with the council.

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Approval of Minutes

Alderman Wilson

"Can the minutes be printed so I can read them because I do not have email or access to the same tools? So this is going to be redundant

this entire meeting because I cannot vote on something I've never never seen."

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ALDERMEN: Wilson

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Jones

"For the record everyone has access to our Municode. I would ask the Alderwoman to keep your agenda and your comments focus on the agenda let's get through this meeting focusing on the people's business everyone has access to Municode. Alderwoman Wilson you are not recognized. Alderwoman Wilson, Alderwoman Wilson; We are not going to do this at the council meeting."

Ald. Wilson

"I do not have access. That has been, I have texted that to my council. I said this in the meeting on Monday. I do not have access I have no need to lie. You are sitting there and you are lying I do not have access."

Mayor Jones

"Mr. Reporter can you please sit down while the meeting is taking place we're gonna ask all participants please don't come in the back and please don't stand while the meeting is going on. We wanna conduct this meeting properly. We wanna get through this, Alderwoman you do have access to Municode we are gonna continue on with our agenda I would ask the Alderman to please have decorum in this city council chambers as we continue to finish this meeting. The roll call was for the minutes, and it was 6 voting to approve the minutes to 1."

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Patton had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported on the Ordinance and Resolution meeting held on March 25, 2024 and announced the minutes from the meeting will be posted on the April 11th agenda.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson: “ I am requesting the presence of the Health Education and Welfare Committee members Alderman Patton and Alderman Smith and the community to attend a meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 17th at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall. This meeting will serve as a platform for us to discuss a upcoming emotional and adaptive living activities and address a pressing issue that affects the wellbeing of the entire community. “Mental Rape”. Mental Rape is a term that may be unfamiliar to some, but it refers to the profound psychological harm inflicted on an individual through aggressive needs such as profound harassment, retaliation and bullying. It refers and bares similarities to physical rape; the sense of having boundaries altered or breached. However instead of a physical violation; mental rape involves a forceful imposition of psychological trauma. As a survivor of physical rape I understand deeply the feeling of having someone force themselves on you and in you. And in such a manner that is done with mental rape it is an intrusion of not just the body but the mind so I am asking that everyone come and be apart of this conversation on April 17th Our discussions during the H.E.W Health Education and Welfare meeting will focus not only on raising awareness about mental rape but also acknowledging an occurrence with our community to devise strategies to confront and eradicate this form of violence that happens to often to women. To often those around us; they see the abuse but they just watch it as a spectacle; because its not happening to them. So I am asking everyone to take part so we can eradicate this from our community and stand against those in positions of authority that mentally rape women here in our city.”

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete: “Thank you, I will be looking to reschedule the Public Works Committee meeting for next week. Items to be discussed will be items referred to the Public Works Committee February 22nd at the Regular City Council Meeting. The poll for engineering service. We will also be discussing Public Works Spring, Summer tasks and events and we will start discussions on 2024 Public Works budget appropriation like budgets coming up in the coming months. There was submission to post a Public Works Agenda for March 25th. That agenda was not posted by the city so therefore I had to cancel the meeting so we will look to reschedule the meeting for some time next week.”

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayors Report

Mayor Jones announced that Hoover Schrum 7th grade basketball team will be in attendance at the next council meeting, where they will receive metals from the council and a Resolution President Biden and the HUD secretary came to Chicago to introduce \$173,000,000.00 housing program. Mayor Jones announced that Calumet City will be applying for 5 to 7 million dollars from this program.

Mayor Jones reported on the construction projects that will be starting in Calumet City.

Mayor Jones announced the women that were honored by the city for Women's History Month.

Ald. Navarrete

"I would like to make a recommendation to the Ordinance and Resolutions committee to maybe take on the task of creating an Ordinance of how we submit items to the agenda and who that gets submitted to and how that process works for Committee and both Regular City Council meeting. It's been frustrating to continue to submit Committee Agendas and to see those Committee Agendas not get posted, to see those Committee Agendas get altered, to see agenda items not make it and not given any proper reason for why these agenda items don't make it, again would just like to just have that to say and again I know I spoke to the Attorneys not to long ago regarding this, I'll certainly make that request through the legal channels as well but again it's just been a frustrating week and a frustrating 3 years really trying to get things on the agenda with no solution in sight."

Ald. Wilson

Alderman Wilson echoed the request to the chair of the Ordinance and Resolution Committee made by Alderman Navarrete.

Alderman Wilson reported several council members requested that TF North be recognized for their record-breaking season.

Alderman Wilson welcomed her neighbors that have been added to the second ward.

Alderman Wilson thanked Director Tillman and her Inspectors for always providing top-tier service.

Alderman Wilson asked what changed in Public Works because requests from the 2nd ward are not being completed.

Alderman Wilson congratulated Thornwood Highschool on their State Championship in Track and Field.

Alderman Wilson congratulated TF North Highschool on their Drama Club State Championship win.

Alderman Wilson thanked Girls Inc. of Chicago for honoring her with the She Shines Award.

Alderman Wilson thanked City Clerk Dr. Figgs and Deputy Dailey for attending the She Shines awards brunch.

Alderman Wilson thanked City Clerk Dr. Figgs for hosting Make Up and Mimosas on Sunday.

Alderman Wilson reported on the Estate Planning Workshop held

on March 25, 2024.

Alderdwoman Wilson reported on the Ordinance and Resolution meeting held on March 25, 2024.

Alderdwoman Wilson

“As the only woman on this council I find myself without access to email or other essential Elected Official tools. My colleague just tried to get into what they are using in front of them, and I watched as it didn’t come up. I do not care who sits up there; I do care about him up there and God is not pleased. If it hurts one it hurts to many, I am the one its hurting now and if we as a community overlook it because were getting free parties at the Library, free Turkeys at Thanksgiving, free meatballs when ya hungry but we cannot do our jobs equally with equity my ward and everyone that I assist throughout this community they are without equal representation under the law that’s illegal it is shameful I am being mentally raped and everybody is watching it happen it shouldn’t take a federal lawsuit to make it stop. I have asked my council time and time again make it stop it doesn’t stop nobody does anything I listened to the deputy fire chief thank his wife well I’m somebody’s wife I’m somebody’s mother, I’m somebody’s sister and daughter. We have Pastors that sit up here and pray, make it stop this is not ok I’m an elected official without the same tools as the men on council I am asking after the last Alderman makes their speech that we adjourn there is no way that I can vote. I do not know what’s going on I do not have the same resources I am being mentally raped and you all are allowing it God is not happy. Giving Honor to God who is the head of our lives but you sit and allow people to do wrong, That’s all I have”.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman will be calling a meeting for the residents looking to have a Block Club Party. Alderman Tillman announced the 3rd and 4th ward meeting will be held at Downey Park at 6:30 p.m. on Monday April 01, 2024.

Alderman Williams

“First giving honor to God who makes all things possible, and I say that every time before I give any report. Like our Alderdwoman stated our personal relationship with our God is our relationship he is the one that guides us to make decisions for ourselves that affect the community that we serve. That’s who I answer to that’s who we all answer to so if there’s some things that need to be said on this council floor everyone has the freedom of speech to say whatever they want to say. That’s the way life is those are things that we are guaranteed. So when I say giving honor to God it so that he guides me, he has me to make the right decisions for myself, for my family, and the community that I serve”.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams invited everyone to come out to the 3rd and 4th meeting on April 01, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Downey Park. Alderman Williams reported that Pace is hiring and is offering paid training; please call 708-891-8194 or 708- 212 -2240.

Alderman Williams would like to be contacted about lights out abounded vehicles and homes in the 4th ward.
Alderman Williams gave an update on sewer televising project coming to a halt do to staffing issues.
Alderman Williams congratulated South Suburban Men's basketball team for coming in second place.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner thanked Jesus Sheppard and Souls for hosting the 1st and 5th ward townhall meeting. Alderman Gardner would like residents to continue to contact his office with any questions or concerns.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton invited residents to a Document Shredding on March 30,2024. from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Lady of Knocks Church. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at 11:00 a.m. to take pictures; the Easter Egg hunt will start promptly after.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith invited residents to the Monthly Town Hall meeting on 04/20/2024 at DA's Banquet from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Alderman Smith would like for residents to report any issues with vacant properties to his office.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the Revenue & Expenditure Status Report for January 2024.
- B. Calumet City Police Department 2024 Report RE: Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) February 2024 Report Calumet City Police Department.
- C. Calumet City 2024 Report RE: Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) February 2024 Report Calumet City.
- D. Track n' Trap Wildlife Control Report RE: Track 'n Trap Wildlife Control report for the period of March 1-15, 2024 Report.

Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File

Alderman Smith moved seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve informational items to be accepted and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

- E. Drafting of Intergovernmental Agreement
(Tabled)

RE: Motion to recommend that the city council engage the services of Crossing Guard Services, Inc to perform service in Calumet City. Further direct the City Attorney to draft a intergovernmental agreement with local elementary school districts in Calumet City.
(Tabled)

NEW BUSINESS

- #1: Approve Residential Parking Only Sign Approve Resident Parking Only Sign to be placed in front of 207
207 156th St. 156th St. Direct Public Works to install sign.

#2: Approve Residential Parking Only Sign
891 Buffalo Avenue Approve a "Resident Parking Only" sign at 891 Buffalo Avenue, and direct Public Works to install the sign.

#3: Approve Placement of Speedbumps
River Oaks Drive South to 163rd Street Approve the placement of temporary speed bumps on Hirsch Avenue from River Oaks Drive south to 163rd Street and directing Public Works to do so at the earliest availability.

#4: Approve Settlement Agreement Approve the settlement agreement between the City of Calumet City and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council.

#5: Approve the Entering into an Urban Area Security Initiative Approve Mayor Thaddeus Jones and Deputy Fire Chief Bendinelli to enter into an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) sub-grant agreement with Cook County Department of Emergency Management & Regional Security. This sub-grant award will provide funds for backup dispatching equipment for the Police Department Command Van and the establishment of a drone response unit within the Fire Department.

#6: Approve Arthur Street Water Main Reconstruction Agreement Approve and execute an Agreement with Farnsworth Group to provide professional engineering and survey services for the Arthur Street Water Main Reconstruction Project in an amount of \$106,450. The City has executed an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County in the amount of \$380,000 in partnership on the construction of the project.

Approval of New Business Items
#1-#6 Alderman Williams motioned seconded by Alderman Smith to approve new business items #1-#6 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 1

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner,
Patton, Smith

ALDERMEN: Wilson

ALDERMEN: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

#7: Approve Intergovernmental Agreement
With Local Elementary School Districts Approve recommendation that the city council engage the services of Crossing Guard Services, Inc to perform service in Calumet City. Further direct the City Attorney to draft a intergovernmental agreement with local elementary school districts in Calumet City.

Defer Action on New Business Item #7 Alderman Patton motioned seconded by Alderman Smith to defer action on new business item #7 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Wilson Moved to Adjourn
The Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Wilson moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting, there was no 2nd, the Motion Failed due to lack of a 2nd.

MOTION FAILED

BUILDING PERMITS

Privacy Fence

- 400 Buffalo Ave Fence 1st Ward
- 416 Greenbay Ave Fence 1st Ward
- 654 Freeland Ave Fence 1st Ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Navarrete moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve the building permits as presented, contingent upon the Alderman of the perspective ward.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner,
 Patton, Smith
 ALDERMEN: NONE
 ALDERMEN: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Ord. #1 E-mail Usage Policy

Ordinance Establishing an E-mail Usage Policy. (Tabled)

(Tabled)

Tabling of Resolutions and Ordinances

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to table Ordinance Establishing an E-mail Usage Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

Res. #2 Enterprise Zone Incentives
(Referring to the Ordinance and
Resolution Committee)

A Resolution approving a Class 8 Designation and Enterprise Zone Incentives for 1455 Ring Road. (Referring to the Ordinance and Resolution Committee.)

Referring Resolution for Enterprise Zone
Incentives to the (Ordinance and
Resolution Committee)

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to refer the Resolution for Enterprise Zone Incentives to the (Ordinance and Resolution Committee.)

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Approve Payment to Farnsworth (inv #250068) (Amended)

Approve payment to Farnsworth Group for Project #0221894 (Invoice #250068), USED A Industrial Park project, in the amount of \$6,000.00 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52600. (Amended)

#2: Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Amended)

Approve payment to Farnsworth for Michigan City Road Trail Invoice #3 (Section #22-00160-00- BT), in the amount of \$13,909.92 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52736. (Amended)

#3: Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #250231) (Amended)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #250231) for Project #023MUN0222, in the amount of \$40,641.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600. (Amended)

4: Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #250235) (Amended)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #250235) for Project #023MUN0222, in the amount of \$16,027.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600. (Amended)

#5: Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #250234) (Amended)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv#250234) for Project #023MUN0222, in the amount of \$19,058.25 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600. (Amended)

#6: Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #250233) (Amended)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #250233) for Project #023MUN0222, in the amount of \$10,853.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600. (Amended)

Approve Financial Items #1-#6 as Amended

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Smith for the approval of Financial Matters number #1-#6, as amended to include the payees name.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#7: Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$18,608.40 for legal services statement #102535; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#8: Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to ef Design for July's newsletter, in the amount of \$28,963.35 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52351.

#9: Approve Payment to Knight Nicastro MacKay

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$30,595.11 for corporate legal services dated March 12, 2024, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#10: Approve Payment to GoDaddy

Approve payment to GoDaddy for the remaining GoDaddy Email and Domain Renewal; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,532.70 and charge account #01028-52371.

#11: Approve Payment to Motorola Solutions

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$14,589.29. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-524833. This is for equipment for the new apparatus.

#12: Approve Payment to Cook County Land Bank

Approve purchase of the following properties from Cook County Land Bank Authority authorizing the City Treasurer to remit payment utilizing account #01085-55108. (motion to approve purchase agreement and resolution was dated September 28, 2023) 610 Burnham Ave: \$67,000 646 Burnham Ave: \$25,000 807 Burnham Ave: \$20,000 745 Torrence Ave: \$45,000 1273 River Drive: \$7,500 1539 Kenilworth: \$30,000.

#13: Authorize Reclass of Calumet City Plumbing Expense

Authorize the Treasurer to reclass Calumet City Plumbing expense invoice 60023 in the amount of \$16,717.05 from 03036-52101 Sewer Maintenance Repair to #03036-52364 Maintenance Ret. Ponds-Superior.

#14: Authorize Fire Department Purchase With Air One Equipment

Authorize the Fire Department to enter into a five-year / no interest purchase and service program with Air One Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$25,860 and direct the Treasurer to remit payment of \$5,172.00. This expenditure is for portable gas detection meters and should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55100.

#15: Payment to Ray O'Herron

Approve the purchase of eleven (11) ballistic vests from Ray O'Herron Company in the amount of \$9,395.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Ray O'Herron Company in the amount of \$9,395.00 to be charged to account #01060-55115. (Ballistic Vests).

#16: Approve Payment Motorola Solutions

Approve the purchase of ten (10) license plate readers and required equipment from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$68,500.02; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$68,500.02 \$60,000 to be charged to account 01060-52493 (Org. Retail Theft Grant), \$8,500.02 to be charged to account #06860-57117 (DOJ Asset Forfeiture Funds).

#17: Approve Payment to Cellebrite

Approve payment to Cellebrite in the amount of \$14,299.22 for the initial training and subscription for data extraction software; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Cellebrite in the amount of \$14,299.22, to be charged to #06860-57117 (US Treasury Asset Forfeiture Funds).

#18: Approve Auction of CCPD Vehicles

Authorize the sale at auction of CCPD Unit #T-22, a 2007 GMC Acadia (VIN 1GKEV33777J108612), and CCPD Unit T-24, a 2009

Nissan Altima (VIN 1N4AL21E19N531943), to be conducted by Clinton Auto Auction; further authorize the release of titles for both vehicles and the removal from the City's insurance. Proceeds from the sale at auction will be deposited into the State Asset Forfeiture Fund Account.

#19: Approve Payment to Callyo

Approve payment to Callyo in the amount of \$22,221.00 for the Chicago Strike Force annual audio service; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Callyo in the amount of \$22,221.00, to be charged to account #06860-57117 (DOJ Asset Forfeiture Funds).

#20: Approve Payment to Schindler Elevator

Approve payment to Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$5,603.99 for the annual service contract; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$5,603.99 to be charged to account #01060-52345.

#21: Approve Payment to Track 'n Trap (Invoice #0000048076)

Approve payment to Track 'n Trap for invoice #1657; authorize Treasurer Tarka to remit payment in the amount of \$2,625.00 and charge account #01060-52487.

#22: Approve Payment to Ricoh

Approve costs payable to Ricoh for invoices HOU24010031, HOU24020026, HOU23120012; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$40,868.22 and charge account #01069-55100.

Approve Financial Items #7-#22 as Presented

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Smith for the approval of Financial Matters numbers #7-#22 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#23: Approve Payment to Republic Services (Invoice #0721-007781217)

Approve costs payable to Republic Services, (invoice #0721-007781217) in the amount of \$405,934.42; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #30807- 52141. The city will be funding it through the TIF budget.

#24: Payment to Republic Services (Invoice #0721-007835857)

Approve costs payable to Republic Services, (invoice #0721-007835857) in the amount of \$211,500.50; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #30807- 52141. The city will be funding it through the TIF budget.

Approve Financial Items #23-#24

Alderman Navarrete moved seconded by Alderman Patton for discussion and approval of Financial Matters numbers #23-#24.

Alderman Navarrete

“At the last City Council Meeting this was referred to the committee; the Public Works Committee. This is a project that we thought was completed, but we are still receiving invoices for this project so the council wanted to know what the status of this project was and what

the final amount was. We were able to find that information, but some information is still missing. So, the information I was able to gather August 23rd the council approved \$400,000.00; not to exceed \$400,000.00 to be pulled from the TIF 8 fund for the Special project of clearing the debris and for remediation at Public Works yard. This is for the all the stockpile material that was at the Public Works yard, this was for anticipation of a potential new Public Works facility if you all recall. So \$400,000.00 was the approved amount we approved an invoice on September 29th of \$312,000.00 which is pretty close to the limit and then we approved another invoice on the December 14, meeting for 256,000.00 that meeting we were told that was the end of it, even though we were over budget at the time. On March 14, 2023 there are two invoices for which you see here today one for 405 one for 211 the grand total of the project 1.586 million dollars of which the council only approved an expenditure of \$400,000.00 for well we did approve to go over 256. So, it seems that the approval was given through the Mayor to proceed. Republic did provide emails to show that they were reaching out to the city to let them know what the final cost would be; that we would be going over to a certain amount 1.5 million. The direction was to proceed. It seems to be some miscommunication. Maybe a request was made for the miscommunication that the council approved this 1.5 million, but we could not find an approval in the minutes. So, when it comes down to it we approved 400,000.00 for the final project and it ended up being 1.5 million. Again the works been done Republic has done the work I could not find I could not find invoices for November December we received it in March, so of course Republic was asking why in 5 months they haven't been paid and I don't have an answer to that question; If someone does feel free to chime in but I guess the basics of it is Republic is looking to get compensated for the services they provided. They invoiced in November and December and the council receives it 5 months late."

Representative from Republic Service

Republic Services representative reported that the project started August 11, 2023 and over 20,000 plus tons of waste was removed from the Public Works yard.

Alderman Navarrete

"Thank you Ernie, again thank you for being responsive to emails. Again, I don't think the question is of the scope of work or how the work was handled. I think its just entirely the mishandling of approvals and the amount to be taken from a TIF. The TIF currently generates about \$100,000.00 increments a year. So it takes us some time to get 1.5 million dollars. The council was under the impression that we were gonna spend \$400,000.00 and we spent 1.5 million closer to 1.6 million for this project. The council might not have been willing to spend that amount of money. Especially without an update on the Public Works Facility that we are still waiting on. Again, Republic it's not so much about your scope of work or how you handled the work. It's more so the internal process and how we presented a \$400,000.00 project amount and the council now taken to

a 1.6 million dollar amount. Again, the fund now would be depleted to a couple of hundred thousand dollars, and we still have special projects adjacent to that property that we're not sure where that project is ended that we approved \$200,000.00 for."

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones reported the funds for the Public Works project are coming out of the TIF fund. Mayor Jones reported that a \$750,000.00 grant was received from State Representative Marcus Evans; \$500,000.00 of that amount will reimburse the TIF 8 funds.

Alderwoman Wilson

"So this is why I'm voting no when I can't see the bills. So again we approved \$400,000.000; that's like sending your child to the store with a twenty dollar bill and telling them to buy four dollars' worth of this and they spend the entire twenty dollar bill. What should've been \$400,000.00 was near 1.6 million dollars. Whether we have the money or not; if it doesn't come before the council to approve, then we become like other neighboring towns where one person runs through the money. I understand the work was done but it should've been brought before this council. We represent you and your tax dollars it was not. \$400,000.00 and 1.6 million dollars is a 1.1 million dollar/ 1.2-million-dollar difference. So when things go up I don't care if we have the money if we don't. If we say this is what it is that should be it; but our council will continue to vote knowing it didn't come before them the right way."

Mayor Jones

"For the record before we take a vote as I stated we got a \$750,000.00 grant from Marcus Evans. I will send it to the council tonight at we can take a recess. Every invoice came before the city council So I don't want anyone thinking this was just approved."

Alderman Tillman

"Just for the record you said the \$750,000.00 will replenish the Tif fund?"

Mayor Jones

"500,000.00, 250,000.00 will go to Public Works for the work done on Park Harbor."

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#25: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61951, in the amount of \$6,455.76; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#26: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61952, in the amount of \$6,861.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#27: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61953, in the amount of \$8,016.85; authorize the City Treasurer to remit

payment from account #03036-52349.

#28: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61957, in the amount of \$5,300.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#29: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61963, in the amount of \$7,836.40; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#30: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61965, in the amount of \$8,741.10; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#31: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61966, in the amount of \$10,353.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#32: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61968, in the amount of \$8,158.90; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#33: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61977, in the amount of \$7,917.90; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#34: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61980, in the amount of \$5,140.30; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#35: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61982, in the amount of 8,865.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#36: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61985, in the amount of \$8,430.63; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#37: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 61990, in the amount of \$7,838.30; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#38: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 62004, in the amount of \$7,187.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#39: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 62014, in the amount of \$5,569.40; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#40: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 62015, in the amount of \$8,776.50; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#41: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 62078, in the amount of \$19,641.71; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#42: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 62125, in the amount of \$5,472.69; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#43: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 62130, in the amount of \$6,392.20; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#44: Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 62131, in the amount of \$6,546.50; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#45: Approve Payment to Total Property Management

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$7,020.60 (inv #CC-083). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#46: Approve Payment to Total Property Management

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$7,123.00 (inv #CC-089). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#47: Approve Payment to Total Property Management

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$7,123.00. (inv #CC-091). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#48: Approve Payment to Total Property Management

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$7,123.00 (inv #CC-093). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#49: Approve Payment to Total Property Management

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$7,123.00 (inv #CC-095). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#50: Approve Payment to Total Property Management

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$7,123.00 (inv #CC-097). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#51: Approve Payment to Total Property Management

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$7,123.00 (inv #CC-099). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#52: Approve Payment to Piekarski & Sons

Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons, in the amount of \$7,985.00 (inv #42182). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #30807-55160.

#53: Approve Payment to Piekarski & Sons

Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons, in the amount of \$5,765.00 (inv #42198). Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #30807-55160.

#54: Approve Payment to Piekarski & Sons

Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons, in the amount of \$7,345.00 (inv #42245). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #30807-55160.

#55: Approve Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric

Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of 9,202.25 (inv #17657A). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.

#56: Approve Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric

Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of 24,986.00 (inv# 18842). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.

#57: Approve Payment to Holand Asphalt Services, Inc.

Approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc., in the amount of \$23,250.00 (inv #2023-093). Please authorize this expense to be reclassified from account #01041-54140 Vehicle Maintenance to account #01041-52343 Maintenance Buildings & Grounds.

#58: Approve Payment Excess Workers Compensation.

Approve the renewal of the 4/1/24-4/1/25 Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy in the amount of \$163,129.00 authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate the renewal and authorize the Treasurer to remit payment to Illinois Public Risk Fund in the above stated amount to be charged to account # 01055-52230 Fleet and Liability.

Approve Financial Items #25-#58

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Patton for the approval of Financial Matters numbers #25-#58.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#59: Approve Payment to Insure Source LLC (Amended)

Approve the renewal of the 4/1/24-4/1/25 Property and Liability Insurance policy in the amount of \$1,159,172.00 authorize the Mayor

and City Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate the renewal and authorize the Treasurer to remit payment to Insure Source LLC in the amount stated above to be charged to account #01050-52230 Fleet and Liability as amended. (The amendment was of the dollar amount from \$1,071,563.00 to \$1,159,172.00)

Approve Financial Item #59 as Amended

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Smith for the approval of Financial Matter number #59 as amended.

Alderman Wilson Commented on Financial Matter # 59

“I have a question, this is about vehicles? This Liability Insurance, it says Fleet and Liability, I have to ask the question because I don’t have the information in front of me. And I want the same five days y’all had to review. And the reason I’m asking is because there is a company that keeps calling me and contacting me for equipment that they have never received payment for and the equipment is a 2021 Yukon Denali and a 2023 Cadillac, that is billed to the tax payers of the city that did not come before the council. The contract that they sent me has the Mayor and Cleo Jones’s signature on it. We don’t know anything about that.”

Alderman Gardner

“That’s not this item Alderman.”

Alderman Wilson

“And so that’s what I’m asking.”

Mayor Jones

“Let’s move on to the roll call. Madam Clerk”

Alderman Wilson

“I guess I’m done since you asked every other man were they done.”

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ALDERMEN: Wilson

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Jones

“For the record #62 and #63 will be removed from the agenda Alderman Gardner can you approve items #60 and #61.”

Alderman Wilson

“What he’s removing is those illegal cars I just spoke of.”

Alderman Tillman

“What items are you removing #61?”

Mayor Jones

“It’s CT Proposal for design and storage for the Veterans Office.”

Alderman Wilson

“And DLL Finance for the Yukon Denali that he drives.”

Mayor Jones

“That’s not that Alderman.”

Alderman Wilson

“That is that I have the contract they sent it to me because they could not get in touch with anyone from the city to pay the bill.”

Mayor Jones

“We will have the Treasurer give you what it is Alderman. So we’re gonna move on items #60 and #61. Alderman Gardner”

Alderman Wilson

“It is right here. It’s right here.”

Mayor Jones

“Madam Clerk please call the roll.”

#60: Approve Payment to CCMSI

Approve the service agreement with CCMSI for the administration of Liability and Property Claims from 4/1/24 – 3/31/25 in the amount of \$17,500.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01050 52271.

#61: Approve Payment to CCMSI

Approve the service agreement with CCMSI for the administration of Worker’s Compensation Run-Off Claims from 4/1/24 until all claims are closed in the amount of \$6,000.00 per year and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01050 52131.

Approve Financial Items #61-#62

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Smith for the approval of Financial Matters numbers #61-#62.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#62: Table Payment to Camburas & Theodore Ltd. (CT) (Removed)

Approve the proposal of Camburas & Theodore Ltd. (CT) for the proposal of preliminary design for storage office and office for Veteran Center, design development for ADA Clerk's office, construction drawings, and construction administrators; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$43,250.00 and charge #01099-52640 (city hall construction.) (Tabled)

#63: Table Payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC (Removed)

Approve payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC for invoice #81289732; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$13,963.65 and charge account #01099-52990. (Tabled)

Alderman Navarrete

“I apologize why are #62-#63 being removed.”

Mayor Jones

“You asked questions Alderman, #62 we need more information from Senator Tammy Duckworth this is the Design for the Veterans Center

that's over there that's not attached to this. #63 you had questions about, will get more information on."

Alderman Navarrete

"I can't ask my questions right now?"

Mayor Jones

"No. we removed it from the agenda Alderman; we are on #64, #65, and #66."

Alderman Navarrete

"Do we have to vote to remove it from the agenda or no?"

Mayor Jones

"I can remove it from the agenda."

Alderman Navarrete

"Do we have to vote to remove it from the agenda or no?"

Mayor Jones

"Alderman we are on #64, #65, and #66."

Alderman Navarrete

"Attorney Walsh does a vote have to be taken to remove items from the agenda?"

Attorney Patrick Walsh

"That it's up to the Chair he has given his ruling, he controls the meeting."

Alderwoman Wilson

"We just voted to amend items; we don't have to vote to remove items?"

Mayor Jones

"Alderwoman you're not at"

Alderwoman Wilson

"I'm just asking a question."

Mayor Jones

Alderwoman we are on #64, #65, and #66."

Alderwoman Wilson

"What happened to #62 and #63?"

Mayor Jones

"Unless you want to be removed from this meeting."

Alderwoman Wilson

"I dare you; I triple dog dare you. Remove me because there is case law and that is a violation of the open meetings act."

Mayor Jones

"Madam Clerk please call the roll."

#64: Approve Payroll (\$950,599.16)

Approve Payroll (\$950,599.16).

#65: Approve Emergency Bill List (\$5,498.14)

Approve Emergency Bill List (\$5,498.14).

#66: Approve Bill Listing (\$352,531.26)

Approve Bill Listing (\$352,531.26).

Approve Financial Items #64, #65, and #66

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Williams for the approval of Financial Matters numbers #64, #65, and #66.

Alderman Navarrete Commented on Financial Item #66

“Approved Bill list is 352 thousand is that correct it seems like it should be a larger number.”

Mayor Jones

“No that’s the bill listing, at the last council meeting it was probably the same amount, but that’s what’s on the bill listing it’s \$352,000.00, did you want it to get higher Alderman or lower?”

Alderman Navarrete

“It seems like it would be higher, I just want to make sure it’s the correct amount.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“Cause 13,000.00 was taken out from #63 those cars.”

Mayor Jones

“Alderman, we have the Bill Listing here.”

Treasurer Tarka

“Just for Alderman Navarrete’s inquiry as you can see Alderman there are a number of motions made on this particular council agenda; that would enter into the aggregate amount of the bill listing, but the bill listing other then the motions that are on the agenda is the \$352,000.00 figure.”

Mayor Jones

“So Alderman I have a copy of the Bill Listing, the Bill Listing the correct amount is \$352,531.26, so your question is its to low; what is your question Alderman.”

Alderman Navarrete

“I just wanted to make sure that was correct, I think the explanation Treasurer Tarka gave about regarding items #62 and #63 answered the question.”

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner wished the beautiful families of the 5th ward a Happy Easter.

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith would like 7th ward residents to continue to voice your concerns in regards to abandoned properties.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman had no report.

Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson thanked her team and wished everyone Wilson and charged everyone with being kind.

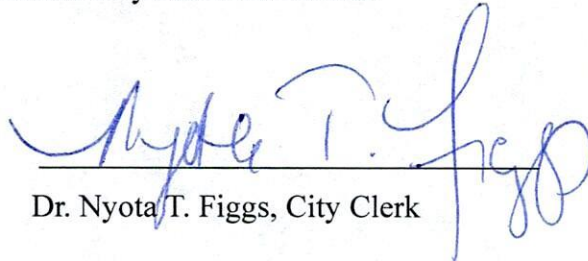
Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete wished everyone a Happy Easter.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:38 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Patton.

MOTION CARRIED



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk