

**SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE
HELD ON DECEMBER 04, 2025
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Special Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Jones.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were City Clerk Dr. Figgs, Deputy Treasurer Nicole Rudder, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, City City Engineer Matt Buerger, City Attorney Mark Sterk, and Finance Director Kasperek.

PUBLIC COMMENT Sherry Tate 365 Oglesby commented regarding the timeliness of the council starting the Regular City Council Meeting as it relates to the residents waiting.

Mayor's Report Mayor Jones reported that ComEd announced they will be coming out and trimming trees at their own expense.

Paycom Payroll Presentation Julia Briano gave a presentation on Paycom and the Paycom Software. Paycom is a payroll system that will allow employees to submit and view their payroll electronically. Julia Briano stated that with Paycom, payroll tasks will no longer be difficult, nor will tasks such as inputting pay increases take days to complete. Employees will be able to change their own deductions and print all important documents on their own. Julia Briano reported that that the council will be able to access timely and accurate reports.

Alderwoman Wilson requested that program pricing for accounts payable be sent over to the council before the matter is voted on at the December 11, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

Blues Water Run Project Update Gregory Williams from Greg Ramon Design gave a presentation on the design, concept, and the construction for Blues Water Run. There was a lengthy discussion regarding seating, parking and projected cost. The

cost of the project is expected to be over \$3,400,000.00 dollars. Alderman Gardner requested an RFQ be put out for the project. Mayor Jones stated the City of Calumet City was given funding for the Blues Water Run project and the city has 30 days to move forward with the project or the grant funds will have to be returned. Mayor Jones stated if the city council decides not to move forward with the project there would need to be a Resolution created and the city would need to return \$1,400,000.00 and \$800,000.00 in grants that were received.

2025-2026 Annual
Tax Levy

Finance Director Kasperek gave a presentation regarding the Tax Levy Resolution and the 2026 goals for the Corporate Fund. Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Police and Fire Pension Funds. Finance Director Kasperek stated his opinion is the tax levy's should remain the same as last year.

Water and Sewer Rate
Increase

City Engineer Matt Buerger and Finance Director John Kasperek gave a presentation regarding the current cost of water and sewer in the City of Calumet City compared to the other municipalities. City Engineer Matt Buerger gave a brief overview of how water and sewer is billed. Finance Director Kasperek gave a recommendation to the council to increase water and sewer rates.

Payment to Greg
Ramon Placed on the
Next Regular Meeting
Agenda

Mayor Jones stated Invoice#1257 to Greg Ramon design in the amount of \$17,037.50 for design work related to Blues Water Run from the 2023 Bond Fund/Infrastructure account (invoice attached.) will be placed on The December 11, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

Agenda Items #9,10
And 11 Referred To
The Ordinance and
Resolution Committee

Mayor Jones stated that an Ordinance relating to storm sewer fees in the City of Calumet City; will be referred to the Ordinance and Resolution Committee.

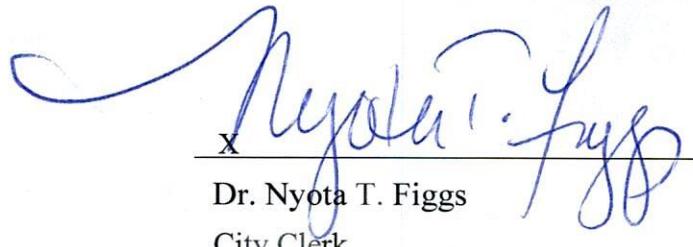
Mayor Jones referred an Ordinance relating to storm sewer fees in the City of Calumet City to the Ordinance and Resolution Committee.

Mayor Jones referred an Ordinance relating to sewer user fees for the Village of Burham and Calumet City to the Ordinance and Resolution Committee.

Adjournment

Alderman Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey at 8:52 pm.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk