

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

**City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois**

AUGUST 27, 2026

Public Comment

None

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:20 p.m. in a regular meeting on August 27, 2026, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

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

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present were: City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief Kolosh, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Corporate Counsel Paul O' Grady (Ancel Glink), Building and Zoning Director Sheryl Tillman, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, and Crime Free Housing Director Mike Banskee.

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

Mayor Jones Requested a Moment of Silence

Mayor Jones requested a moment of silence for former 7th ward Alderman Sam Bullock who recently passed away.

Alderman Phillips announced that Sam Bullock's services will be held on September 10, 2026, at Wallace's Funeral Home at 2020 W. Roosevelt Rd services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Alderman Phillips expressed condolences to the family.

Alderman Gardner expressed condolences for former 7th Ward Alderman Sam Bullock's family.

Approval of Minutes

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

None

NEW BUSINESS

1): Authorize Mayor's Signature for Axon Enterprise Quote

Authorize Mayor's signature for Axon Enterprise, Inc quote for Building and Zonings body cameras.

2) Direct City Attorney to Draft an Amended Handicap Ordinance for 282 Cornell Avenue

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 282 Cornell Avenue.

3) Approve Residential Parking Only Sign for 110 Webb St.

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4) Direct City Attorney to Draft an Amended Handicap Ordinance for 649 Saginaw Avenue

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 649 Saginaw Avenue.

5) Direct City Attorney to Draft an Amended Handicap Ordinance for 416 Manistee Ave.

Direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance for approval and direct Public Works to add a handicap pole specific to the following address at 416 Manistee Ave.

6) Authorize Execution of an Agreement For Corona Environmental Consulting

Authorize execution of an agreement for Corona Environmental Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$110,920.00 to provide services to the city associated with 1 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requirements to perform an Optimal Corrosion Control Study. The work will be paid for by the 2023A Capital Bond from the allocation approved by Council July 23, 2026.

Approval of New Business Action Items #1-6 As Presented

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve new business action items #1-6 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

New Fence

346 Warren Street Privacy Fence 5th Ward
46 166th Street Privacy Fence 6th Ward

Approve Building Permits

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Fence Variance

510 Price Avenue Variance Privacy Fence 1st Ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Garage

291 Prairie Avenue New Garage 3rd Ward

Approve Building Permits

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90

Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 90, Article V, Division 1 of the Calumet City Municipal Code Handicapped Parking 566 Yates Avenue.

(Ord.#26-16)

(See Attached 3A)

Approve to Pass Ordinance as Presented

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to pass Ordinance as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1): Approve Payment to Axon Enterprise, Inc for Building and Zoning Inspectors Body Cameras

Authorize payment to Axon Enterprise, Inc for Q-899250-46233NC (Body Cameras for Building and Zoning Inspectors); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in a yearly amount of \$4,922.24 from September 2026 - September 2030 and charge account #12707 52120.

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE V,
DIVISION 1 OF THE CALUMET CITY MUNICIPAL CODE
HANDICAPPED PARKING**

**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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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 1 OF THE CALUMET CITY MUNICIPAL CODE HANDICAPPED PARKING

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City ("City") is an Illinois home rule municipality organized and operating pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois.

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Calumet City desire to amend Chapter 90, Article V, Division 1, Section 90-317(g) of the City of Calumet City Municipal Code of Ordinances ("Code") to designate 566 Yates Avenue as a restricted handicap parking area in the City, and direct the City Department of Public Works to install a handicap parking pole at and upon the aforesaid property.

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Calumet City find that amending the City Code as specified in this Ordinance promotes the best interests and the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Calumet City and its residents.

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

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

Section 2. Chapter 90, Article V, Division 1, Section 90-317(g) of the City of Calumet City Municipal Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by designating the following property as a

restricted handicap parking areas (additions in **bold and double-underlined**) (omitted language is not intended to be amended):

Section 90-317. – Handicapped parking.

* * *

(g) *Signed areas.* The following areas are hereby designated as restricted handicapped parking areas by the city council, and appropriate signs shall be posted clearly indicating such areas:

* * *

538 Yates Ave.

566 Yates Ave.

655 Yates Ave.

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Section 3. The corporate authorities of the City further direct the City Department of Public Works to install a handicap parking pole designating 566 Yates Avenue as a restricted handicap parking area in the City.

Section 4. Superseder. In the event a conflict exists between the terms of this Ordinance and any other ordinance or resolution of the City, the terms of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 5. Severability. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered severable and the invalidity of any section clause, paragraph, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance will not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication in pamphlet form, in accordance with law, and the provisions of the Calumet City's Municipal Code amended herein shall be reprinted with the changes.

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PASSED this 27th day of August 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 August 27, 2026.



Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dr. Nyota T. Figg
CITY CLERK

2): Approve Payment to Securitas Technology Corporation for the Mitel Maintenance Services Renewal

Approve payment to Securitas Technology Corporation for the Mitel Maintenance Services Renewal (6/1/2026-5/31/2027); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,048.00 and charge account #01028-52630.

3): Approve Payment to JensenIT for Barracuda Scalable Backup Licensing Renewal

Approve payment to JensenIT for Barracuda Scalable Backup Licensing Renewal (Quote #007616); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,399.97 and charge account #01028-52632.

4): Approve Payment to Farnsworth for Project #02501067.001 Wentworth Woods Development

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271125) for Project #02501067.001 Wentworth Woods Development, in the amount of \$12,626.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707-55177.

5): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271108) for Project #02501272.001 Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase III

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271108) for Project #02501272.001 Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase III, in the amount of \$55,286.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55145.

1. A project summary is provided on the last page of the attachment
2. A summary of the contract:
 - a. The project's contract: \$452,000.00
 - b. Total invoiced (including the attached): \$187,545.70
 - c. Contract remaining: \$264,454.30

Once paid a reimbursement can be requested of the IEPA to the City through the State Revolving Loan the City is receiving.

6): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271176) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271176) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$116,350.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55171.

7): Approve Payment to Alderwoman Miacole Nelson

Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #269547) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$96,860.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55171.

8): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271357) for Project #0230475.00 Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Phase II

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #271357) for Project #0230475.00 Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Phase II, in the amount of \$56,613.83 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55145.

The project and contract summaries are attached.

1. The project's contract: \$418,000.00
2. Total invoiced (including the attached): \$276,796.64 3.
Contract remaining: \$141,203.36

9): Approve Agreement with the Farnsworth Group (Removed)

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Farnsworth Group in an amount not to exceed \$242,720 to provide services to the city associated with the United States Environmental Protection Agency requirements to prepare a Water Source Modification Plan, 6MG Concrete Tank Plan, 2MG Steel Tank Plan, and preparation of a Project Plan of Work for funding of improvements at the City's Main Water Pump Station and future Lead Service Line Replacement projects. The work will be paid for by the 2023A Capital Bond from the allocation approved by Council July 23, 2026. (Removed)

Removal of Financial Item #9 Due to the Item Being Approved in a Previous Meeting

Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to remove financial item #9 due to the item being approved on a previous agenda.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

10): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. (Tabled)

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$39,605 for corporate legal services dated August 12, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200. (Tabled)

11): Approve to Ancel Glink, P.C. (Tabled)

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$26,857 for legal services dated August 12, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025 52200. (Tabled)

Labeling of Ancel Glink P.C. Payments

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to table payment to Ancel Glink P.C. in the amount of \$39,605.00 and \$26,857.00 financial item 10 and 11.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

12): Approve payment to South Suburban Mayors and Management Association (SSMMA)

Approve payment to South Suburban Mayors and Management Association (SSMMA) for invoice 2026-007; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$30,336 for 2026 membership and charge account #01099/52353.

13): Approve Buyback for 150 Local Layoffs

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service, Inc. in the amount of \$12,461.43. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-54150. This is for repairs to Engine 11.

14): Approve Payment to Chicagoland Diesel and Automotive Services

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicagoland Diesel and Automotive Services in the amount of \$5,322.26. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-54150. This is for repairs to Amb 11.

15): Approve Payment to Chicagoland Diesel and Automotive Services

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicagoland Diesel and Automotive Services in the amount of \$6,923.96 This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-54150. This is for repairs to Amb 212.

16): Approve Payment to American Printing for Clerk Calendars

Approve payment to American Printing Invoice 166838 for \$3,354.00, for 2027 City Clerk Calendars and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01022/52358.

17): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 71608, 71679, 71538 and 71905 in the amount of \$42,385.61, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036. (sewer)

18): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 71747, 72073, 71677, 71580, 71577, 71583, 71537, 71541, 71543, 71695, 71584, 71603, and 71748 in the amount of \$149,814.53, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account # 03036 - 52349. (water)

19): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 73121, 73117 and 73118 in the amount of \$29,736.92, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349. (water)

20): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 73114, 73007 and 73003 in the amount of \$30,710.02, authorize City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349. (sewer)

21): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #72673 in the amount of \$13,513.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101. (sewer)

22): Approve Payment to Vendors for the Breast Cancer Walk

Approve payment to the following vendors for the Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, October 10, 2026, for a total amount of \$9,677.91 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52704.

Lansing Sport Shop - \$2,946.75

Adelia Bratton AKA Balloons by Frenchie - \$375.00

AC Entertainment LLC - \$700.00

Amazon - \$1,532.16

Lansing Sport Shop - \$4,124.00

23): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #74018, in the amount of \$9,882.10, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (water)

24): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 74019, 73967, 73969, 73337, 73336 & 73966 in the amount of \$73,450.08, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (sewer)

25): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #73116, in the amount of \$16,643.22, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (sewer)

26): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 73617, 73621 and 73124 in the amount of \$24,005.61, authorize the City Treasurer remit payment from account #03036-52349. (water)

27): Approve Payment to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

Approve payment to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the City's Annual NPDES Fee for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The payment will be satisfied by applying the \$19,881.10 credit currently held by the IEPA on behalf of the city, with the remaining balance of \$118.90 to be paid by the city.

28): Approve Payment to 5/3rd Bank Credit Card

Approve the July 2026 5/3rd Bank credit card charges totaling \$2,978.90 and authorization for payment.

29): Approve Payroll Total \$1,033,858.52

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30): Approve Emergency Bill List \$99.00

Approve Emergency Bill List \$99.00.

31): Approve Bill List \$608,653.45 (Amended)

Approve Bill List \$608,653.45 (Amended)

Removal of First Works Media from the Bill List

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to amend the Bill List to reflect the removal of First Works.

Approval of Financial Items #1-13 and 15-33 as Amended

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve financial items 1-8 and 12-31 as amended

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner gave kudos to the Fire Department for a training that they held for the University of Chicago this past week.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Phillips requested residents affected by the recent storms contact Com-Ed at (800) 334-7661; Spanish speaking customers can call (800) 95Luces.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderwoman Wilson reported on September 3rd she will be representing the Calumet City's Health Education and Welfare Committee, Calumet City Domestic Violence Task Force and Tomorrow's Youth Foundation in partnership with All In Domestic Violence Task Force Research Group will be presenting to the Illinois Supreme Court regarding how Judges and Attorney's are selected to work on the Domestic Violence cases involving children.

Permits & Licenses

Alderwoman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Alderwoman Nelson thanked Public Works, Building and Zoning and the Water Department for working hard to clear the debris after the storm. Alderman Nelson thanked the residents for being patient with the city. Alderman Nelson stated that the city will be working on the alleys next. Alderman Nelson stated we are going to hold the residents accountable regarding the sewers being cleaned and the upkeep of their properties.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderwoman Harvey – 1st Ward

Alderwoman Harvey would like the 1st ward to continue to contact her office with any questions or concerns at

Alderwoman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderwoman Wilson would like 2nd ward residents to contact her office at (708) 589-4990 or email her at monet@alderwomanwilson.com. Alderman Wilson thanked Public Works, the Water Department, ESDA, the Fire Department, Police Department and Building and Zoning for all of their efforts during the back-to-back storms. Alderman Wilson announced the Chargers game day opener is this Saturday and once again Hammond has allowed the team to utilize their fields. Alderman Wilson stated she will be reaching out to the local School Boards to see why the children that live here and pay taxes here cannot utilize the fields here.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman thanked Public Works for all the cleanup efforts in the 3rd ward. Alderman Tillman would like 3rd ward residents to contact his office at 708-891-8193 with any questions or concerns.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams announced there will not be a 3rd and 4th ward meeting in the month of September, the next meeting will be October the 5th at the Calumet City Library at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Williams would like 4th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 212-2240 with any questions or concerns.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner would like 5th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8195 with any questions, concerns or requests. Alderman Gardner thanked everyone that came out to Lincoln's Back to School event. Alderman Gardner wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

Alderwoman Nelson – 6th Ward

Alderman Nelson had no report.

Alderman Phillips – 7th Ward

Alderman Phillips requested that 7th ward residents contact her at (708) 891-9197 or email her at mphillips@calumetcity.org with any issues. Alderman Phillips wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:51 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Harvey, seconded by Alderman Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/jkc