

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Public Comment

Sherry Tate 365 Oglesby commented regarding the council starting the meeting on time. Sherry Tate stated that she has been a Calumet City resident for 30 plus years and she wants to know when submitting public comments electronically started.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m. in a regular meeting on December 11, 2025, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Phillips

Also present was: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk Quentin Dailey, City Engineer Ken Chastain, Attorney Mark Sterk and Attorney Dominick Lanzito.

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

Mayors Report

Mayor Jones apologized for not paying attention and focusing on his health. Mayor Jones apologized to Alderman Tillman for misleading him in regards to the \$25,000.00 check from Mission Dispensary. Mayor Jones apologized to Alderwoman Nelson for the lack of training provided. Mayor Jones apologized to Alderwoman Wilson and stated hopefully they can lead the city together. Mayor Jones asked for forgiveness. Mayor Jones asked for the opportunity to make things right. Mayor Jones asked for a second chance to do things correctly. Mayor Jones extended his apologies to Clerk Figgs for some of the stupid stuff he has done.

Mayor Jones stated that every expenditure is in municode for the council to view.

Mayor Jones stated he will give the City Treasurer his credit card and he will not be seeking reimbursement for transactions he makes for the city going forward.

Mayor Jones reported that his goal is to have sponsors for all city events.

Mayor Jones announced there is a booklet that highlights all of the city's accomplishments.

Mayor Jones announced the will be receiving a \$25,000.00 check from ComEd for the city's lights.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey, to approve the following minutes as presented:

11/24/2025 Regular Mtg.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Letter of Resignation

RE: Engineer Glenn VanSipma joined the Calumet City Fire Department on November 16, 1997. After 28 years of dedicated service to the City and residents of Calumet City, Engineer VanSipma retired effective November 20, 2025.

Accept & Place on File

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson, to accept item A and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports

RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports for the months of September & October 2025.

Table Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports for September & October 2025

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson, to table the Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports for the months of September & October 2025 until the Treasurer can provide the council a detailed report regarding the library's negative balance.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1): Approve City Council Meeting Date Change

Approve the changing of the city council meeting from Thursday, December 25th to Monday, December 22nd.

2): Direct the City Attorney to Draft An Amended Handicap Ordinance

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 329 153rd Place.

3): Direct the City Attorney to Draft An Amended Handicap Ordinance

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 359 Madison.

4): Approve the Release of Title

Approve the release of title for the 2012 Ford F450 (V.I.N. # 1FDUF4GT4CEC58192) MedTech Ambulance. Please advise the insurance coordinator to remove the ambulance from the City's insurance policy. Also, an authorization is needed to approve the sale of the 2012 Ford F450 MedTech ambulance to the Village of South Holland – South Holland Fire Department.

5): Approve Firefighter Promotion

Approve and authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commission to promote Firefighter Timothy Piepenbrink to the rank of Engineer due to the retirement of Engineer VanSipma.

6): Approve Conditional Employment

Direct the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to offer conditional employment to the next eligible candidate on the hiring list and to direct the Board to make the necessary promotions to reflect the retirement of Engineer VanSipma.

7): Approve Contract Renewal With
AXON

Approve the contract renewal with AXON for the Officer Safety Bundle Plan, which includes software licensing renewal and equipment upgrades: authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement.

8): Approve Final Plat of Subdivision for
Wentworth Woods

Authorizing Mayor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute Final Plat of Subdivision for Wentworth Woods.

9): Approve the 2026 Holiday Calendar

Approve the 2026 Holiday Calendar.

Approve New Business

Alderwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve items #1 - #9 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

<u>NEW FENCE</u>	<u>WARD</u>
885 River Oaks Drive	7 th Ward
647 Buffalo Ave	7 th Ward
313 Oglesby Ave	4 th Ward

Approve Permits

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

None

Motion To Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to enter into closed session to discuss real estate, employment of a specific individual, and pending and potential litigation and sale of city assets at 6:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

The council met in executive session from 6:24 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Aldерwoman Harvey moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Nelson, to return to the regular order of business at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1): Approve Payment to Paycom

Approve the contract and payment to Paycom in the amount of \$10,749.09 for the implementation fee of the HR service system; further to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment from the 2023 IT infrastructure Bond account #12707-55120.

Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents with a copy of the signed contract to provide to the city council.

#2): Approve Payment to KSM
Amendment

Amend the passed motion from November 19, 2025, moved by Alderman Williams and seconded by Alderman Tillman to reflect the correct account number as follows:

Motion to approve invoices and payment in the amount of \$9,000.00 to KSM from account number 01028-52335; Further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment to KSM.

Approve Payment to KSM Amendment

Alderman Williams moved seconded by Aldерwoman Wilson for discussion

Discussion

Aldерwoman Wilson is concerned if the KSM invoice for \$9,000.00 was already paid via pay pal. Aldерwoman Wilson reported that Kevin Martin is now being paid as an employee since his contract with the city was not approved.

Aldерwoman Nelson commented regarding no one being present from the Treasurers office to answer the council's questions.

Mayor Jones stated going forward someone will be present from the Treasurers office at all meetings.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3
NAYS: 3
ABSENT: 1
MAYOR JONES 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Mayor Jones
ALDERMEN: Wilson, Gardner, Nelson
ALDERMAN: Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

#3): Approve payment to Global Water,
Inc

Approve the redevelopment agreement and payment to Global Water, Inc in the amount of \$150,000; further direct the City Treasurer to make payment from the 2023 Bond infrastructure and economic development line item from account #12707-52494.

Table Financial Items #1 and 3

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to table Financial Matters #1 and 3 regarding Paycom and Global Water Inc.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#4): Approve Payment To Greg Ramon Design Studio (Referred to Finance Committee)

Approve payment to Greg Ramon Design Studio for Invoice#1257; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$17,037.50 for design work related to Blues Water Run from the 2023 Bond Fund/Infrastructure account #12707-52494. (Referred to Finance Committee)

#4): Refer Financial Item #4 To The Finance Committee

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to refer payment to Greg Ramon Design Studio for Invoice#1257; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$17,037.50 for design work related to Blues Water Run from the 2023 Bond Fund/Infrastructure account #12707-52494. to the Finance Committee. (Referred to Finance Committee)

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion of Senior Ambassador

Alderwoman Wilson "So we voted July 3, 2025, to remove that role; Senior Ambassador and that was apart of our Salary Ordinance and budget negotiations, there were a lot of things removed during that time and people still were getting paid, there were certain jobs that were removed. We had Party City close if Party City notifies the employees or there is notification publicly that you're closed if people still want to come in and fill orders for balloons; guess who's not going to pay them; Party City. These jobs did not appear anywhere, and they still should not have been doing any work. And I believe Mayor, if you want them to be paid, it should come out of your pocket because these jobs did not exist as of July 31, 2025, and for us to be in December still trying to pay people for senior ambassadors; \$1200.00 a person is absurd. And we should really find out if we can ask for reimbursement from the past months where these jobs did not exist."

Alderman Tillman

"And, just so the council knows, I asked that this be on the agenda after I spoke to the three residents that were the Senior Ambassadors. They weren't notified until November they worked October, which fundamentally seems fair for them and their position that they expect to be paid October because they did the work. I admit that there was a failure at some point or some level for the city not notifying them, but I think this possibly opens the door to litigation to us. If any of us went to our job and worked and then was told the month after we worked that we wouldn't be paid we would probably have an issue. It's a small amount; it's one more month and now they know that they're not going to get it going forward. To me it feels like we should just pay it and move forward."

Alderwoman Wilson

"I will say this, it may be a small amount but if we keep approving things that this council has motioned passed and approved not to happen then we'll continue to pay for things after the fact. Just like we said no you can't use the credit card to go to Colorado, New Orleans, Las Vegas, Washington D.C. and it still was done. At some point we have to say no and unfortunately if they need to sue; if they got money to sue let them sue."

Alderman Gardner

"May I be recognized Mayor."

Mayor Jones

"Alderman Gardner "

Alderman Gardner

"In the spirit of good government and financial responsibility, I don't agree with them being compensated after the fact. I do recall in the budgetary discussions you also admitted you would remove them from the budget. Glitch in communication in my estimate does not suffice to continue paying them after the fact. That's all I have I digress."

Alderwoman Nelson

"May I be recognized"

Mayor Jones

"Alderman."

Alderwoman Nelson

"I know that we agreed to remove them and they continue to be paid and I want to make sure that it is not brought back and I want to make sure that the Seniors are aware; that this is not us not wanting them to do the job but we have seniors that are employed down in the City Clerks' office and this is what they do and they make way less money when we look at their paychecks. So, this is to make sure they don't come back because that's not fair to the people downstairs."

Mayor Jones

"Thank you Alderwoman the motion is to only pay them for the month of October."

Alderwoman Nelson

"I understand, I just wanted to put that on the record."

Alderman Tillman

"I agree, going forward they shouldn't be paid. They're aware of it, I spoke with them personally, but rightfully so, they're upset because they expected a check in November, and they didn't know anything."

#5): Approve Payment to Senior Ambassadors

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson for discussion to issue payment for the month of October three (3) senior ambassadors in the amount of \$1200 each from account# 01085-52430, the three ambassadors are: Denise Cole, Mary Ann Bieganik and Karen Oliver.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3
NAYS: 2
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN 1
MAYOR JONES 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Nelson, Mayor Jones
ALDERMEN: Wilson, Gardner
ALDERMAN: Phillips
ALDERMAN: Williams

MOTION CARRIED

#6): Refer Payment to Dal Santo's To The Finance Committee

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson to refer payment to Dal Santo's Catering for Senior Holiday Dinner at Green Oaks of River Oaks Supportive Living (formerly Victory Centre Assisted Living) on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the amount of \$1,400.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52704 to the Finance Committee. (Referred to the Finance Committee)

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#7): Table Payment to Benford Brown & Associates

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table payment to Benford Brown & Associated, LLC for invoice 19164, 19165, and 19166; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 and charge account #01099-52610. (Signed Contract). (Tabled) Payment to Benford Brown & Associates will be tabled until the next Regular City Council meeting where Benford Brown & Associates can give a presentation.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#8): Approve Payment for the City Clerk's Early Voter Mailer

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the City Clerk's Early Voter Mailer for the March 17, 2025 Gubernatorial Primary Election; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to American Printing in the amount of \$2,582.62 from account #01022-52358 Printing/Flyer/Post City Clerk; in addition, issue payment for the United Postal Service in the amount of \$4,365.00 to apply to permit number 229 for the City Clerk's Early Voter Mailer from account #01022-52358.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#9): Refer Payment to Charles Pryor to the Finance Committee

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to refer payment to Charles Pryor to the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#10): Approve Payment to Civic Plus LLC

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve payment to CivicPlus LLC for Municode Meetings Annual Renewal (invoice #355845) from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,400.00 and charge account #01029-52126.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#11): Approve Payment 2 to Airy's Inc

Alderman Williams moved seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve the pay application 2 to Airy's Inc. for Calumet City Arthur Street Water Main Improvement, in the amount of \$298,239.43 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-55139. Project has partial funding through ARPA funds from Cook County per the agreement entered into by the City with the County on October 12, 2023, allocating \$380,000 to the project.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#12): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264959)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264959) for Project #02500218.001 River Oaks Watermain and Elevated Tank Design that included services associated with design services. Project construction will be funded through DCEO infrastructure funding (Grant number G-128 upon funding release), in the amount of \$8,205.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #30707 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #264959) is for the work on the River Oaks Elevated Tank.

#13): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265088)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265088) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - General Correspondence and Bi-weekly Coordination that included services for bi-weekly project coordination meetings with the City Administrator, Public Works Commissioner, and staff to coordinate efforts associated with City infrastructure, maintenance needs, reporting, upcoming projects, as well as planned County and State Improvements, in the amount of \$6,218.17 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #264959) is for the work on the River Oaks Elevated Tank.

#14): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265089)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265089) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task B - Water and Sewer Department Support that included services for Water Department assistance to discuss sewer and watermain repairs, coordinate upcoming projects, City needs to support County and State

Improvements that require sewer or water advance work, in the amount of \$7,522.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265089) is for assisting Public Works with the water system.

#15): Approve Payment to Farnsworth
(Inv #265090)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265090) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task C - Sewer and Water Atlas Updates that included services for Updates to the City GIS system and sewer/watermain atlas's associated with findings in the field and data provided by City staff. Update to the City GIS atlas's, in the amount of \$6,113.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265090) is for assisting Public Works with GIS System Asset Management.

#16): Approve Payment to Farnsworth
(Inv #265091)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265091) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task D - 2024 Annual Consumer Drinking Quality Report that included services for the completion of the 2024 annual Consumer Drinking Water Quality Report. Review of consumer information provided by City for quality control check. Graphic design and finalization of pamphlet to provide consumer drinking water report for 2024 to City, in the amount of \$3,277.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265091) is for assisting Public Works with the Drinking Water Act.

#17): Approve Payment to Farnsworth
(Inv #265092)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265092) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task E - Complete Streets Committee Meeting that included services Complete Streets quarterly meeting and assistance with guidance on Complete Street requirements per City ordinances, in the amount of \$1,993.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265092) is for assisting Public Works with the Complete Streets Program.

#18): Approve Payment to Farnsworth
(Inv #265093)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265093) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task F - EPA Lead Sampling Assistance that included services associated with bi-yearly lead testing per state statute. Review of sampling reports and 80th percentile calculation. Assistance to Water Department in coordination and submission with IEPA. Follow up meetings with Corrosion Control actions to be required by IEPA, in the amount of \$11,141.25 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265093) is for assisting the city with complying with the EPA.

#19): Approve Payment to Farnsworth
(Inv #265094)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265094) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task F - EPA Lead Sampling Assistance that included services associated with Planning for City FY2026 budget meetings. Compilation of potential projects for presentation at City budget preparation meetings, in the

amount of \$3,918.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265094) is for the actual planning for the city budget.

#20): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265097)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265097) for Project #02501152.001 Green Alley Project3 that included services associated with survey and 30% design completion, (per the City Council's direction, no further work will proceed on this project until next fiscal year), in the amount of \$16,400.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265097) is for 30% of the work completed and the documents completed for the Green Alley Project.

#21): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265099)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265099) for Project #02501151.001 Public Works Drainage and Site Work that included services associated with site design. This project 5 is reimbursable through DCEO funding under Calumet City grant number G-141 (DCEO State Award ID: 1785-55223), in the amount of \$13,380.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265099) is for work that was completed at the Public Works site.

#22): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265100)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265100) for Project #0240355.00 Arthur Street Watermain that includes services associated with construction engineering and construction close-out, in the amount of \$10,575.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036 55162.

Discussion

City Engineer Ken Chastain explained that (Inv #265100) is for the construction and engineering that has been completed for Arthur Street Watermain, the landscaping still needs to be completed.

Discussion on Tabeling Farnsworth Payments

City Engineer Ken Chastain stated that each one of the grants require monthly and in some cases quarterly reporting that has to be done by the city.

Alderman Wilson Discussion on Tabeling Farnsworth Payments

Alderman Wilson stated "which brings me to my point I would like to table these until we can hear from her. And you said that will be the next meeting or after the next meeting?"

Mayor Jones

"If we table these Alderman, we should also have a corresponding motion to give all the grant money back, because if we delay the report."

Alderman Wilson

"Then she should've been here."

Mayor Jones

"Well Alderman the city council never asked Alicia Benford to be here until the 22nd."

Refer Financial Items #12-22 to the Finance Committee

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to refer financial items #12-22 to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Tillman Discussion

Alderman Tillman advised City Engineer Chastain that he would have an issue if the city doesn't lose the grants on the 22nd due to not approving payments tonight.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#23): Approve Payment to True North Consultants

Approve payment to True North Consultants (Inv #7987) for Proposed Wentworth Woods Development - Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and Reporting, in the amount of \$22,850.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707 52494.

Approve Payment to True North Consultants

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve True North Consultants (Inv #7987) for Proposed Wentworth Woods Development - Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and Reporting, in the amount of \$22,850.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707 52494.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#24): Approve Payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC

Approve payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC (Inv #592955347) for the lease of the 2023 Yukon Denali, period 12/21/2025 - 06/20/2026, in the amount of \$7,463.88 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01021 55100.

Alderwoman Wilson Discussion

Alderwoman Wilson inquired how long is this contract that the Mayor and Cleo Jones signed; is this the last payment and what happens after this payment.

Mayor Jones replied the contract was not signed by Cleo Jones

Alderwoman Wilson rebutted that she has the contract.

Mayor Jones stated the city will own the vehicle after this payment.

Approve Payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC (Inv #592955347) for the lease of the 2023 Yukon Denali, period 12/21/2025 - 06/20/2026, in the amount of \$7,463.88 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01021 55100.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#25): Approve Payment to True North Consultants from the Amended Account Number

Approve amendment of previous City Council motion taken on November 13th, 2025, to the following amended account number: "Motion to approve payment to True North Consultants for Invoice#INV7605 - for Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for proposed Wentworth Woods development, in an amount not to exceed \$3,750 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707-52494(2023B Capital Project Fund).

#26): Approve Payment to Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau (the Bureau)

Approve motion 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 \$6,698.00 payable from Account #01099-52696.

#27): Approve Payment to Republic Services

Approve costs payable to Republic Services, in the amount of \$7,700.50 (INV #0721- 008637358). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.

#28): Approve Payment to Republic Services

Approve costs payable to Republic Services, in the amount of \$8,608.80 (INV #0721- 008569275). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.

#29): Approve Payment to Republic Services

Approve costs payable to Republic Services, in the amount of \$5,088.70 (INV #0721- 008647243). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.

Approve Financial Items #25- #29

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey, to approve financial items #25- #29 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#30): Approve Payroll (\$1,099,926.07)

Approve payroll (\$1,099,926.07).

Discussion

Alderwoman Wilson stated "I have questions regarding certain positions and what they do for the amounts that we are showing payment. I have been having these questions for a couple meetings now. And so, the same Attorney gave me two different answers that a lot of what I was asking was not executive session and should be discussed on here. So, in the executive department we are paying one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, people I have questions about. Would you like me to go name by each name and amount of pay.

Mayor Jones

"So, Alderman if you have questions all of this was approved in budget."

Alderwoman Wilson

"That's the thing it wasn't."

Mayor Jones

“So, please go through your list Alderman.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“So sometimes we show people having two pays; so, when we have removed certain jobs from the budget and we removed the job because we are trying to save money for the city. But maybe one of these people are doing the job that we removed. So, it doesn’t make sense for the person to then get the money that we would’ve paid for the job that we removed, if you all are understanding what I’m saying. I had mentioned it before like Juel Stanley \$4,646.32 every two week for two positions one of which that was removed. We have Jetaun Russell she gets two pay checks so I’m not sure what we’re paying her for it totals \$4,645.43 every two weeks. You all told me in executive session about Megan Wilson that’s one payment \$3,000.00 and that’s IT which brought me to the question of we did not authorize or we did not approve KSM’s contract which was in the amount of \$4,500.00 every month or every two weeks, but now the owner who is Kevin Martin who is now an employee even though we didn’t approve the contract he was made an employee in IT services which we have Megan Wilson in IT Service and he makes \$4,576.92 every two weeks which brings over that \$9,000.00 that was originally in his contract; we’re not saving any money here. I have a question and no one answered either via email. Thaddeus Jones Jr. \$4,730.77 so over \$9,000.00 a month for what services and all of this is coming out of executive meaning it’s coming out of our Corporate Fund what are they doing for these salaries can anybody answer that?”

Mayor Jones

“Alderwoman finish it, and we’ll get you all the job descriptions.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“But it never happens I’ve been asking since July.”

Mayor Jones

“We are going to make sure the attorneys…….”

Alderwoman Wilson

“We are about to be in 2026 overpaying people, there are people that are going to make \$120,000.00 for what we never get an answer.”

Mayor Jones

“Alderwoman.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“I’ve sent the council an email, I sent the corporate council an email, nothing. Then we have the library which I don’t even know, they owe us money, you all said we’re going to get it but it seems its one entire family being paid out the library that came up to \$400,000.00 and they all share your last name mayor. We have, I don’t even know who Tishawn Ezell is and when I’m, asking around who are these people; people can’t tell me who they are or what they do. I don’t believe that we gave any raises, and I was sent an Ordinance where the Mayor is allowed to give 10% increases to people so what is in our payroll doesn’t match our salary ordinance and that could be because you are authorizing that 10%. We need, something needs to be done this is a lot of money that needs to be answered. Our HR person doesn’t answer, Corporate Council doesn’t answer. I don’t think anyone on this council can answer because we all have the same information. I’m just not comfortable every payroll this is just growing and growing and then we have people added in positions that we didn’t budget for, do you understand what I’m saying Mayor?”

Mayor Jones

“You want the job descriptions which you will get, I will send it to everybody tomorrow. You want the ordinance for the 10% that the council authorized me to do and you want job descriptions for all these people you mentioned. I will send it if not tomorrow I will send it by Saturday to every city council member and Alderman Tillman if you have that Ordinance for the 10% will you forward it to me.”

Alderman Tillman

“You seen it, you got it.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“I know, I’m just saying maybe that’s why the pay is so different from what we agreed to during budget negotiations in July and this goes back to paying people whatever it is that’s submitted to us instead of doing what we know is the right thing.”

Mayor Jones

“Any other names.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“No not for payroll.”

Approve Payroll

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey, to approve payroll.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson

NAYS: 1

ALDERMEN: Wilson

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

#31): Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$4,212.50)

Approve emergency bill listing (\$4,212.50).

#32): Approve Bill List (\$1,459,918.94)

Approve Bill List (\$1,459,918.94).

Approve Financial Items #31 and #32

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey, to approve financial items #31 and #32 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Mayor Jones

NAYS: 3

ALDERMEN: Wilson, Gardner, Nelson

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Phillips was absent

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported there will be a Special meeting held on December 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

H.E.W

Alderdwoman Wilson had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderdwoman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Alderdwoman Nelson had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderdwoman Harvey – 1st Ward

Alderdwoman Harvey announced the 1st ward town hall meeting will be held on December 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at All Nations Church at 520 Sibley.

Alderdwoman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderdwoman Wilson would like 2nd ward residents to contact her at monet@alderwomanwilson.com or text her at (708)-586-4990 with any questions or concerns. Alderdwoman Wilson announced she will not be approving anymore resident only parking signs; if a 2nd ward resident needs a handicap sign they can fill out the proper paperwork and turn it into the Clerk's office. Alderdwoman Wilson announced that Saturday with Santa Toy Giveaway will take place on December 20, 2025, at 415 Saginaw at New Life Bible Church of Calumet City. The times will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for children ages 7 and under for Singing with Santa, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. it is getting Jiggy with the Gingerbread Man for ages 8 to 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. there will be Conversations with Coco for youth ages 12 to 15; everyone must register; send the parents name, address, phone number and children's name, the child must be present.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman gave his time to Alderman Williams as to not be repetitive.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God and announced the 3rd and 4th ward annual Toy Drive will be held at Sunrize Café 1455 Ring Road on Saturday December 13, 2025, from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. please bring new unwrapped toys or coats to donate. Alderman Williams announced on December 20, 2025, the Annual Secret Santa Toy Giveaway we will be giving out food boxes, turkeys and Toys.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner would like 5th ward residents to contact him at (708) 891-8195. Alderman Gardner would like to 5th ward residents to bring your children out to Saturday with Santa; if you would like to donate please reach out to my office or Alderdwoman Wilsons office.

Alderdwoman Nelson– 6th Ward

Alderdwoman Nelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Alderdwoman Nelson would like residents to attend the event on December 20th.

Alderman Phillips– 7th Ward

Alderdwoman Phillips was absent.

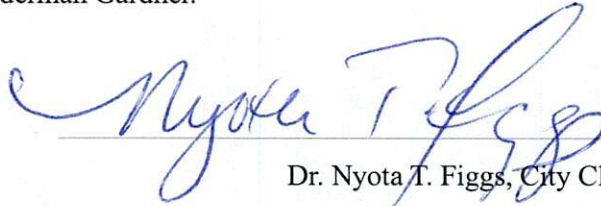
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderdwoman Wilson wished Alderdwoman Nelson a Happy Birthday on December 20, 2025. Alderdwoman Wilson would like to acknowledge her partners for Saturdays event. Alderdwoman Wilson is in partnership with Tommorrow's Youth Foundation, New Life Bible Church of Calumet City, City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, 5th ward Alderman Dejaun Gardner, City Treasurer Tarka, 6th ward Alderdwoman

Miacole Nelson, and 7th ward Alderwoman Melissa Phillips.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:21 p.m., on a motion by Alderwoman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Gardner.



MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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