

# **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**APRIL 10, 2025**

Public Comment

Sharon Carney 452 Garfield Avenue commented regarding her Calumet City Water Bill and how it is not reflecting the \$1000.00, payment she made.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:10 p.m. in a regular meeting on April 10, 2025, with Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: 6**

**ALDERMEN: Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith**

**ABSENT: 1**

**ALDERMEN: Navarrete**

Also present was City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Chaplain Pastor Stokes, City Engineer Matt Buerger, Attorney Mark Sterk.

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

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#1: Direct Public Works to Install  
Resident Parking Only Sign

Approve Resident Only parking sign in front of 233 Warren St. Direct public works to install sign.

#2: Direct The Board of Fire & Police  
Commissioners to offer Conditional  
Employment

Approve 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 Captain Tenzera.

#3: Direct The Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to offer Conditional Employment

Approve 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 hiring to reflect the resignation of Firefighter/Paramedic Issa Ahearn and Firefighter/Paramedic Oscar Villanueva.

Approve New Business Items

Alderman Smith moved seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve new business action items as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

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

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: Navarrete

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

404 Hirsch Privacy Fence 1st Ward

307 Calhoun Privacy Fence 4th Ward

393 Mackinaw Ave Fence 1st Ward

Approval of Building Permits

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve new building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

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

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: Navarrete

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

None

Aldерwoman Wilson Left Meeting

Aldерwoman Wilson left Regular City Council Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Payment to Complex Network Solutions

Approve the installation of a new pole camera, to be located in the area of Sibley Boulevard and Wentworth Avenue by Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.00 to be charged to account number 06860-57117.



#2: Payment to Complex Network Solutions

Approve the installation of a new pole camera to be located in the area of Pulaski Road and Torrence Avenue by Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.00 to be charged to account number 06860-57117.

#3: Payment to ShotSpotter

Approve the subscription renewal for ShotSpotter for the period between April 28, 2025, and April 27, 2026, in the amount of \$196,500.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to ShotSpotter in the amount of \$196,500.00, to be charged to account number 06860- 57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture Account).

#4: Payment to Track & Trap Invoice

Approve payment to Track & Trap Invoice #1704 for Community Wildlife Services from March 1st - March 15th in the amount of \$5,550 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01060-52487.

#5: Payment to Axon

Approve the 3rd year payment to Axon for three in-car systems; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,890.48 to be charged to account 01060-55114.

#6: Payment to Complex Network Solutions

Approve the upgrade of the camera, computer, and network in the Police Mobile Command Unit, to be performed by Complex Network Solutions; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, to be charged to account 06860-57117.

#7: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice 67037)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #67037, in the amount of \$8,376.20; authorize the City treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52101.

#8: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice #67068)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #67068, in the amount of \$7,374.92; authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349.

#9: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice #67067)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #67067, in the amount of \$5,485.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#10: Payment to Central Square Technologies

Approve payment to Central Square Technologies for invoice 434103; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,910.00 and charge account #01028-52335.

#11: Payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray

Approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for invoice numbers 144339, 144340, 144341 & 144342 in the amount of \$13,752.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$13,752.00 and charge account number #01025-52200.

#12: Payment to TransLand Engineering Group, LLC (Inv #2)

Approve payment to TransLand Engineering Group, LLC (Inv #2) for resident engineering services, Green Alley Project in the amount of \$35,447.08 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52600.

#13: Payment to Mindy Hepler

Approve the buyback for Mindy Hepler as shown in the communication.

#14: Payment to Morgan Waller

Approve the buyback for Morgan Waller as shown in the communication.

#15: Payment to Jaylen Thompson

Approve the buyback for Jaylen Thompson as shown in the communication.

#16: Payment to CCMSI

Approve the service agreement with CCMSI for the administration of Liability and Property Claims from 4/1/2025 - 3/31/26 in the amount of \$18,500.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01050-52271.

#17: Payment to CCMSI

Approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Department, as listed in the communication, from Currie Motors in the amount of \$49,050.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Currie Motors in the amount of \$49,050.00 to be charged to account 06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - LE Equipment).

#18: Payment to Lansing Sport Shop (Invoice #172226)

Approve payment to Lansing Sport Shop (Inv #172226) for I love Calumet City hoodies in the amount of \$3,850.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52704

#19: Approve Payroll (\$1,007,261.57)

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#20: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$2,646.25)

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#21: Approve Bill Listing (\$478,355.14)

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Approve Financial Items

Alderman seconded by Alderman motioned for the approval of Financial Matters #1-21.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams. Gardner, Patton, Smith

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson

**MOTION CARRIED**



## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

### Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

### Police Chief Kolosh

Police Chief Kolosh reported there will be three lateral hires this week, 1 lateral hire next week and 8 lateral hires starting on May 05, 2025.

### Public Utilities

Alderwoman Wilson was absent.

### Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

### H.E.W

Alderman Navarrete was absent

### Permits & Licenses

Alderman Patton had no report.

### Public Works

Alderman Smith had no report.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete was absent.

### Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson was absent.

### Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting will be held at Downey Park on May 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Tillman thanked the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward residents that attended Monday's meeting and advised all of the questions and concerns will receive a response.

### Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams thanked everyone who attended Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting. Alderman Williams expressed condolences for the family of 4<sup>th</sup> ward resident Denise Fields regarding her passing.

### Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner echoed Alderman Williams condolences for Denise Fields family. Alderman Gardner stated he will be praying for the Calumet City Fire Department regarding the loss of Assistant Fire Chief Bendinelli. Alderman Gardner requested that all 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents contact his office at (708) 891-8195 with any questions or concerns.

### Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton thanked everyone who attended the services for Assistant Chief Bendinelli. Alderman Patton thanked Fire Chief for the eulogy he gave at the services on Saturday.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith announced the 7<sup>th</sup> ward townhall meeting will be held at DA's Banquet from 10:00 a.m. to noon on April 19, 2025. Alderman Smith expressed his condolences for Assistant Chief Bendinelli's family.

Moment of Silence

There was a brief moment of silence for Assistant Chief Bendinelli.

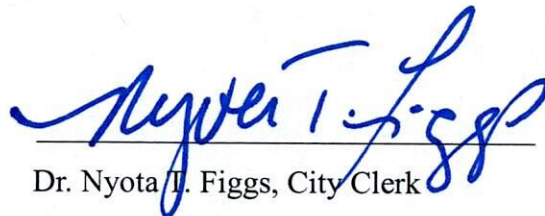
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton stated he will gather all of the sidewalk repair and speed bump requests and hand them over to the new 6<sup>th</sup> ward Alderwoman.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 6:24 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Patton seconded by Alderman Tillman.

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

**MOTION CARRIED**