

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2026
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Special Committee meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. on January 20, 2026, 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, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Finance Director John Kasperek, Deputy Clerk II Dailey, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Economic Development Christina Signoreli, Commissioner Surufka, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Attorney Lanzito.

PUBLIC COMMENT Sherry Tate 365 Oglesby commented regarding the council's timeliness with starting the meeting. Ms. Tate stated that maybe the council should tighten the budget and not attempt to increase the costs of the residents. Shirley Tate stated the excessive spending and the excessive payroll needs to be tightened. Shirley Tate stated she would like to know what the current rates are for the water, sewer, and storm water fees and if the rate increases pass what will be the new rates.

Finance Director
John Kasperek
Water Rate
Presentation

Finance Director Kasperek gave a presentation regarding the financial forecast required by the IEPA to obtain two \$4,000,000.00 dollar loans for the purpose of the city completing Phase II and Phase III of the Lead Service Line Project. Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief report on how raising the water rate will create a surplus for the Water Fund which will make the city eligible for the loans. Finance Director Kasperek stated that the goal for the Water Fund is for the Water Fund to be able to sustain the Water without any assistance from the Corporate Fund.

Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson requested the operational cost for 2020 for the Water Fund.

Finance Director
John Kasperek

Finance Director Kasperek responded that he will send out the 2020 audit to the council.

Aldерwoman Wilson Aldерwoman Wilson inquired if the base of the water rate which is now \$10.07 with the rate change we will move up to \$17.45 will that rate change if the city is forced to stop mixing water.

Finance Director John Kasperek Finance Director Kasperek responded the water mixing wasn't considered due to there being a 12% difference in water cost between Chicago and Hammond.

Water Commissioner Gerry Surufka Water Commissioner Gerry Surufka commented regarding the cost of repairs and testing for the water department.

Tabled Water Rate, Sewer Water, and Storm Sewer Fees Ordinance Aldерwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table the Ordinance relating to water rates, sewer rates, and storm sewer fees in the City of Calumet City.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMAN: None

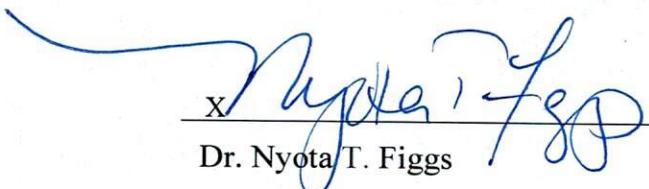
MOTION CARRIED

No Action on Farnsworth Invoices The council will not take action on a motion to approve the past due amount to Farnsworth in the amount of \$1,254,000.97 to be taken from The 2023 bond fund; this matter will appear on the January 27th agenda.

No Action on Resolution to Return Grant Funds The council will not take action on a Resolution to return the grant money for several projects to the State of Illinois due to lack of support and funding match money; this matter will appear on the January 27th Agenda.

Adjournment Alderman Williams moved to adjourn, seconded by Aldерwoman Harvey at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED


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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk