

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, August 03, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon the Roll Call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: Coleman

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **July 20, 2026**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **July 20, 2026**

5-3 Approval to Authorize Execution of Fifth Addendum to Service Agreement with SafeBuilt for Building Inspections and Plan Review Services

5-4 Approval to Authorize the Purchase of a Used Vehicle from the Village of Melrose Park to Start the Second K9 Unit, **not to exceed \$25,000**

5-5 Approval of the Adoption of the New and Updated 2026 Stormwater Management Program Plan (SMPP)

5-6 Approval of Health Insurance Renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, Wray, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aljeanette Strong

Ms. Strong is a licensed child-care provider that expressed concerns/complaints about the park near her home. Indicating that the teens from Brookstone, Prairie View, and Manchester Knolls apartment complexes meet at the park for fights. When the teens were not fighting, they congregate and smoke marijuana. The concern was the inability to allow her daycare children to play at the park. When there was no fighting there were people of various age groups also smoking marijuana and using profanity.

Ms. Strong mentioned that she called police twice that day because there were more than 50 youth at the park, and a child was attacked. The request was for more patrol in the area, in hopes to deter some of the undesirable behaviors.

She also was concerned with loose dogs. She was unable to walk on the nearby track because the Frenchies and pitbulls were able to escape the gate and were chasing people. The police have been called several times. The dogs in the area were not leashed.

Ms. Strong asked if the walkway could be plowed for the children (during), currently walk in street to and from school. Had never been plowed. Requested that the city assure the area was cleared up for the children.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. said the matter would be reviewed and he directed Ms. Strong's concerns to Chief of Staff Greg Jackson to obtain Ms. Strong's and provide him with her contact information for a follow-up.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. indicated that there had been incidents and the kids were getting rowdy.

Ms. Strong stated that, based on her observations, there was rivalry between 2 housing complexes (Brookstone and Prairieview). Issues among adults and children. Ms. Strong indicated when the police arrived the youth attempted to fight the officers.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	622,301.07
General Grants Fund		\$8,300.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	16,728.62
Capital Projects Fund	\$	742,066.85
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	\$	118,776.40
Reiree Premium Fund	\$	17, 632.08
Library Fund	\$	<u>10,798.32</u>
TOTAL	\$	1,536,603.34

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 08/03/26 in the amount of **1,536,603.34 when funds become available.**

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Allen, great Community Day on Sunday
Stated appreciation to Fire Department for assisting with charging the batteries of a resident.
- Mayor Rockingham Jr. mentioned that the movie in the park location had to change due to the weather during Community Days. He noted that the parade and fireworks would be rescheduled. The food vendors were able to make a profit. Overall, pleased with the 20th Anniversary.
- Alderman Allen mentioned that Tuesday, August 4, was National Night Out
 - Chief Perez mentioned 3 sites

- 4-5:15 pm 18th & Sheridan
- 5:30 pm-6:30 Lewis & Morrow
- 6:45 to 8:15 pm Brookstone & Khol's Park
- Abbive joining
- There will be a DJ at the locations and other activities.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 EXECUTIVE SESSION- 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(5)- ICOPS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT RATIFICATION

9-2 EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120 2 (C)(12) – ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVES OR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to suspend the Regular Order of Business and enter Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to resume the Regular Order of Business at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Evans that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk