MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, July 20, 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. <u>RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS</u>

5-1 Presentation for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Celebrating 85th Anniversary.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. announced that this was a proclamation for the anniversary of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on July 26, 2026; it does not need require approval at that time.

VI. <u>OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA</u>

6-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **July 06, 2026**

6-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **July 06, 2026**

6-3 Approval of the Treasurer's Report - **May 2026**

6-4 Approval of the Hach Service Agreement in the amount of **$33,713.67**

6-5 Approval of the Purchase of an Atlas Copco XAS188 Air Compressor Not to Exceed the amount of **$31,000**

6-6 Approval of the FY 2027 MFT Maintenance Resolution in the amount of **$1,515,000**, the Estimate of Maintenance Costs and TAI Maintenance Engineering Agreement in the amount of **$165,000** for the 2026 Street Resurfacing Program

6-7 Approval of Wallace Avenue Water Main Replacement Work Order from Trotter and Associates, Inc. for Design and Bidding Services in the Not to Exceed the amount of **$89,000**

6-8 Approval of Letter of Grant Award by the Illinois Attorney General for **$23,000**

6-9 Approval of Authorization to Renew the Agreement with SoundThinking, formerly ShotSpotter, in the Not to Exceed amount of **$108,800** for a 3-year agreement

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

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>
Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, Wray, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Carmecia Hathorne

Announcements for Foss Park District

Family Paint Night July 24, 2026, at 5-7 pm

Senior Botanic Garden Trip on August 6, 2026 – open registration

Flames Fuel the Fire- Unleash the Beast – review advertisement

Open Gym Basketball for 6-8th graders on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 pm

Latch Key Program for before and after school care registration soon available

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

8-1 APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT CHILLER OF HVAC SYSTEM FROM ATOMATIC MECHANICAL SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED **$148,920**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen approve Item 8-1 as presented.

Alderman Jackson questioned if Atomic Mechanical Services was the current vendor providing cooling to the building. Mayor Rockingham, Jr., responded yes informed that the HVAC unit on the roof went out, and the cost to repair was as costly as a new unit.

Alderman Jackson asked due to the emergency if there was a need to waive competitive bidding. Mayor Rockingham Jr. deferred to the city attorney. Attorney Megan Mack stated that it could be waived and thought it would be a good idea; therefore, amend the motion to waive competitive bidding for the emergency purchase.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to include an amendment to the motion and include to waive competitive bidding for the emergency purchase of a chiller for HVAC system.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, Wray, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

8-2 APPROVAL TO WAIVE FIRST READING AND APPLY TO THE OFFICE OF LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION (OLDCC) FOR INSTALLATION READINESS GRANT

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen, to approve Agenda Item 8-2 as presented.

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

Nays: None
Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

8-3 APPROVAL OF AN AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REAL ESTATE CONTRACT AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT PIN 08- 32-304-032 FOR **$70,000 PLUS CLOSING COSTS"**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Agenda Item 8-3 as presented.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

8-4 APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF THE FY 2027 SANITARY SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISING PROJECT TO H10 TECHNOLOGIES IN THE NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF **$163,839.60**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Agenda Item 8-4, as presented.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

8-5 APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY AT 815 ARGONNE DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF **$220,192.00** FROM EMANUEL FAITH BIBLE CHRISTIAN CENTER FOR THE ARGONNE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Agenda Item 8-5 as presented.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

8-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE CITY BILLS

General Fund	**$**	**300,639.31**
General Grants Fund	**$**	**911,884.49**
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	**$**	**117,799.07**
Capital Projects Fund	**$**	**126,128.91**
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	**$**	**167,493.63**
Vision Fund	**$**	**1,307.10**
Library Fund	**$**	**9.02**
TOTAL	**$**	**1,625,261.53**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to amend to approve the Regular bills of Council Run 07/20/26 in the amount of $1,625,261.53 `when funds become available.

Alderman Brooks questioned invoice line-item number 26-1037 reimbursement for recognition. Stating that recognizing individuals in the community was good; however, he thought purchases should not be from Aldermanic budget. To his knowledge, the purchase was by the 4th Ward Alderman. That type of expense should be paid out of personal funds and not be a city expense. Proposing that the city bills be paid minus that line item, in the amount of $427.04, making the new amount approved $1,624,834.49.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. mentioned that there was a motion and a second to change the bill on the floor. Motion by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Attorney Megan Mack clarified that it would be a motion to amend. Mayor Rockingham Jr. explained the was a motion to amend the amount by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Alderman Allen explained his reasoning for making the purchases. Indicating that it was not because they were in his ward, it was because they were 90+ years old and long-time citizens of the city. He mentioned that he had a budget and never extended it. Further, stating there are concerns about other city funds (naming upcoming events and expenses), which were more important than what he used his budget for.

Alderman Evans stated that he had previously made purchases himself for residents, but the purchases were denied because they were not what the council deemed a bill. Therefore, the funds must be used accordingly, and if someone desires to do something that is not what the council has previously agreed on, they should be responsible for paying for it themselves. It was not important why the awards were given, but it was given the wrong way. He had to abide by the rules, so it should be the same for everyone.

Alderman Brooks stated that the purpose was to ensure fairness across the board. Providing an example that he could not purchase T-shirts with his name on them and the city's name, pass them out to someone, and use the alderman's budget for it; it was referred to as campaigning. Therefore, it should not be done. Alderman Brooks also noted that the council was not aware of the awards, nor was the council's name listed, just one council person and the mayor's name.

Alderman Murphy echoed Alderman Brooks. She agreed with the honoring. However, the process was incorrect. It was not presented as the city recognizing its citizens and appeared to be campaigning. Assuring to state that the concern was not who was being honored, but the process. Alderman Allen clarified that from now on, procedures would be followed because he intended to ensure they were.

Alderman Brooks moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to amend to pass the Regular bills of Council Run 07/20/26 in the amount of $1,625,261.53, minus line item 26-1037 of $427.04, when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Wray, Murphy, Brooks
Nays: Allen
Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Evans- Township Meeting-Saturday, July 25, 2026, Marc Jones of Waukegan Township and Township Supervisor of Lake Bluff at 11 am in City Hall chambers
  -Alderman Murphy confirmed that Shields and Waukegan Township representation would be present
- Alderman Brooks announced that Lottie was in the hospital and asked prayers for her
- Alderman Wray stated that many people in her ward had questions about Shields township and strongly encouraged them to attend. Mayor Rockingham Jr. stated he would be at the Illinois Municipal League Summer Conference; therefore, he would not be in attendance for the Ward/Township Meeting.

X. 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 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Lori L. Collins, City Clerk