

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Virtual media Zoom Link with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Murphy, January

Absent: Evans, Smith

Alderman Evans joined Zoom Meeting during Roll Call.

The Mayor announced the possible absence of Alderman Smith.

IV. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

4-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **February 07, 2022**

4-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **February 07, 2022**

4-3 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **February 15, 2022**

4-4 City Treasurer's Report – **January 2022**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda items 4-1 thru 4-4 as presented.

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Smith, January

MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alderman January was present but inaudible momentarily. Present during remainder of Council Meetings.

Margaret Carrasco

Ms. Carrasco expressed her disappointment; allegedly police officers sent a “no confidence” letter concerning the Police Chief; Police Officer’s car incident; issue with credit cards; harassment violating housing rights and several other questions to be answered. Her family had been harassed.

Charles January

Mr. January expressed his disappointment with letter received concerning Police Chief and suggested his departure; Former Public Works Director should be sought for arrest for misuse of funds; a sad day for the City of North Chicago and Grant Place was purchased for approximately **\$4,000,000** and sold for less than **\$500,000**.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

6-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND IMPACT NETWORK SOLUTION TO PROVIDE NETWORK AND IT ASSESSMENT SERVICES IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Resolution authorizing execution of amendment between City of North Chicago and Impact Network Solution to provide Network and IT Assessment Services in Amount not to Exceed \$16,000.

Alderman Allen clarified that the Rittenhouse Group was not interested in submitting a proposal; Mayor Rockingham acknowledged they were not

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: Evans

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED

6-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – AUTHORIZATION OF MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR HACH COMPANY IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,404 FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CHEMICAL FEED PUMPS MONITORING AND REPORTING EQUIPMENT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve service contract for HACH Company in Amount not to Exceed \$32,404 for the Operation and Maintenance of Chemical Feed Pumps monitoring and reporting equipment at the Water Treatment Plant.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED

6-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE CONTRACT VALUE FOR OLMOS LANDSCAPING – SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,500 FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson approving increase contract value for Olmos Landscaping – Snow and Ice Removal in an Amount not to Exceed \$65,500 for 2021-2022 season.

Alderman January questioned why the increase in cost; the Mayor explained was an automatic increase, it was the 3rd and final year of the contract. City Engineer Steve Cieslica agreed with terms of contract and when it was originally passed the amount was \$35,000 but already had expended \$26,732 currently. Seeking additional \$35,000 to carry to the end of the year.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED

6-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR YEAR 2021 TO

PAY THE PRINCIPLE AND INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2007A GO BONDS FOR \$2,475,000; SERIES 2014A GO BONDS FOR \$6,010,000; AND SERIES 2014B GO BONDS FOR \$2,275,000

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Abatement of Property Taxes heretofore levied for year 2021 to pay the Principle and Interest on the Series 2007A GO Bonds for \$2,475,000; Series 2014A GO Bonds for \$601,000 and Series 2014B GO Bonds for \$2,275,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED

6-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING REGIONAL 9-1-1 CONSOLIDATION TO EXTEND ITS TERM – (2) YEARS

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Modification of the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Regional 9-1-1 Consolidation to Extend its term – (2) years.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED

6-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	266,093.12
Library	\$	123.70
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	30,749.84
Water Operations	\$	68,034.75
Grant	\$	35,582.12
TIF 2007A Debt Serv	\$	356.25
Retiree's Insurance Premium	\$	443.56
Grant Place Operating Fund	\$	11,659.33
 Total	\$	 413,042.67

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the bills of Council Run 2/21/22 in the amount of **\$413,042.67** with exception of Banquet Hall and D.J. (pg. 4) cost when funds become available.

Alderman January questioned if sufficient funds to cover the bills; balance of Water Fund amount at close of business day and quarterly transfer date. Interim Comptroller, Michael Peterson explained there was sufficient funds and directed question of Water Fund to the Treasurer; Treasurer Vance Wyatt; he clarified the amount wasn't readily available due to investment and money was shared with General Bank account exact amount. Generally the

information was provided from the Comptroller's Office. Alderman January stated that hopefully could move forward and receive a response.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS

Alderman Allen expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Interim Comptroller Michael Peterson for their quick response concerning support to local businesses; he was also thankful with the Street Department cleaning debris and installing lights at the Water Plant. He recognized Engineer Steve Cieslica; Public Works Director Bob Miller and Public Works Foreman Tommy Johnson.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk