

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., presiding.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. INVOCATION**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Absent: Smith, January

The Mayor clarified that the Council had to vote to accept remote participation through Zoom for Alderman January to participate in the meeting. Attorney Silverman read the (3) requirements for remote participation. He asked her if she had contracted COVID at this time; Alderman January explained that she worked in the medical field and she had a high possibility of contracting COVID.

Attorney Silverman said as the City's Attorney, he informed her that pursuant to State Statutes, Open Meetings Act, that she was required to be present physically and the reason presented was not one of The acceptable reasons not to be in person.

Alderman January emphasized the City was "Home Ruled." Attorney Silverman elaborated further.

Alderman January strongly stressed her loss of (2) family members; The Mayor expressed his condolences for her loss.

The Mayor left it up to City Council to vote her present and there was no response. The Mayor allowed her to participate in Zoom yet she would be unable to speak or vote on any matters.

- V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 5-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meetings, **September 06, 2022**
- 5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **September 06, 2022**
- 5-3 Approval and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – **July 2022**
- 5-4 Resolution Approving Professional Service Agreement with SECCO Environmental for **\$3,580** Regarding Sheridan Crossing Environmental Monitoring
- 5-5 Approval – Resolution of Support – ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant (Green Bay Path & Bridge)
- 5-6 Approval and Authorization to Execute the TAI Work Order for **16<sup>th</sup> St. and Kemble Ave.** Transmission Main – IEPA Loan Assistance in Amount Not to Exceed **\$37,500**
- 5-7 Approval of Adding Dr. Wadell Brooks, Sr. Name to Dr. Daisy Brooks' Street Sign
- 5-8 Approval of Landlord Licensing Ordinance; **Amending Title 5; Chapter 14** – Crime Free Housing & Registered Sex Offenders
- 5-9 Approval of Special Use Permit to Lease the Western Half of the Property for Contractor's Shop/Yard – Landscaping at **2946 23<sup>rd</sup> St.**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Items 5-1 Thru 5-3 as presented; 5-5 thru 5-9 be moved to Regular Agenda.**

Alderman Mayfield explained that item **5-3 (Treasurer's Report)** was a corrected version that was Previously submitted by Treasurer Wyatt; the correction was made **8/15/22**.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rayon Edwards

Mr. Edwards emphasized quoting to the elected officials that “the people are your bosses!” Many bullets Were fired the past weekend on **10<sup>th</sup> St.** and violence still continued in the City. He questioned the Mayor’s Leadership. There were many abandoned houses and he expressed his disgust.

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

5-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SUPPORT – ITEP (ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM) GRANT (GREEN BAY PATH & BRIDGE)

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Resolution Support – ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant (Green Bay Path & Bridge.)**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith, January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE TAI WORK ORDER FOR 16<sup>TH</sup> ST. AND KEMBLE AVE. TRANSMISSION MAIN – IEPA LOAN ASSISTANCE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,500.

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Item 5-6, Authorizing to Execute the TAI work order for 16<sup>th</sup> St. and Kemble Ave. Transmission Main – IEPA Loan Assistance in Amount Not to Exceed \$37,500 as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Smith, January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ADDING DR. WADELL BROOKS' NAME TO DR. DAISY BROOKS' STREET SIGN

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Item 5-7, Adding Dr. Wadell Brooks' Name to Dr. Daisy Brooks' Street Sign.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Smith, January

## **MOTION CARRIED**

5-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF LANDLORD LICENSING ORDINANCE AMENDING CRIME FREE HOUSING AND REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Landlord Licensing Ordinance; Amending Title 5; Chapter 14 – Crime Free Housing and Registered Sex Offenders.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Smith, January

## **MOTION CARRIED**

5-9 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL TO LEASE THE WESTERN HALF OF THE PROPERTY FOR A CONTRACTOR'S SHOP/YARD – LANDSCAPING AT 2946 23<sup>RD</sup> ST.

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Special Use Permit to Lease western half of the property for a Contractor's Shop/Yard – Landscaping at 2946 23<sup>rd</sup> St.**

Alderman Jackson asked if precedence was being set since this type of Special Use had never been done before. Attorney Silverman explained that with Zoning, there was no precedence for Special Use; the property was reviewed as proposed and did not have to approve everyone that requested.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Smith, January

## **MOTION CARRIED**

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF (1) NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE (FY24) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,325.

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the purchase of (1) new Fire Department Ambulance (FY24) in the Amount of \$244,325**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith, January

## **MOTION CARRIED**

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A 5-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE LEASING FOR THREE (3) FORD F250S WITH SNOWPLOWING CAPABILITY NOT TO EXCEED \$12,250 ANNUALLY PER VEHICLE AND AUTHORIZE ENTERPRISE TO SELL THE THREE (3) TRADE-IN VEHICLES

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve and authorization to Execute as 5-year lease agreement with Enterprise Leasing for three (3) Ford F250s with snowplowing capability not to exceed \$12,250 annually per vehicle and authorize Enterprise to sell the three (3) trade-in vehicles.**

**Alderman January entered the Council Chambers at 6:20 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>209,889.36</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,078.06</b>
<b>Water Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>82,519.89</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>334,487.31</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the bills of Council Run 9/19/22 in the amount of \$334,487.31 when funds become available.**

Alderman Jackson was concerned with \$400; pg. 25 paid to Kenneth Smith for Summer Up Graduation Photography; he asked if it was proper and thought it should be removed. Attorney Silverman said it was not typical that the City paid for services from an elected official. Alderman Allen asked why it was not paid with grant monies

Consulting Comptroller, Mike Peterson explained that grant monies was provided by the Steans Foundation; the bill was through the grant. Attorney Silverman strongly stated that it was not utilized from the General Fund; the City was the holder also distributor of the grant funds; payment was from the grant money. Mayor Rockingham suggested further discussion in Committee; it was agreed that it be placed in Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Evans questioned why a hold was placed on the item if was grant money being used; it was not City Funds. Mayor Rockingham explained the situation of Alderman Smith whom just entered.

**Alderman Smith entered at 6:27 p.m. during discussion.**

Alderman January stated there needed to be an amendment; asked if there were enough funds and amount in the Water Fund as of the previous Friday; Mr. Peterson acknowledged there were funds Available with the exception of Grant Funds which the shortfall would be corrected in **FY 23** was not sure of the amount in the Water Fund.

**Alderman Mayfield amended motion; Alderman Allen amended second to approve the amount of \$334,087.31.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Smith Murphy  
Nays: Evans, January  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

## CAR ACCIDENT – FAMILY MEMBERS

Alderman January stated loss of (2) family members in a car accident. She acknowledged Alderman Evans and Jackson for visiting by her residence and thanked everyone for continued prayers.

## EVENTS

Alderman Evans announced and invited everyone to the Public Safety Event, **October 08, 2022** at Fire Station and Water Plant. Halloween Parade with party **October 30, 2022** from **2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at Foss Park Community Center for all residents to attend. **November 05, 2022** Community Ward Meeting; **10:00 a.m.** at the North Chicago Library.

## VARIOUS ITEMS

Alderman Mayfield announced a joint (**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**) **Ward Meeting October 15, 2022** tentative time **10:00 a.m.**, Tim Miller Honorary Street Naming would be presented at the next **Council Meeting, October 03, 2022**.

## **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

9-1 Executive Session:

5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(1) – Personnel

**Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to Suspend the Regular Order of Business to go into Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(1) – Personnel at 6:36 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to Resume the Regular Order of Business at 6:59 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

9-2 Possible Action on Executive Session Items (Open Session)

There was no action to be taken

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

### **ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**