

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular Council meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023, 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, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: January

The Mayor announced that Alderman January had a family emergency.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **November 20, 2023**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **November 20, 2023**

5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **October 2023**

5-4 Approval of Ordinance for the levy and Collection of Taxes for the **2023** Year; **\$11,413,678.00**

5-5 Approval of Disabled Parking Permit for **1924 Jackson St.**

5-6 Approval of Disabled Parking Permit for **1701 Seymour Ave.**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items 5-1 thru 5-6 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dayna Goldman asked if the Strawberry Condominiums could receive the same aid as the Hampton Condominium. She provided an attachment to the council members and City Attorney David Silverman present at the meeting. She asked if the contract had been extended through September 20, 2024; the Mayor stated the Hampton contract was extended from **2019** until **2024**. Ms. Goldman questioned because of the flooding how the Strawberry residents could get help. He would schedule a meeting with Ms. Goldman.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF LASHA BROWN TO THE BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve appointment of Lasha Brown to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.

Alderman Coleman questioned clarification of increased number from **3 to 5 Commissioners**.

The Mayor acknowledged it was approved at the last meeting; she would be the 4th Commissioner.

Alderman Jackson inquired of Ms. Brown's term; City Clerk Collins stated it was a 3-year term.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor added she would be considered a new appointee and there would be an official letter sent to the Board. Alderman Smith asked how to make a nomination for the 5th Commissioner. Mayor Rockingham explained that he was the official that appointed and if there are any known prospects, please inform him.

7-2 **CONSIDERATION /APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

General Fund	\$ 1,871,871.16
General Grants Fund	\$ 7,800.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 34,966.12
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1,791.00
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	\$ 506,247.07
Retiree Premium Fund	\$ 17,281.33
Library Fund	\$ 24,400.21

TOTAL **\$ 2,464,356.89**

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the City Bills of Council Run 12/4/23 in the amount of \$2,464,356.89 when funds available.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification of legislative expenditures of \$100 for the 7th Ward. The Mayor asked if 501c3 organization; Comptroller, Tawanda Joyner acknowledged they were. Attorney Silverman asked if it was a routine expense; Ms. Joyner said it was not, it was a donation of \$100 to an organization that was already on bill run. Attorney Silverman explained it was a tier level organization and was her discretion to use her money in that way. The Mayor agreed with charitable events for aldermanic expenses.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Coleman

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Christmas Celebration & 3rd WARD MEETING

Alderman Evans announced the Christmas celebration and 3rd Ward Meeting, **December 19, 2023; 5-9 p.m.** located at the Foss Park Community Center, **1730 Lewis Ave.;** He encouraged participation.

4th Ward Meeting

Alderman Allen announced the 4th Ward Meeting, **December 16, 2023; 11:00 a.m.** held in the City Hall Council Chambers.

5th Ward Meeting

Alderman Smith a coat drive would be held at **2300 MLK Dr.**, would appreciate new or slightly used coats accepted for donation; also the 5th Ward **December 16, 2023; 5 - 10:00 p.m.** would be having a Christmas celebration. Alderman Smith clarified that the coat drive was open to the community. Additional flyers would be distributed.

Alderman Allen/Mayor announced “Shop with a Cop; **Saturday, December 9, 2023;** Volunteers welcome **7:00 a.m.**, meeting at Forrestal School, music and food provided from **11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Assistant Police Chief Gary Lunn said that the children were selected by counselors from the school. The Mayor explained he would be attending an IML winter meeting that day. The children always enjoyed themselves.

Alderman Coleman commended Assistant Chief Lunn with removing graffiti in the community and was well appreciated.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk