

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

**City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064**

Following City Council Meeting

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

6:38 PM

Alderman Mayfield called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF LIEN REQUEST TO REDUCE AMOUNT FOR 1703 GROVE AVE:

Interim Comptroller, Tawanda Joyner explained a copy of invoice amount attachment was provided. There was a water bill to be paid.

Alderman Allen strongly expressed the need for it to be paid.

Alderman Mayfield noted that water bill was high.

Ms. Joyner explained received no contact from owner, was billed for no usage to previous owner who was deceased; no access to the property and vacant prior to **2018**.

The Mayor questioned clarification; Ms. Joyner explained last payment was received in **2018**; unaware of water usage; Ms. Joyner stated no documents; spoke to Real Estate and reiterated was informed owner on record was deceased since **2020**. Ms. Joyner stated water was turned off on property; she explained the possibility the property was vacant and water pipes broke due to no heating causing higher bill amount; No access to Smart Meter. There was only a base fee charged to the property; He questioned the buyer or bank's request; Ms. Joyner stated the Executor. The Mayor asked if he was the executor since year **2018**; Ms. Joyner clarified no bill payment since **2018**.

Alderman January questioned significant amount with grass liens between years **2019-2021**; Ms. Joyner explained the amounts were annually and were no late fees for grass liens. She had higher concerns on the higher amount in year **2020** for **\$2,750**; Ms. Joyner would provide the date and amounts to her. She also asked the amount for Vacant Building Registration; Ms. Joyner explained requirements to register with the City and the fee amounts.

Nimrod Warda, City Planner explained there was a flat fee of **\$350** per 6-month session; Alderman January inquired if the current owner was aware of the process; Mr. Warda clarified whoever the legal entity was listed from Lake County Website, would be notified on the Lake County site; She was appreciative for the clarification.

Alderman Jackson suggested following up with tracking as to when the Executor was privy to the lien amount; Ms. Joyner explained in Finance Department only required the owner's name on the bills; utilize legal owner for vacant registration.

Mr. Warda clarified he reached out to management prior year of the violations in **2021**; notice was sent and resulted only with maintaining property through lawn mowing and neglected the remaining fees.

There was a final decision not to reduce amount of lien at **1703** Grove Ave. in the amount of **\$15,277.32**.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman January that Finance/Audit stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

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**I. DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT INTEREST AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF
GREEN BAY ROAD AND CASIMER PULASKI DRIVE:**

Alderman Smith announced nothing to be presented at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

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6:55 PM

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE; TITLE 3; CHAPTER 2; SECTION 3-2-11;

Fire Chief, John Umek requested amendment to existing City Code. There was an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) to the Family & Health Services. This was a federally funded program; the increased rates for ALS was from **\$1,800 to 2,300** and Base Rate from **\$1,017 to \$1,370** and no extra costs to the seniors.

Alderman January questioned if no private insurance; Chief Umek explained could establish a payment plan; directly to Medicaid payment and if special circumstances to possibly waive the fees.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January that Public Safety Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.