

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:01 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

Absent: Murphy, January

**Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to allow Remote Participation of Alderman Murphy and Alderman January.**

### ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

No Vote: Murphy (RP), January (RP)

Absent: None

## MOTION CARRIED

## V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

- 5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **February 19, 2024**
- 5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **February 19, 2024**
- 5-3 Approval of the Treasurer's Report – **January 2024**
- 5-4 Approval of TAI Work Order **Not to Exceed Amount** of **\$21,500** for the **2024** Demolition Project
- 5-5 Approval of Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements and Awarding a Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) Lining Contract **Not to Exceed Amount** of **\$177,715.00** to Sheridan Plumbing for Sewer Lining Work by Abbvie
- 5-6 Approval of Granting Time Extension to **June 14, 2024** - Integral Construction for Completion of the WTP (Water Treatment Plant) Valve Vault Project
- 5-7 Approval of **2024** WTP Painting Project Awarded to BP&T Construction **Not to Exceed Amount** of **\$81,728.30**
- 5-8 Approval of Supplemental Engineering Services for Ciorba Group **Not to Exceed Amount** of **\$36,211.28** for Sheridan Road Multi-Use Path Project
- 5-9 Approval of Letter of Intent for Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the Navy

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Items 5-1 thru 5-8 in the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.**

**Alderman Allen amended motion, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve items 5-1 thru 5-9 as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy (RP)

Nays: January (RP)

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Claudia Bulbucan – New Resident

Ms. Bulbucan said she was a new resident, owned chickens and received a citation for having them. She asked if the Council would consider amending the ordinance. Mayor Rockingham explained that it was decided by the Council not to allow them and that it would have to be discussed further at the aldermen discretion; but currently chickens especially roosters were not allowed. Alderman January suggested that she speak with her alderman; Mayor Rockingham informed her that the alderman was aware.

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

**7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – RESOLUTION HONORING EVETTA BARRETT**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution Honoring Evetta Barrett as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy (RP), January (RP)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 14 - LIQUOR CONTROL (ALDERPEOPLE HOLDING LIQUOR LICENSES)**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 14 – Liquor Control.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy (RP)

Nays: Jackson, Coleman, January (RP)

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>264,525.18</b>
<b>General Grants Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,130.69</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,875.04</b>
<b>CDBG Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>197.10</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,449.26</b>
<b>Water, Sewer &amp; Refuse Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>249,302.68</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>585,479.95</b>
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**MOTION:**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 3/4/24 in the amount of **\$585,479.95** when funds become available.**

Alderman January asked Comptroller Tawanda Joyner if there were sufficient funds, also when checks would be cut and sent, amount in Water Fund. Ms. Joyner said funds were available, checks would be cut the following day and sent Wednesday; the amount in the Water Fund as of Friday was **\$8,102,560.59** prior to bills being paid.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy (RP)

Nays: Coleman, January (RP)

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Alderman Evans announced 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Meeting; at the Foss Park Community Center **April 20, 2024** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and all were invited.

Mayor Rockingham announced that he would be absent from **3/5** through **3/8/24**; attending initiative delegation in Washington D.C., Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway with Asian Carp, erosion along the banks; lobbying with Legislatures for funding. He, the Mayor had also attended Northwestern University baseball game, **March 2, 2024**, where jersey #30 for Zion Mayor Billy McKinney was retired.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins**, City Clerk