

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, November 3, 2025, at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon the Roll Call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: Coleman

4-1 Recognition from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for DUI Enforcement:

- Officer Tierro Groves
- Officer Jordan Kopf

Police Chief Lazaro Perez read appreciation letter of recognition from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist.

Mayor Rockingham thanked the officers for their commitment to safety. He commended all safety officers (Police and Fire) and thanked for their service.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **October 20, 2025**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **October 20, 2025**

5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **August & September 2025**

5-4 Approval of Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (ILM RMA) Insurance Renewal

5-5 Approval of Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose via Auction Method – **712 Broadway Ave.; 2238 Hervey Ave.; 1700 Morrow Ave.; 822 13th Ave.**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeanette Allen

Expressed her support for the L.E.A.R.N. Charter School and noted that her children attended. She noted it was more than a school L.E.A.R.N. were the only schools in the district that met the state's requirement for performance. More than 800 students were served.

Michael Atlas

Thanked the Elected Officials for their service and dedication to the City of North Chicago.

Satrese Stallworth

Came to ask for support and \$2,000 donation toward Ezyrah's Gift INC. Christmas giveaway. Specifically, \$250 from each alderman and Mayor's budget.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- 7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF TO WAIVE FIRST READING AND APPROVE THE NEW PHOENIX G2 STATION ALERTING SYSTEM, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT COSTS, INSTALLATION AND STATION SYSTEM SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,893.35

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the waiving of first reading and approve the new Phoenix G2 Station Alerting System, including equipment, costs, installation and station system services in the amount of \$116,893.35.

Alderman Brooks asked if it was a new system, Fire Chief John Umek explained that it was a new system to be compatible. Funding was from ETSD Board and if the monies were not used it would be lost to Lake County.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: ~~Jackson~~, None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

- 7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	388,311.20
General Grants Fund	\$	17,356.20
Federal Forfeiture Fund	\$	2,800.00
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	\$	88,216.08
Retiree Premium Fund	\$	16,077.08
Library	\$	5,473.29
	\$	518,233.85

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 11/03/25 in the amount of \$518,233.85 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Murphy thanked Chief Umek and the Fire Department concerning emergency matter in her Ward. They were quick and attentive; there was no loss of life.

- Alderman Brooks noted that the seat that Reverend Devost sat in in the Council Chambers was draped in his honor. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. recognized Reverend Devost and said that it was great loss.
- Mayor Rockingham, Jr. announced the City of North Chicago Documentary presentation at the North Chicago High School the following day. Also, Tree Lighting Ceremony Tuesday, **December 2, 2025**, at 6 p.m.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (C)(2) – Collective Bargaining

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to Suspend the Regular Order of Business at 6:27 p.m. to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(2).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to Reconvene the Regular Order of Business at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

9-2 Approval of SEIU Collective Bargaining Agreement

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the SEIU Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk