

## MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:00 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, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Coleman, Allen, January

The Mayor announced that Alderman Allen was unable to attend in person or zoom.

Alderman Coleman requested remote participation via Zoom due to business and Alderman January requested due to her obligations.

**Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to allow Alderman Coleman and January remote participation via Zoom.**

#### ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

Alderman Coleman and January was present via zoom.

### V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **February 3, 2025**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **February 3, 2025**

5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **January 2025**

5-4 Approval of BP&T Change Order to Extend the **2024** Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Painting Project to FY **2025** Not to Exceed Price of **\$100,000** for BP & T Construction

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approved items 5-1 to 5-4 as presented.**

Alderman January asked to move item **5-4** to the Regular Agenda.

#### ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January (RP)

Absent: Allen

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Norman Cole -

Mr. Cole explained **July 1, 2024**, the extension was approved for **0** Fairway Lane and **0** Green Bay Rd.

Following, the applications were submitted and the plans were sent **January 2025**, to the Economic & Community Development Director and he didn't receive the contracts in return. One contract was to be expired and the other for a sprinkler system. He suggested to the Mayor, to be grandfathered in. Nothing was resolved and currently may be forwarded to legal. He explained there were pending liens on the city lots when purchased.

Rayon Edwards

He expressed his disappointment with the primary. He clarified was very intelligent, he observed and was concerned that the numbers were very low and was disgusting. An Aldermen called the Seniors greedy people.

Margaret Carrasco

She was informed that the Mayor allegedly was present at the polling site. She clarified it was an election Judge citing what the code was. The following day she received a violation on her vacant lot. There was an ethics complaint against Mayor Leon Rockingham. She claimed he had misused millions of Federal Grant funding etc.

Michelle Love – Danielle Willis

She explained that there hasn't been a local Girl Scout Troop in **8+** years. There are currently **25+** members and would be honored to partner with the City of North Chicago. There were **(2)** different Categories of members, younger and older. They learn leadership skills and opportunities to earn scholarships. They were meeting twice a month at the North Chicago Library, Saturday from **2-4 p.m.** They were trying to make a difference to the young lady's lives. The importance of community outreach for the members. Alderman Murphy questioned clarification with the hours at the library. Ms. Love reiterated what was discussed. Ms. Love explained the members were engaging a vacation to Thailand. The Mayor offered available assistance for the girl scout troop. Alderman Coleman would like to contribute.

Carmecia Hawthorn

Ms. Hawthorn inquired if there were any concerns, she was the person to address.

- The Daughter/Dad Dance, held at Foss Park was rescheduled, **March 22, 2025; 6-2: p.m.**
- Woodcreek Casino trip; **\$10** fee, **March 15, 2025**. There were still available openings.
- Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled **April 12, 2025; 11 a.m.** and adults; **6 p.m.** with adult prizes.

She appreciated the support of all the attendees for the Black History Month Celebration. The Mayor was a guest speaker.

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF BP&T CHANGE ORDER TO EXTEND THE 2024 WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) PAINTING PROJECT TO FY 2025 NOT TO EXCEED PRICE OF \$100,000 FOR BP&T CONSTRUCTION**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the BP&T Change order to extend the **2024** Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Painting Project to **FY 2025 Not to Exceed Price of \$100,000** for BP&T Construction as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

**MOTION CARRIED**

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 483,769.17
<b>General Grants Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</b>	\$ 85,892.06
<b>CDBG Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Federal Forfeiture Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>State Seizure Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Downtown TIF Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Sheridan Crossing TIF Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Skokie Highway TIF Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	\$ 16,834.62
<b>Debt Service 2007C Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Debt Service 2014A Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Debt Service 2007B Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Water, Sewer &amp; Refuse Fund</b>	\$ 545,739.27
<b>Vision Fund</b>	\$ -
<b>Retiree Premium Fund</b>	\$ 6,954.35
<b>Library Fund</b>	\$ 14,247.60
 <b>Total</b>	\$ 1,153,437.07

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman January to pay the bills of Council Run 3/3/25 in the amount of \$1,153,437.07 when funds become available.**

Alderman January asked if there were sufficient funds, when checks would be cut and sent, including amount in Liquid Water Fund. Comptroller Tawanda Joyner answered that there were sufficient funds available, checks to be processed Wednesday. She explained the balance in the Water Fund's liquid amount of \$5,400,220.19.; Treasurer Vance Wyatt explained the non-liquid assets amount was \$1,125,627.53 at market closing.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Coleman (RP) January (RP)

Absent: Allen

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

9-1 Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(11) – Imminent Litigation

**Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to suspend the Regular Order of Business at 6:26 p.m. to Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(11) – Imminent Litigation.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Smith, Murphy, January (RP)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Allen

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to resume the Regular Order of Business at 7:38 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Alderman Allen was absent.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Alderman Allen was absent.**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**