

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:03 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

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to allow Alderman Coleman to participate remotely via Zoom Recording.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Alderman Coleman was present via Zoom at 6:05 p.m.

4-1 Swearing in of Officer Juliet Villa

Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. administered the oath of Officer Villa. Officer Villa was grateful for the opportunity. Mayor Rockingham welcomed Officer Villa and appreciated the service to North Chicago.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

- 5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, ~~August 18, 2025~~ September 2, 2025
- 5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, ~~August 18, 2025~~ September 2, 2025
- 5-3 Approval of Second Amendment Lease Agreement for City Owned Property at PIN 12-04-300-020 in the Amount of \$500 monthly
- 5-4 Approval of Professional Services Agreement to Baxter & Woodman, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$48,886 for the Water & Sewer Rate Study Project
- 5-5 Approval of Lindahl Marine & Mahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. to Repair Raw Water Pump #1; Clean Wet Well, Screens and Repair Underwater Doorway in the Amount Not to Exceed \$272,000
- 5-6 Approval of FY26 MFT Road Projects
- 5-7 Approval of Contract Renewal for Daphne Reyes, Leads Coordinator/Project Manager for the Police Department (Term: September 29, 2025 – March 27, 2026)
- 5-8 Approval of Proclamation for National See Tracks Think Train Week; September 15-21, 2025

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

Alderman Murphy noted a correction in the Miscellaneous portion of the minutes. The day of the food truck event should be Thursday vs. Tuesday. City Clerk Lori L. Collins said the correction would be made in the permanent record.

Alderman Allen and Alderman Evans accepted the correction with the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Abstain: Coleman (RP)

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Lambrecht

Said that everyone in general pays real estate taxes. One real estate company is not paying real estate taxes in this area; the company that currently owns military housing (over 1,000). They were paying previously and there should be a committee to collect the taxes.

Rayon Edwards

Gentrification was happening in North Chicago and concerned with renters' rights. PVP Properties (various names) were charging renters for water. All the renters' bills differed, and the apartments were the same size, there was only one meter, and the cost should not be different. The buyers of the properties were not concerned with residents that have been long-term in the community.

Mike Mueller

Union Representative for some North Chicago employees. He noted that the union contract was in negotiations. Attorney Simon explained that Collective Bargaining Negotiations were private, there could be public comments on the contract when set for ratification. Mr. Mueller invited the elected officials to attend the negotiations.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	292,253.17
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	33,493.31
Capital Projects Fund	\$	105,740.07
Water, Sewer, & Refuse Fund	\$	193,776.36
Library Fund	\$	3.07
	\$	625,265.98

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 9/15/25 in the amount of \$625,265.98 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Evans said the 3rd Ward Meeting was excellent
- Alderman Wray asked date of Shields Township Meeting; Alderman Evans would notify the public and elected officials of that meeting concerning taxes

IX. 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 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk