

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Temporary Chairman, Alderman Allen 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: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to appoint Alderman Bobby Allen as Temporary Chairman in the absence of the Mayor.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-1 Promotion of Firefighter, Matthew Stoll to Rank of Lieutenant

Fire Chief, Dell Urban was very appreciative of him as a firefighter and named his accomplishments received and swore him in as rank of Lieutenant. The ceremonial pinning of the badge was by his daughter and girlfriend Alexandria.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **January 06, 2020**

5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **January 06, 2020**

5-3 Water Department Report – **December 2019**

5-4 Fire Department Report - **December 2019**

5-5 Treasurer's Report - **December 2019**

5-6 Monthly Budget Report - **December 2019**

5-7 An Ordinance Enacting and Levying a Gas Use Tax

5-8 Municipal Gas Tax Collection Agreement between the City of North Chicago and North Shore Gas Co.

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

Alderman January clarified hasn't an in depth presentation of how the city funds were being invested and requested an updated detailed report. If not available, she suggested that it was presented at the next meeting. Interim Comptroller, Daniela Partipilo explained the investment transfer of **\$10,000,000 to the wealth management** was in **September 2019** to the U.S. Treasury (90 day treasury initially) and matured in **February 2020** continually monthly until **2022**. The interest rate was **1.9%**. She questioned the definition of the e-pay clearing account. Mrs. Partipilo explained it was the online payments by credit card or electronic fund

transfer for online water bill payments thru Illinois Funds. She, Alderman January reiterated request.

Alderman Allen requested a detailed report provided for the Aldermen.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	173,929.26
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	35,000.04
Water Operations	\$	534,992.36
Community Development - CDBG	\$	10,571.15
911 Emergency Telephone Sys.	\$	414.00
TIF II Downtown/Industrial	\$	2,042.50
Skokie Highway TIF III	\$	8,372.50
Grant Place Operating Fund	\$	3,189.70
TOTAL	\$	768,511.51

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 1/21/20 in the amount of \$768,511.51 when funds become available.

Alderman Evans questioned **pg. 9**; MNTC Repair and the specific leased vehicles. Mrs. Partipilo explained it was an abbreviation for maintenance and would send the information in detail to the Aldermen. Alderman Evans compared bills displaying detail.

Alderman January requested more comparison, where were they servicing the vehicles and who was submitting the bill. There was a large disparity with the maintenance cost. Mrs. Partipilo clarified that Enterprise was only the manager and did not choose what vendors the City utilizes.

Alderman January requested a list of any and all maintenance of City owned vehicles and costs for the prior 2 weeks. Would like a list of what was paid to Enterprise and what the actual cost of repairs were.

Alderman Evans questioned clarification if the City decided what vendor is being used. Mrs. Partipilo explained the purpose of Enterprise was a maintenance repository.

Alderman January explained the City paid for expensive software for tracking the fleet. Mrs. Partipilo explained there were savings of **(3)** salaries.

Alderman Evans stressed need of a mechanic. Mrs. Partipilo referred him to the attachment.

Alderman Mayfield stated she was approached by a business owner that indicated their submitted bills were not being paid by Enterprise. Mrs. Partipilo explained that cost over **\$750** had to be approved by staff. Alderman Mayfield clarified the vendor wasn't paid for (3) months and felt that was excessive.

Mrs. Partipilo explained that cost variations between the parts/labor and staffing for mechanics

Alderman January questioned approval of **\$750** threshold and the amount should be lower. Mrs. Partipilo explained it took more time and staff did a fine job in reviewing the bills.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when dispensed. Interim Comptroller, Daniela Partipilo acknowledged there were; the amount of **\$1,590,660.73** from the Enterprise Fund and next quarterly transfer of **\$650,000** next the month of April **2020**.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS

Alderman Mayfield explained different methods of being counted for the census; via phone, internet or mail. It would be due the middle of **March 2020**; the City videographer had a medical emergency and she was thankful for receiving the council packets earlier.

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION

Alderman Allen informed the public of an information seminar with Reginald & Crystal Boysin, every **Wednesday** beginning **6 p.m.**, located at Foss Park Community Center to discuss "how to purchase a home, build credit and get mortgages."

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk