

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Tuesday, September 08, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Virtual media Zoom Link with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Absent: Fisher, January

3-1 Resolution Honoring Ernest. B. Fisher, Sr.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Resolution Honoring Ernest B. Fisher, Sr.

City Clerk, Lori Collins read the Resolution as requested.

The Mayor stated that Alderman Fisher would be truly missed.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, January

MOTION CARRIED

IV. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

4-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **August 017, 2020**

4-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **August 17, 2020**

4-3 Water Department Report – **August 2020**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve items 4-1 thru 4-3 in the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, January

MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Collins stated she received (3) public comments via e-mail and forwarded to the Mayor's Office.

Unique Williams

Ms. Williams, a North Chicago graduate sent e-mail concern of North Chicago economic quality of life; ensuring financial stability, rentals; high unemployment rate; how has the City engaged with Abbott Labs and neighboring companies to create opportunities for the citizens and economic development for high risk neighborhood areas.

William and Tamara Coleman – North Chicago Think Tank

They requested improved political stability; questioned the City’s position with defunding the police; what was encouraged in building their trust; requested condemning police brutality; war on drugs; over-policing negatively impacting minorities.

Veronica Lynn Willis – North Chicago Think Tank

Stated had represented the North Chicago Think Tank. She questioned how the City contributed to the health, clean air and needs of the North Chicago families. She questioned the Mayor what was the quality of life in North Chicago when subjected to a “food desert”, if the air, soil and water were consistently being tested by Abbotts and those test results. The “carbon footprint” of the City; the current plans with a more environmentally friendly, cooperating with Rosalind Franklin University, Lake County Health Department; the city officials that allowed drug paraphernalia;

The Mayor stated he would prepare a response to those questions and City Council members.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

6-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY (PIN 12-06-210-027) – 2920 20TH PL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the disposal of surplus property (PIN 12-06-210-027) – 2920 20TH PL. The bid amount of \$10,000 was received from Amias Turman.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, January

MOTION CARRIED

6-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	322,851.70
Library	\$	5,924.89
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	44,431.40
Water Operations	\$	135,056.52
Grant	\$	18,208.52
Community Development - CDBG	\$	2,610.00
Fed.Forfeited Property (DEA)	\$	11,291.25
911 Emergency Telephone Systems	\$	1,086.17
Retiree's Insurance Prem	\$	16,227.23
TIF II Downtown/Industrial	\$	1,938.79
Skokie HWY TIF III	\$	6,002.50
Grant Place Operating Fund	\$	4,027.19
TOTAL	\$	569,656.16

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 09/08/20 in the amount of \$569,656.16 when funds become available.

Alderman Allen requested copy of Community Day bills for his records.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Markham

Absent: Fisher, January

MOTION CARRIED

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

COMMUNITY DAYS

Alderman Allen received report from Interim Comptroller, Daniela Partipilo. He questioned clarification of the **\$30,000** in proceeds and **\$35,000 expenditures**. The stage/stage manager deposits were carried over to the following year. They were paid prior to COVID-19. Alderman Allen directed to ensure monies were collected prior to expenditures.

The Mayor clarified that the City was unable to solicit as usual due to COVID-19. The additional funds collected was utilized from Community Development. Alderman Allen strongly stressed to be more mindful of spending.

Alderman Markham questioned payment to company PMG and amount for Community Days prior year; Mrs. Partipilo explained. She couldn't recall the amount prior and would return the information to him. The revenue and expenditures were placed in an escrow account.

The Mayor received information that the City didn't exceed the proceed monies.

COMPLAINT RECEIVED

Alderman Evans received complaint from an employee concerning a non-employee that disciplines within the department repeatedly. The Mayor directed to be addressed to the Department Head or Human Resources with employment issues. Alderman Evans stated that staff had complained concerning Non-Department Head mistreatment. He would approach the Mayor with the information and hoping it would be resolved.

VIII. 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.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, January

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk