



Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to refer Proshred invoices to the next regular city council meeting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner.  
NAYS: 0 ALDERMAN: NONE  
ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Benford & Brown**

Mayor Jones: "You all had questions regarding invoices #14282& #14283?"

Ald. Wilson: " I have questions regarding the invoices, we approved a Forensic audit not preparing files for the FBI. I wanted to know why are we paying for this when it seems to be outside the scope of the audit?"

Auditor Benford: "When I met with you all in executive session we discussed and you all approved this item back in November, you all agreed that I gather information and move forward. I also have written communication from the mayor requesting that I do so. I believe that Alderman Patton was one of the Aldermen that requested that I do so; however, we would probably need to go back and listen to that session. Again, I have written communication from the mayor to them, and I have had one meeting with them and I gathered the information and they have requested additional documents. Typically, we do not add those items to the invoice to protect your interest if those items are ever foia'd. During an investigation, if someone receives the documents it's not made public what is under investigation by the FBI

Mayor Jones: "Beyond the scope of that question we need to keep it general not to disclose executive session. So, alderman if you want that item removed from the invoice, I suggest you have a conversation with the City Attorney one on one."

Ald. Wilson: "I have another question. This invoice also requests payments for processing liens and typically that's an employee function. So, are you processing liens for the city?"

The auditor explained she is not processing liens but has provided a process for liens and liens are being processed by an employee of the city.

Clerk Figgs asked why the auditor is reviewing her emails regarding a federal subpoena and explained that Benford and the Edgar County Watchdogs are being sued and the attorney came to city hall harassing the clerk's office. The clerk asked why Benford is reviewing her emails.

Mayor Jones: "Madam Clerk the question is out of order and is about legal. I suggest you contact her directly to discuss but not discuss that in an open session."

Clerk Figgs: "I do not need to contact her personally; she is the defendant in that case I have nothing to do with it".

Mayor Jones: "What's on the agenda is the invoice, so your question is out of order"

Clerk Figgs: "The invoices are on the agenda and the items are in the invoices so they can be discussed".

Mayor Jones stated the questions were inappropriate and the city attorney should contact the clerk regarding the questions.

Ald. Wilson stated she thought this was the purpose of the meeting if we cannot answer questions in an open session and cannot in a closed session how we ask questions.

Mayor Jones explained why we go into executive sessions.

Ald. Wilson stated if we cannot speak about it in an open session, we should discuss it in a closed session.

Mayor Jones stated the items on the invoices are not executive session appropriate, all should contact the attorney if there are questions.

Clerk Figgs: "Executive session is appropriate for pending litigation. The invoices list a meeting she had with the city attorneys to amend the lawsuit against the clerk all the invoices are about pending litigation. Therefore, it either needs to be discussed either in an open session or executive session.

Mayor Jones: "City Clerk you are not a city attorney, these items are not appropriate for the executive session."

Attorney Samuelson stated that the executive session is limited to items and the invoices are not to be discussed in the executive session therefore in order to be careful not to violate any rules or attorney-client privilege the items should not be discussed in a closed session.

Ald. Wilson stated that she did not want the approval of the invoices to insinuate her approval of anything beyond her initial vote.

The invoices were tabled until the next meeting and the attorneys will be supplied the invoices each alderman can contact the attorneys and Benford for any questions.

Executive Session

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Navarrete to enter into closed session for the purposes of Employment of a specific individual and pending litigation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The city council met in a closed session from 3:43 – 4:35 p.m.

Ald. Smith arrived

Aldermen Williams arrived at 3:53 p.m. in a closed session.

Return to the  
Regular Order of  
Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to return to the the regular order of business at 4:32 p.m.

FOP Contract Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton direct City Attorney to prepare tentative CBA with the FOP in accordance with the closed session deliberations.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith.

NAYS: 0 ALDERMAN: NONE

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

**MOTION CARRIED**

Hladek v. Calumet City settlement Alderman Wilson moved, second by Alderman Gardner to approve the Hladek v. Calumet City et al. settlement.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith.

NAYS: 0 ALDERMAN: NONE

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

**MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Alderman Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Gardner at 4:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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City Clerk