

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**HELD ON JUNE 19, 2023 VIA ZOOM
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Mayor Jones via zoom.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were Mayor Jones, City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey.

Virtual Meeting Ordinance

Mayor Jones acknowledged the Governor's Order to end virtual meetings on May 12, 2023, Mayor Jones reported that Calumet City has an Ordinance in place that allows virtual meetings to continue.

June 19, 2023 Virtual Meeting

Alderman Wilson moved seconded by Alderman Smith to acknowledge that Calumet city has a Virtual meeting Ordinance and this meeting will be held virtually on June 19, at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

City Council Agenda

Mayor Jones reported that there has been changes made to June 22, 2023 agenda. There was a brief discussion regarding the corrections that have been made and also new corrections that might need to be added to the agenda.

Potential Economic Development

There was a brief discussion about potential development projects and how projects that are apart of the No Cash Bid program will appear on future agendas Mayor Jones spoke about the goal of purchasing the first 64 properties.

Financial Matters

Mayor Jones spoke briefly about the upcoming budget meeting and how the funds for Public Works new equipment would come from the Cares Money. Mayor Jones stated that we will start to use the Technology grant. The next reconstruction project is in Inspectional Services and the goal is to put 2 to 3 kiosks there for the residents.

Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams joined the zoom meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Potential Events

Mayor Jones reported to the Council that the city has received several request for Events like Car Shows and Carnivals; previously the code has been used to deny request. Mayor Jones wants to know the councils take on allowing the events in the city.

Navarrete and Williams would like to look into the possibility of approving events if Val Williams vets the representatives first.

Truck Parking Ordinance

Mayor Jones commented on the Police Chiefs concerns with the wording of the current Ordinance regarding Truck Parking. The Chief is concerned with the City’s right to tow the trucks violating the Ordinance. Mayor Jones reported that the City Attorneys suggested re-wording the Ordinance. There was a brief discussion regarding what other literature needs to be placed in the Truck Parking Ordinance.

Ordinance Meeting

Mayor Jones requested that Alderman Tillman schedule a Resolution and Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Lawsuit

Mayor Jones educated the Council on a lawsuit that was filed by “the dread head Cowboy” against Calumet City for the Police Department grabbing him by his Dreadlocks and snatching 10 of them out when they pulled him down off his horse. The “Dread head Cowboy” also reported that his shoulder was dislocated because of the incident. The claim is that there is not Ordinance in place that prohibits him from riding his horse down the street.

Fireworks July 2, 2023

The Street behind Sears will be closed down for the fireworks show. Residents must register for the show and must have a car to enter.

Meetings

Mayor Jones advised the council a list was emailed to them for potential Budget dates. Mayor Jones also commented on meeting with the Aldermen for the Aldermanic projects.

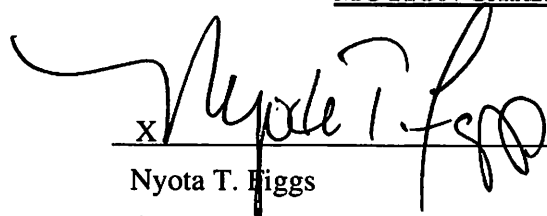
Bonds

Mayor Jones asked for an update on the Bond investment. Treasurer Tarka advised that he didn’t currently have any concrete information; but the city has invested and has been very successful. Treasurer Tarka will have more accurate information for the Council during the Budget meeting.

Adjournment

Alderman Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Wilson at 6:10 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk