

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

**City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois
NOVEMBER 09, 2023**

Public Comment

George Grenchik 457 Freeland Avenue invited the city to attend Trivia Night on November 18, 2023 starting at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Knock. George Grenchik invited the council to a small Saint Victor's Museum December 03, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Knock. George Grenchik commented on Mayor Jones being nice to the reporters. Paulette Nelson Senior Advisory member thanked the committee for their work on the Senior Prom with a special thanks to Mayor Jones, Val Williams, Jesse Tate and Christina Signorelli.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:07 p.m. in a regular meeting on November 09, 2023, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Tillman (Excused)

Also present was City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, Public Works Deputy Commissioner Josh Brown, Deputy Commissioner Zach Qualkinbush, Fire Chief Bachert, Assistant Fire Chief Bendinelli.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Veteran Coordinator Charles Pryor

Veteran Coordinator Charles Pryor who is a 20 year resident of Calumet City, Army War Veteran, and a Purple Heart recipient thanked all Veteran's for their service. Charles Pryor invited Veterans in Calumet City to contact him at (312) 509-3803 or (708) 891-8100 (ext 8132) for assistance. Charles Pryor would like Veterans that are eligible to take the Honor Flight to take advantage. Mr. Pryor announced that Calumet City employees that have served will be receiving plaques at a later date.

Police Chief Kolosh

Police Chief Kolosh recognized the Calumet City Police Department Veterans and thanked them for their service. Chief Kolosh read a thank you letter to Officer Pagan for his actions while on duty.

Fire Chief Bachert

Fire Chief Bachert recognized the Calumet City Fire Department Veterans and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones thanked his father and his brother for their service. Mayor Jones acknowledged Alderman Williams and thanked him for his service.

Approval of Minutes

October 16, 2023: Special Meeting
October 23, 2023: Special Meeting
October 26, 2023: Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Patton had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman was absent.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete reported on the Town hall meeting on November 08, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW located at 664 Hirsh Avenue. Alderman Navarrete thanked the residents, City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, and Deputy Clerk Quentin Dailey for attending the 1st ward meeting. Alderman Navarrete thanked the principal of TF North for allowing him to come and speak with the Government classes. Alderman Navarrete thanked the students and their teacher for a great conversation.

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson thanked the 2nd ward residents, City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs and Deputy Clerk Quentin Dailey for attending the BLOC meeting on November 08, 2023. Alderwoman Wilson would like any second ward residents that would like to contribute to VISIONS newsletter to contact her intern Lauren at (708) 526-4990. Alderwoman Wilson wished all Veterans a Happy Veterans Day.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman was absent.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams invited residents that would like to attend the pre-holiday dinner at Bernadine Manor to contact his office to RSVP at (708) 212-2240 by Monday. Alderman Williams announced the annual Turkey and food box give away will be held on November 18, 2023, the first stop is at 1 Chestnut court at 10:00 a.m. and Ginger Ridge at 11:00 a.m.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner requested that 5th ward residents contact him with any concerns at (708) 891-8195. Alderman Gardner announced that there will not be any 5th ward meetings held the rest of the year due to the holidays.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton had no report.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith invited 7th ward residents to the Monthly Town Hall meeting on November 18, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at DA's Banquet Hall. Alderman Smith would like everyone who has a request for a turkey to email Asmith@calumetcity.org.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Track 'N Trap Wildlife RE: Track 'n Trap Wildlife Control report for the period of October 16 - October 31 2023.
 - B. Recognition of Officer Pagan RE: Officer Pagan receiving recognition for his efforts on duty.
 - C. South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association RE: South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) Request for Qualifications Issued.
 - D. Cook County State's Attorney's Office 2023 Report RE: Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) September 2023 Report Calumet City.
 - E. Cook County Treasurer 2023 Tax Year Bill (Amended) RE: Office of the Cook County Treasurer 2023 Tax Year Bill Analysis News Release. (Amended)
 - F. National Veterans Small Business Week RE: National Veterans Small Business Week.
- Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File Alderman Williams moved seconded by Alderman Smith to approve informational items to be accepted and placed on file as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Amend the Handicap Parking Ordinance Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 307 Marquette Avenue.

#2: Approve Changing Council Meeting Date Approve changing the Regular City Council meeting on Thursday, November 23, 2023 to Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00pm.

#3: Approve the Disposal of Inoperable Vehicles Approve the disposal of the following inoperable vehicles which have reached end of service life and remove them from the city's insurance: 1994 International – VIN #1HTGMAAR5SH636586 2007 International – VIN #1HTWCAAR78J659707 Ford F-450 – VIN #1FDXF46R88EC39266 2004 International – VIN #1HTMNAAM35H131879 Elgin Whirlwind – VIN

#49HAADB67DX60601 1994 International – VIN
#1HTSDAAN8RH573923.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Smith motioned seconded by Alderman Williams to approve new business items.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: NONE
ALDERMEN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

Privacy Fence

511 Exchange 2nd Ward
294 Cornell 1st Ward
608 Buffalo 7th Ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: NONE
ALDERMEN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

NONE

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson requested that financial items #5, #10, #12, #13, and #33 be taken separately.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton requested that financial item #37 be taken separately.

#1: Payment to Track ‘n Trap (Inv #1643)

Approve payment to Track ‘n Trap (Inv #1643) for October 2023 Services, in the amount of \$7,725.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01060 52487.

#2: Payment to Track ‘n Trap (Inv #1644)

Approve reimbursement to Track ‘n Trap (Inv #1644) for stolen traps, in the amount of \$264.34 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01060 52487.

- #3: Payment to Laserfiche Approve the renewal and upgrade of Laserfiche software in the amount of \$9668.00. Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to TBK Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$9668.00 to be charged to account 01060-52430.
- #4: Payment to Precision Control Systems Approve payment emergency repairs to the HVAC system at the Police Department to be performed by Precision Control Systems; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Precision Control Systems in the amount of \$87,309.00, to be charged to account 01060-52345 (Building Maintenance). Details are provided in the attached communication from Farnsworth Group.
- #6: Payment to Ricoh Approve Ricoh proposal for document processing services for Building and Zoning; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$15,992.21 and charge account #01069-55100.
- #7: Payment to CivicPlus LLC (invoice #247289) Approve payment to CivicPlus LLC for Municode Meetings Annual Renewal (invoice #247289) from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2023; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,400.00 and charge account #01029-52126.
- #8: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #246340) Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #246340) for Project #0230465, in the amount of \$35,334.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.
- #9: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #246704) Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #246704) for Project #023MUN0222, in the amount of \$74,675.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.
- #10: Payment to D.A.'s Banquets & Events Approve payment to D.A.'s Banquets & Events for Senior/Employee Christmas Party, in the amount of \$13,924.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52990.
- #11: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve payment in the amount of \$426,816.00 to Calumet City Plumbing for the City's Lead Service Line Replacement Project remit payment from account #12607-55145 (Capital Project Fund-Lead Service Replacement Line).
- #12: Payment to Millennium Recycling (inv 0000048402) Approve costs payable to Millennium Recycling (inv 0000048402), in the amount of \$14,542.68. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 30807-52141.
- #13: Payment to Millennium Recycling (inv 0000048484) Approve costs payable to Millennium Recycling (inv 0000048484), in the amount of \$18,794.48. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 30807-52141.
- #14: Payment to Chicago Communications LLC. (inv 80873-00) Approve costs payable to Chicago Communications LLC. (inv 80873-00), in the amount of \$14,509.20. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099- 52738.
- #15: Payment to Piekarski & Sons (inv 41851) Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons (inv 41851), in the amount of \$8,640.00. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 30807-55160.

#16: Payment to Kayser Automotive Group (PC7335)

Approve costs payable to Kayser Automotive Group (PC7335), in the amount of \$116,825.00. Please direct the city treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52738. This amount is through the Cares Act Funding. Funding will not go through Source Well.

#17: Payment to Holland Asphalt Services (inv 2023-119)

Approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services (inv 2023-119), Inc, in the amount of \$13,500.00. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 01099- 52645.

#18: Payment to Holland Asphalt Services (inv 2023-118)

Approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services (inv 2023-118), Inc, in the amount of \$5,800.00. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52645.

#19: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (inv 60023)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing (inv 60023), in the amount of \$16,717.05. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52101.

#20: Payment to Republic Services (inv 0721-007721841)

Approve cost payable to Republic Services (inv 0721-007721841), in the amount of \$10,231.30. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.

#21: Payment to Republic Services (inv 0721-007720489)

Approve cost payable to Republic Services (inv 0721-007720489), in the amount of \$13,728.19. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.

#22: Payment to Kayser Automotive Group (PC7334)

Approve costs payable to Kayser Automotive Group (PC7334), in the amount of \$116,825.00. Please direct the city treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52738. This amount is through the Cares Act Funding. Funding will not go through Source Well.

#23: Payment to Jon Kozlowski

Approve buyback for Jon Kozlowski due to their resignation from position with the City of Calumet City; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in communication and charge account #01010-51196.

#24: Payment to Metropolitan Industries, Inc (Removed item appeared on previous agenda)

Approve Metropolitan Industries, Inc. to perform maintenance work to pump 2 to rebuild the rotating assembly at the City Pump Station for a not to exceed fee of \$12,020 remit payment from account 030-52124. (Removed item appeared on previous agenda)

#25: Payment to Holland Asphalt

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt in the amount of \$19,800.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135. This expenditure is for the continuous work at the training center.

#26: Payment to Air One Equipment

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment in the amount of \$12,937.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #01070-53440.

#27: Payment to Marshall II Enterprises Inc.

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Marshall II Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$8,400.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135. This is for the continuous work at the training center.

#28: Payment to R&G Repair Maintenance and Welding Service

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to R&G Repair Maintenance and Welding Service in the amount of \$9,371.40. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617 - 55135. This is for the continuous work at the training center.

#29: Payment to R&G Repair Maintenance and Welding Service

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to R&G Repair Maintenance and Welding Service in the amount of \$20,286.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135. This is for the continuous work at the training center.

#30: Payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for invoice #3088

Approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for invoice #3088; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,221.80 and charge account #01025- 52200.

#31: Payment to The Law Office of Theodore London & Associates for invoice #7271

Approve payment to The Law Office of Theodore London & Associates for invoice #7271; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,762.50 and charge account #01025-52200.

#32: Payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law

Approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for the invoices listed below and to authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the total amount of \$33,642.79 and charge account #01025-52200. Invoice Amount 3072 \$222.34 3073 \$13,090.00 3074 \$3,411.10 3075 \$6,832.65 3076 \$2,065.00 3077 \$69.30 3078 \$819.00 3079 \$1,835.90 3080 \$2,572.50 3083 \$2,725.00.

#34: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #246334)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #246334) for Project #0211565, in the amount of \$31,641.96 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.

#35: Approve Payroll (\$975,357.61)

Approve Payroll (\$975,357.61).

#36: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$2,790.50)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$2,790.50).

Approve Financial Item 1-4, 6-32, and 34-36 with the removal of item number 24 as amended.

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Patton motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 1-4, 6-32, and 34-36 with the removal of item number 24 as amended.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

#5: Payment to KSM Logistics

Approve KSM Logistics proposal to install an access control system for Building and Zoning; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$36,000.00 and charge account #01028- 55142.

Approve Financial Item 5

Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 5.

Alderwoman Wilson

“Number 5 this company is showing up a lot and I wanted to know if we had a contract for the company that was my first question? The second question related to Tomorrow’s Youth Foundation still not receiving a Community Grant that was allotted to them and approved by this council in June; and you stated because of legal reasons the executive director is also my ward secretary who is the first dude of the second ward. It’s come to my attention that the owner of number 5 is your brother-in-law so how is that any different to paying this person when we don’t have a contract.”

Mayor Jones

“Alderman this is IT so this is for Building for Inspectional Services for the Key Fob for Inspectional Services this was recommended by Director Tillman.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“I understand but we don’t have a contract.”

Mayor Jones

Inaudible Alderwoman Wilson and Mayor Jones were speaking at the same time.

Mayor Jones

“The legal part of that we can answer that in executive session, I can send you the legal opinion regarding all charities in Calumet City not just Tomorrow’s Youth Foundation. I am not prepared to discuss that openly. There is a section that we have to be careful of that the attorney pointed out that’ll be discussed next week I am calling a meeting on Monday and Wednesday where that will be discussed.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“That’s fine my question here is we don’t have a contract for this company that’s related to you. And that’s fine regarding Tomorrow’s Youth Foundation; we all each advocate for organizations and people throughout the city; last meeting the American Legion, VFW, The Resource Center they all received what the aldermen advocated for so Tomorrows Youth Foundation did not receive what was guaranteed to them through budget process and they submitted a lot of proprietary information to this city my question now is just like we had a contract before us before or a request for a contract. I’ve never seen a contract for this company. I’ve never seen a bid for services for this company. There are a lot of people that do key fobs. Did it go out to bid? Do we have a contract? How was this person selected?”

Mayor Jones

“Alderman this person has been here for two years; it is a contract Ill send you a copy of that. The company that does this is a local vendor. The local vendor contract is with Mika it does all the work; this is through Mika in conjunction with KSM Logistics. They have done City Hall, they’ve done the library, they’ve done the community center.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“Thank you and I understand this is a recommendation but there is a process so I would ask my colleagues that we either vote this down or table this until we see the contract.”

Alderman Navarrete

“I did see a proposal in the supplemental packet but I did not see Mika.”

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 3
NAYS: 3
ABSENT: 1
Mayor Jones 1

ALDERMEN: Williams, Gardner, Smith
ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Patton
ALDERMEN: Tillman
MAYOR: Jones 1

MOTION CARRIED

#33: Payment to Pete’s Fresh Market

Direct the city treasurer to issue payment to Pete’s Fresh Market in the of \$69,000.00 for the purchase of 3500 Turkeys for the Thanksgiving food drive; further direct payment from account#01099-52990; expected donations in the amount of \$47,000 will be submitted to City of Calumet City.

Approve Financial Item 33

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 33.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Patton Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

#37: Approve Bill Listing (\$652,861.10)

Approve Bill Listing (\$652,861.10).

Approve Financial Item 37

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Williams motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 37.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 2
NAYS: 3
ABSENT: 1
PRESENT: 1

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

MOTION FAILED

Motion for Closed Session

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Smith to enter into executive session to discuss bill listing.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

The Council met in Executive Session from 6:59 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

The Council returned to the regular order of business at 7:12 p.m.

Motion to Reconsider Financial Item 37

Alderman Patton seconded by Alderwoman Wilson motioned to reconsider

financial item number 37 which is the approval of the Bill Listing (652,861.10).

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

#37: Approve Bill Listing (\$652,861.10)

Approve Bill Listing (\$652,861.10).

Approve Financial Item 37

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Smith for the approval of financial item number 37.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Tillman

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner announced that the leaf pick up program has started. Alderman Gardner gave honor to Commissioner Carridine for his service.

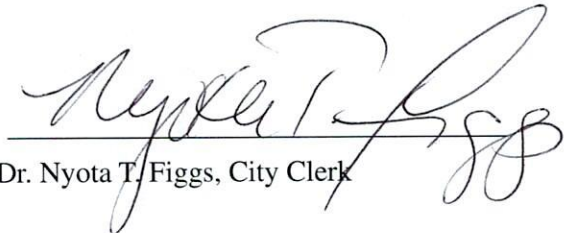
Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete thanked all the veterans for their service and announced he will be at the VFW after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:16p.m., on a motion by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderwoman Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk