

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois**

OCTOBER 26, 2023

Public Comment

Cortland Wilson Executive Director of Tomorrows Youth Foundation reported he submitted an application for a grant and was told that all of the documents submitted were correct. Cortland Wilson inquired about Tomorrow's Youth Foundation not being on tonight's agenda. George Grenchik 457 Freeland Ave thanked Commander William Siems for his many years of service. George Grenchik requested the council to vote in favor of item 21 under financial matters; this grant will help us help the community.

George Grenchik announced that TF North will be going to the Playoffs this year for the first time in fourteen years; he then invited everyone to support them.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:09 p.m. in a regular meeting on October 26, 2023, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

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

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present was City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Don Lanzito, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert Glenn Bachert, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk Quentin Dailey, Economic Development Department Val Williams, Don Aleksy, Pastor Stokes, Pastor Fluker, Deputy Commissioner Scott Nnmah, Inspectional Service Director Sheryl Tillman, Public Works Commissioner Jerico Thomas, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Deputy Commissioner Josh Brown, City Engineer Ken Chastain, Assistant Police Chief Black, Assistant Chief Kwiatkowski.

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

Prayer

Pastor Fluker led the City Council in prayer.

Motion to Deviate

Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Williams to deviate from the regular order of business to read the resolution for Officer Siems.

Deputy Clerk Coffee read A Resolution proclaiming appreciation for William Siems' thirty years of public safety service to the city of Calumet City and extending congratulations on his retirement in its entirety

Reading of A Resolution proclaiming appreciation for William Siems' thirty years of public safety service to the city of Calumet City and extending congratulations on his retirement in its entirety.

Police Chief Kevin Kolosh

Thanked William Siems "Billy" for his thirty years of service in the community.

Fire Chief Glenn Bachert

Return to Regular Order of Business

Approval of Minutes

Thanked Williams Siems “Billy” for his service to Calumet City.

Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Williams to return to the regular order of business at 6:23p.m.

October 03, 2023: Special Meeting

October 05, 2023: Committee of the Whole

October 12, 2023: Regular City Council Meeting

October 14, 2023: Public Works/Public Safety Committee of the Whole Meeting

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith 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 had no report.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson stated she is praying for peace in the Middle East and that all hostages are returned. Alderman Wilson thanked the residents that have called her office to discuss what’s going on in the world. Alderman Wilson announced that Health Education and Welfare will be speaking to the children about what’s happening in the world to educate them. Alderman Wilson is praying for peace in our streets due to all the gun violence in the Southland and the City of Chicago.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete announced the Leaf Pick Up program will begin the 2nd week of November; if any residents are in need of bags; they are available at Public Works. Speed Bumps will be removed by the second week of November.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones encouraged families to be safe this Halloween season. Mayor Jones announced the Calumet City Library is having a fun family event on Sunday October 29, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mayor Jones will discuss grants that have been awarded and the process for those obtaining grants.

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete announced a community Town Hall Meeting at the

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VFW on Pulaski and Hirsh at on November 08, 2023.

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson requested that the council amend item number 21 on financial items to include Tomorrow's Youth Foundation as they were in the budget for the community grant. Alderwoman Wilson reported that she is an advocate for Tomorrow's Youth Foundation and that she has sent emails regarding the timeliness of the removal of the Foundation from the agenda. Alderwoman Wilson congratulated TF North and asked everyone to support them in the playoffs.

Alderwoman Wilson congratulated the 7-year-old chargers for making it to the championship and only losing one game.

Alderwoman Wilson requested the 2nd ward to participate in the CMPD Trunk or Treat; if you have candy please drop it off at Sandridge; or we can pick it up please call. (708)-586-4990.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman invited everyone to the Annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of Caroline Sibley Elementary on October 31, 2023 starting at 4:30 p.m. Alderman Tillman also announced that the November meeting for the 3rd ward is canceled. The next 3rd and 4th ward meeting will be December 04, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God and thanked the Mayor and the city council for their support with Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 31, 2023 at Caroline Sibley at 4:30 p.m. Alderman Williams announced that flyers will be going out for upcoming holiday events.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner reported that speed bumps have been removed from the 5th ward. Any residents that have any questions or concerns please contact the office at (708)-891-8195.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton announced that the speed bumps are being removed from the 6th ward; if anyone is calling for speed bumps they will be placed on next years list. If you have any concerns please call (708) 891-8196.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith invited residents to the Monthly Town Hall meeting at DA's Banquet Hall on November 18, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

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| A. Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports | RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports for the month of August 2023. |
| B. Pension Fund Financial Report | RE: Calumet City Police Pension Fund September 2023 monthly financial re |
| C. Track 'n Trap Wildlife Control Report | RE: Track 'n Trap Wildlife Control report for the period of October 1 – October 15 2023. |
| D. SSMMA Request | RE: SSMMA Request for Qualifications issued for the project consulting services. |
| E. Cook County EMRS Thank You Letter | RE: Thank you letter from Cook County EMRS expressing gratitude for the partnership with Calumet City. |
| F. (MWRD) Flooding Survey | RE: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Flooding Survey for South Suburbs. |
| <u>Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File</u> | Alderman Smith moved seconded by Alderman Williams to approve informat items to be accepted and placed on file. |

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Approve Halloween Hours

Announce 2023 Halloween hours for the City of Calumet City: Hours will be 3:00 P.M to 6:00 P.M.

#2: Approve Mayor to Sign Grant Agreement

Authorizing Mayor to sign grant agreement regarding the organized retail crime program in the amount of \$60K for the purchase of License Plate Readers.

#3: Approve Vehicle Disposal

Approve the disposal of the following inoperable vehicles which have reached end of service life: 2002 Ford E150 (VIN: 1FTRE14W831HA38594); 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN: 2FABP7BV1AX105886); 2010 Ford Explorer (VIN: 1FMEU7DE3AUB13083); 2010 Dodge Charger (VIN: 2B3CA4CD9AH138666); 2010 Dodge Charger (VIN: 2B3CA4CD5AH138664) and remove them from the City's insurance.

#4: Approve Wes' Services Agreement.

Approve the proposal submitted by Wes's Services Incorporated to perform towing services for the City of Calumet City and enter into the agreement. NOTE: As indicated in the attached communication, the other submitted proposal did not meet the requirements as set forth in the advertised City of Calumet City Request for Proposal for Towing Services.

#5: Approve Removal and Replacement of Sewer

Authorizing City Engineer to solicit proposals for the removal and replacement of sewer on Forest Hill Street.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Gardner motioned seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve new business items.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

Privacy Fence

45 Warren Privacy 5th Ward

Approve Building Permits

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Res. #1 Resolution Congratulating William Siems' on his Retirement

A Resolution proclaiming appreciation for William Siems' thirty years of public safety service to the city of Calumet City and extending congratulations on his retirement.

(Res.#23-55)

(See attached page 5A)

Ord.#2 Ordinance Regarding Paid Leave for all Workers
(Ord.#23-27)

An Ordinance amending the city code to identify home rule conflicts with certain state law regarding paid leave for all workers.
(See attached page 5B)

Approval Resolutions and Ordinances

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Resolutions and Ordinances as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve the remodel of the women's locker room and shower area for \$8,545.00. Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$8,545.00 to be charged to account # 01060-52345.

#2: Payment to Strata Industrial Group LLC

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Strata Industrial Group LLC in the amount of \$7,930.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55100. This is for the continuous work on the construction of the training tower.

#3: Payment to Complex Network Solutions

Approve the purchase and installation of an encoder and licensing for \$7,958.00. Authorize The City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$7,958.00 to be charged to account 01060-52336.

#4: Payment to Total Roofing & Construction

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Total Roofing & Construction (TRC) in the amount of \$19,800.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55100. This is for the continuous work on the construction of the training tower.

#5: Payment to River Oaks L&E

Approve the repairs of CCPD Unit M-17 in the amount of not to exceed \$10,000.00. Authorize The City Treasurer to remit payment to River Oaks L&E Automotive in the amount of not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be charged to account 01060-54152.

#6: Payment to Veritone

Approve the Veritone redaction application, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to perform redaction of video requested through the Freedom of Information

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NO. 23-55**

**A RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING APPRECIATION FOR WILLIAM SIEMS' THIRTY YEARS OF
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY AND EXTENDING
CONGRATULATIONS ON HIS RETIREMENT**

Passed by the City Council, October 26, 2023

CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 23-55

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, THAT:

**A RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING APPRECIATION FOR WILLIAM SIEMS' THIRTY YEARS OF
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY AND EXTENDING
CONGRATULATIONS ON HIS RETIREMENT**

shall be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Williams Seims provided the City of Calumet City with distinguished and outstanding service as an officer of the Calumet City Police Department for thirty years from October 1993 through October 2023; and

WHEREAS, William Siems provided dedicated service as a patrol officer, crime prevention officer, community relations officer, juvenile officer, and community policing officer; and

WHEREAS, William Siems was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2000; and

WHEREAS, William Siems served in a multitude of command-level positions, specifically as Commander of Administrative Services, Commander of the Juvenile Division, and Commander of Community Policing; and

WHEREAS, Williams Seims provided instrumental leadership in advancing the City of Calumet City Police Department technology and the 911 Center; and

WHEREAS, Williams Seims coordinated the partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation to increase traffic safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS, William Seims has been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations, including the 2000 and 2021 Calumet City Officer of the Year for his selfless willingness to help his community; and

WHEREAS, William Seims has served the City of Calumet City for thirty years with utmost respect, compassion, and empathy while maintaining a high level of motivation and positive outlook; and

WHEREAS, William Seims retired from the Calumet City Police Department on October 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and alderpersons of the City of Calumet City wish to celebrate the retirement of William Seims and formally recognize and thank him for his decades of service to the City of Calumet City;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that William Siems is hereby honored by the Mayor and Alderpersons of the City of Calumet City, on behalf of themselves and the entire community, hereby recognize William Seims for thirty years of outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and wish him a happy and healthy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to William Siems and become a permanent record of Calumet City.

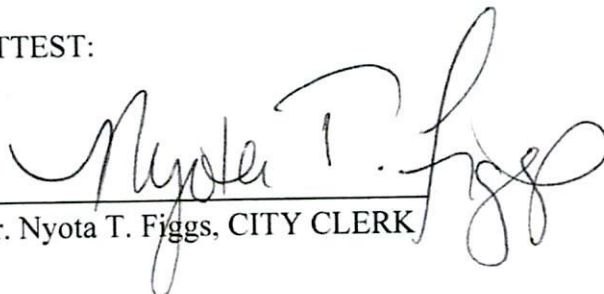
ADOPTED this 26th day of October 2023, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Navarrete	X			
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on October 26, 2023.


 Thaddeus Jones
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO IDENTIFY HOME RULE CONFLICTS WITH CERTAIN STATE LAW REGARDING PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City (“City”), as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs except as limited by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 6(c) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 provides that when an Illinois employment law conflicts with an ordinance of a home rule municipality, the municipal ordinance shall prevail within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2023, the Governor of Illinois signed into law the Paid Leave for All Workers Act in the State of Illinois that requires employers to provide 40 hours of paid leave during a 12-month period (“**Paid Leave for All Workers Act**”); and

WHEREAS, the Paid Leave for All Workers Act stipulates employees must begin accruing leave under the Act on their first day of employment, and must be allowed to begin using their leave 90 days after their hire date; and

WHEREAS, the Paid Leave for All Workers Act will take effect on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City already provides generous paid leave for its employees under its collective bargaining agreements and/or the City’s personnel policies; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the law places an undue burden on the City as an employer given the current rights of employees available under collective bargaining agreements and the City of Calumet City personnel policies; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it in the public interest to clearly define the minimum requirements regarding paid leave which apply to the City, and that this Ordinance is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby finds that the recitals contained in the preambles are true and correct and incorporates them into this Ordinance by this reference.

SECTION 2: The City Council finds and determines that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City as well as in the public interest.

SECTION 3: Chapter 2, Article V, "Employee Benefits" of the City Code of the City of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding the following new Division 3 to read as follows:

Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3 - **Conflicts with Paid Leave for All Workers Act**

No additional obligations with regard to paid leave, including, without limitation, any additional obligations adopted by the State of Illinois under the Paid Leave for All Workers Act, 820 ILCS 192/1, *et seq.*, as well as any subsequent amendments, shall apply to employees of the City of Calumet City, Illinois, and the City opts out of such regulations or requirements.

SECTION 4: Any non-preemptive state statute in conflict hereof with this Ordinance is hereby superseded to the full extent of such conflict pursuant to the exercise of the Home Rule powers of the City.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

PASSED: This 28th day of October, 2023.

AYES: 7 NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____ PASS: _____

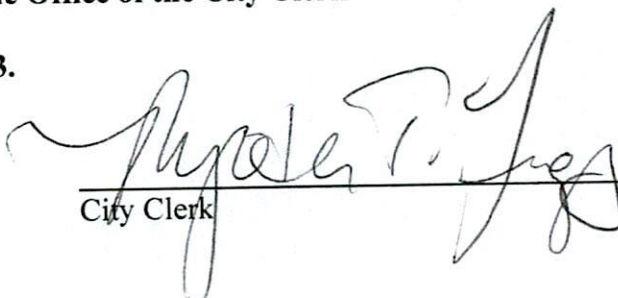
APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2023.



Mayor of City of Calumet City

ATTESTED and FILED in the Office of the City Clerk

this 26th day of October, 2023.



City Clerk

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Act; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Veritone in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be charged to account 01099-52696.

#7: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv#245999)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #245999) for Project #023MUN0222, in the amount of \$77,040.22 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.

#8: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv#246061)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #246061) for Project #023MUN0222, in the amount of \$51,678.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.

#9: Payment to Holland Asphalt

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt in the amount of \$11,900.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135. This is for the continuous work on the construction of the training center.

#10: Payment to St. Sabina (Tabled)

Approve payment to St. Sabina Church, in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Invoice# 73524-0002), and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 - 52990.(Tabled)

#11: Payment to William Siems

Approve buyback for William Siems due to their retirement from the Calumet City Police Department; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in communication and charge the appropriate accounts listed in communications.

#12: Payment to Mike Anderson

Approve buyback for Mike Anderson due to their retirement from the Calumet City Public Works; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in communication and charge the appropriate accounts listed in communications.

#13: Payment to Morgan McNeal

Approve buyback for Morgan McNeal due to their resignation from the Calumet City Police Department; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in communication and charge the appropriate accounts listed in communications.

#14: Payment to Vector Solution

Approve amending the motion approved by the City Council on October 12, 2023, which authorized the purchase of scheduling and callout software for the PD and payment to Vector Solutions in the amount of \$8,021.00, to add the one-time implementation fee of \$972.00, for a total of \$8,993.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Vector Solutions in the amount of \$8,993.00 to be charged to 01060-52430.

#15: Payment to Tents R Us

Approve cost payable to Tents R Us, in the amount of \$7,425.00. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52341.

#16: Payment to Krimson Technology Group, LLC

Approve payment to Krimson Technology Group, LLC for security awareness training; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$4,680.00 and charge account #01028-52390.

#17: Payment to Track 'N Trap (Invoice# 1636)

Approve payment to Track 'N Trap, in the amount of \$7,650.00 (Invoice# 1636), and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01060-52487.

#18: Payment to Track 'N Trap (Invoice# 1642)

Approve payment to Track 'N Trap, in the amount of \$8,850.00 (Invoice# 1642), and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account

01060-52487.

#19: Payment to ef Design (estimate #1125)

Approve payment to ef Design (estimate #1125) for November newsletter, in the amount of \$32,493.36 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52351.

#20: Payment to Commissioner Torres-Conditt, Commissioner Stevon Grant, and Secretary JeTuan Russell

Approve The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners requests that Commissioner Carol Torres-Conditt, Commissioner Stevon Grant and Secretary JeTuan Russell attend the Fall, Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Association Seminar, November 3, 2023, to November 5, 2023. The seminar will be held at the Hotel Arista in Naperville, Illinois. We are requesting that a check be issued to Commissioner Torres-Conditt, Commissioner Stevon Grant, and Secretary JeTuan Russell, in the amount of \$1,500.00 from account #01091-52300. The requested amount includes registration fees, hotel fees, module training fees, meals, and travel costs.

#21: Payment to American Legion Post 330, V.F.W. Post 8141, V.F.W. Post 8141, and V.F.W. Post 8141

Approve the Community Grand Award for FY-24 to the following organizations and to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment as the appropriate documentation by the awardees has been received: American Legion Post 330 \$10,000 (01099-52665) V.F.W. Post 8141 \$10,000 (01099-52664) Calumet City Resource Center \$5,000 (01099-52662) Calumet City Historical Society \$5,000 (01099-52666).

#22: Payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray

Approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for the invoices listed below and to authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the total amount of \$31,323.42 and charge account #01025-52200: Invoice 141432 - \$420.00 Invoice 141433 - \$8,099.17 Invoice 141434 - \$63.00 Invoice 141435 - \$1,050.00 Invoice 141436 - \$1,008.00 Invoice 141437 - \$84.00 Invoice 141438 - \$42.00 Invoice 141439 - \$336.00 Invoice 141440 - \$19,381.25 Invoice 141441 - \$168.00 Invoice 141442 - \$168.00 Invoice 141443 - \$84.00 Invoice 141444 - \$168.00 Invoice 141445 - \$84.00 Invoice 141446 - \$168.00.

#23: Payment for Payroll (\$975,557.16)

Approve Payroll (\$975,557.16).

#24: Payment for Emergency Bill Listing (\$9,965.25)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$9,965.25).

#25: Payment for Bill Listing (\$1,056,434.58)

Approve Bill Listing (\$1,056,434.58).

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 1-25 with item 10 being tabled.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete thanked Commander Siems for his service. Alderman Navarrete inquired about 337 Memorial Dr and why it is on the bill listing. Alderwoman Wilson congratulated Commander Siems on his future endeavors.

Ald. Wilson

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton congratulated Commander Siems on his retirement and thanked him for his friendship and service to Calumet City.

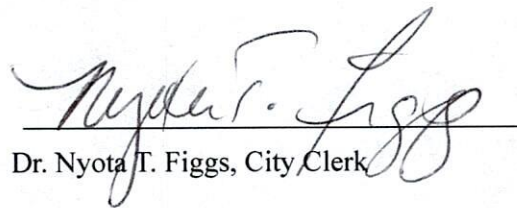
Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith asked residents to continue to report suspicious activity. Alderman Smith announced that he will have Turkeys to give away; if you would like to be added to the list please contact (708) 891-8197

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:59 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Williams.

MOTION CARRIED


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk