

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

OCTOBER 12, 2023

Public Comment

Genesis Nwankpa inquired about September Journal of Proceedings and would like to know when they will be placed on Calumet City website.

Genesis inquired about the American Replacement Act.

Val Williams from Economic Development reported that the American Replacement Act is on the agenda due to a grant that was written to CBG

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:03 p.m. in a regular meeting on October 12, 2023, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

Pledge Of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

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

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wilson

Also present was City Treasurer Gerald Tarka, City Attorney, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Glenn Bachert, City Administrator Jaffrey, Engineer Consultant Matt Burger, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, Quentin Dailey, Economic Development Department Val Williams, Don Aleksy, Richard Chambers, Public Works, Jerico Thomas, Zach Qualkinbush, Inspectional Service Director Sheryl Tillman, Pastor Stokes,

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

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Approval of minutes

- A. Special Meeting: August 29, 2023
- B. Special Meeting: September 11, 2023
- C. Regular City Council Meeting: September 14, 2023
- D. Special Meeting: September 20, 2023
- E. Regular City Council Meeting: September 28, 2023
- F. Ordinances & Resolutions Meeting: October 3, 2023 (Tabled)

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes as amended.

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 reported on the Resolution and Ordinance Committee meeting held on October 3, 2023. The council tasked the city attorneys with changing the language in the Barber and Beauty shop Ordinance to allow the Grandfathering of shops. Alderman Tillman reported on the discussion the council had about

squatters. Alderman Tillman informed residents about the changes the Overhead Sewer Program.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson was absent.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete announced that the 2nd week of November the Leaf Pick Up program will begin; Public Works will have bags for the residents. Alderman Navarrete advised residents that starting the 2nd week of October the city will start to see Speed Bumps removed.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete invited 1st ward residents to the townhall meeting that will be held at the VFW at 664 Hirsh Ave on November 01, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Navarrete thanked the Calumet City Police Department for responding to the residents when they have issues.

Ald. Wilson

Alderman Wilson was absent.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman announced that there will not be a 3rd and 4th ward meeting in the month of November and that meetings will resume on December 04, 2023 at Downey Park at 6:30 p.m.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams commended Public Works for responding to the residents needs. Alderman Williams would like for 4th ward residents to email him at rwilliams@calumetcity.org and call his office at (708) 891-8194 with any concerns. Alderman Gardner would like residents to come and join him at TF North at 755 Pulaski Rd for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on October 14, 2023. If any 5th ward residents have any questions or concerns, please contact his office at (708) 891-8195.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Patton announced the season to have speed bumps placed on the blocks is now over any calls that he receives for speed bump requests will be placed on next years list; if any 6th ward residents have any questions or concerns, please call his office at (708) 891-8196.

Ald. Patton

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith announced that he still has tickets left to give away for the Senior Prom on Saturday September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Smith invited 7th ward residents to DA's Banquet Hall on October 21, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the monthly townhall meeting. Alderman Smith would like 7th ward residents to contact him via email at asmith@calumetcity.org or at his office at (708) 891-8197 if there are any concerns.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Letter of Intent

RE: Letter of intent from ComEd Vegetation Management.

B. Letter of Resignation

RE: Letter of resignation from Ofc. Morgan McNeal effective September 30, 2023.

C. Track 'n Trap Wildlife Control report

RE: Track 'n Trap Wildlife Control report for the period of September 16 - September 30 2022.

D. Pretrial Fairness Act

RE: Cook County State's Attorney's Office Educational Series Event on implementing the Pretrial Fairness Act and the end of cash bond.

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.

MOTION CARRIED

Fire Chief Glenn Bachert

Fire Chief Glenn Bachert informed council that Community Health is refusing to give the Calumet City Paramedics supplies and that is why the motion to direct the city attorney to review possible lawsuit against Community Healthcare System and EMS, South Cook County Emergency Medical Service System for possible violation of federal law in restricting healthcare access to low-income residents in the denial of ambulance services under the Federal Obama Care act; is on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Authrize Public Works and City Engineer to solicit 3 proposals

Authorizing the City Engineer and Public Works to solicit 3 proposals for emergency cleaning, jetting, and televising sewers at various locations throughout the City in response to the Storms experienced September 17th.

#2: Authorize Police and Fire Departments to promote

Authorize the Police & Fire Commission to promote one (1) patrol officer to the rank of Sergeant from the current promotional list due to the October 2023 retirement of Sergeant Siems.

#3: Direct City Engineer to Review an Alley

Direct the city engineer to review the alley behind 1457 Wentworth and provide a report at the next city council meeting; further provide next steps to repair alley and damages.

#4: Direct City Engineer to Preform an Assessment Drawings, and Plans

Direct city engineers to perform assessment, drawings, and plan of action for 555 Burham for either possible city hall or economic development/Hotel lodging and restaurant at said location; costs not to exceed \$50,000 from account.

#5: Direct City Attorney to Review Possible Lawsuit

Direct the city attorney to review possible lawsuit against Community Healthcare System and EMS, South Cook County Emergency Medical Service System for possible violation of federal law in restricting healthcare access to low-income residents in the denial of ambulance services under the Federal Obama Care act.

#6: Direct City Attorney to Review Possible Lawsuit (Amended)

Direct the City Attorney to research a class action lawsuit against insurance companies for the Denial of insurance claims in the City of Calumet City for the Sunday, September 17, 2023, flooding damage that occurred. (Amended)

#7: Approve Benford Brown & Associates Grant Writing (Tabled)

Approve the contract for Benford and Brown for Grant writing reporting with the CED department for a period of October 1, 2023 to October 1, 2024. (Tabled)

#8: Authorize signing of the Subrecipient Agreement

Authorize the Mayor's signature on the SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT between the City of Calumet City and the County of cook regarding the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT – STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER 21.027) relative to the Aurther Street Watermain replacement project.

#5: Approve Levee Project

Approve the proposal for survey and coordination for the United States Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) Levee project.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Smith motioned seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve new business items as amended.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

New Fence Construction

230 153rd place Privacy 1st Ward
595 Yates Privacy 2nd Ward
412 Madison Privacy 3rd Ward
801 Mackinaw Privacy 6th Ward
817 Buffalo Privacy 6th Ward
631 Yates Privacy 7th Ward

Approval of Building Permits

Alderman Navarrete moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to approve Building Permits.

MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

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

ALDERMEN: NONE

ALDERMAN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res.#1 Sunrize Enterprises Redevelopment

(Removed)

Resolution approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Sunrize Enterprises LLC.

(Removed)

Motion for Closed Session

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to enter executive session for pending litigation, possible litigation and employment of a specific individual.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

The City Council met in closed session from 6:28 p.m. to 6:41 p.m.

Return to Regular Meeting

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to return to regular order of business at 6:45 p.m.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to Benford Brown & Associates
(Tabled)

Approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates for invoice #18220; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$4,750.00 and charge account #01099-52610. (Tabled)

#2: Payment to Benford Brown & Associates
(Tabled)

Approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates for invoice #18222; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,125.00 and charge account #01099-52610.

#3: Payment to Metropolitan Industries, Inc.

Approve authorizing 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.

#4: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve payment in the amount of \$333,027.00 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).

#5: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice 59767, in the amount of \$6,102.66. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349.

#6: Payment to Sandi NK

Approve cost payable to Sandi NK for invoice 1668, in the amount of \$6,425.00. Please direct city treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-54150.

#7: Payment to The Law Office of Theodore
London

Approve payment to The Law Office of Theodore London & Associates, in the amount of \$5,600.00 (Invoice# 7231), and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01025 - 52200.

#8: Payment to SWCA

Approve payment in the amount of \$4,645.68 to SWCA for work performed to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the River Oaks Sears Property authorized by the City Council on June 8, 2023 and authorize City Treasurer to remit payment from Account #01099-52646.

#9: Payment to SWCA

Approve payment in the amount of \$4,097.53 to SWCA for work performed to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Park Harbor site authorized by the City Council on June 8, 2023 and authorize City Treasurer to remit payment from Account #01099-52646.

#10: Payment to Vector Solutions

Approve the purchase of Scheduling and Callout Software. Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Vector Solutions in the amount of \$8,021.00 to be charged to account 01060-52430.

#12: Payment to Farnsworth

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #244816) for Project #0211565, in the amount of \$27,027.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.

#13: Payment to Farnsworth

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #244752) for Project #0230465, in the amount of \$12,038.27 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.

#14: Payment to Track n' Trap

Approve payment to Track 'n Trap for invoice #1639; authorize Treasurer Tarka to remit payment in the amount of \$8,550.00 and charge account #01060-52487.

#15: Payment to Track n' Trap

Approve payment to Track 'n Trap for invoice #1640; authorize Treasurer Tarka to remit payment in the amount of \$1,086.71 and charge account #01060-52487.

#16: Payment to Daniel Martinez

Approve settlement agreement for Daniel Martinez v. Calumet City/Public Works (21 WC 017295); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.

#17: Payment to Raymond Hladek

Approve settlement agreement for Raymond Hladek v. Calumet City Police Department (21 WC 33032 & 22 WC 20523); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.

#18: Payment to Gary Wojcik

Approve settlement agreement for Gary Wojcik v. Calumet City (20 WC 010011); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.

#19: Payment to Eddie Idec

Approve settlement agreement for Edward Idec v. Edward Evans and City of Calumet City (2021-L-004403 & 2021- M1-31087); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01025-52200.

#20: Payment for Payroll

Approve Payroll (\$979,161.38).

#21: Payment for Emergency Bill Listing

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$4,607.75)

#22: Payment for Bill Listing

Approve Bill Listing (\$902,426.46)

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of amended Financial Matters number 3-23 as amended.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: NONE

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

Ald. Wilson

Alderman Wilson was absent.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman wished Fire Chief Glenn Bachert a Happy Birthday.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams wished Fire Chief Glenn Bachert a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones wished Fire Chief Glenn Bachert a Happy Birthday.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner wished Fire Chief Glenn Bachert a Happy Birthday.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton wished Fire Chief Glenn Bachert a Happy Birthday.

Ald. Smith

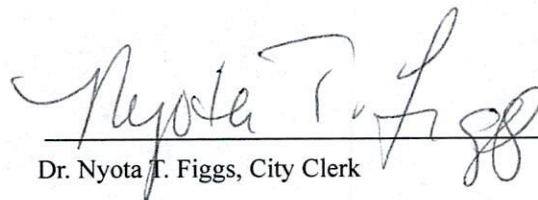
Alderman Smith wished Fire Chief Glenn Bachert a Happy Birthday.

City Treasurer Tarka

City Treasurer Tarka wished Fire Chief Glenn Bachert a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:50 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Williams.



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED