

Regular Meeting, Monday, December 16, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, December 16, 2013 at 8:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, December 02, 2013; 7:05 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Regular Council Meeting, December 02, 2013; 7:05 p.m., be passed as presented.

Alderman Markham noted correction of date should read December 07 vs. 08, 2013 under the miscellaneous category.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report – November 2013

6-1B Water Department – November 2013

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 2014 BITUMINOUS BID APPROVAL TO PETER BAKER AND SONS; \$36,750

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2014 Bituminous Bid to Peter Baker and Son s in the amount of \$36,750.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith clarified it was the lowest bid received from Peter Baker and Sons. Alderman Evans echoed Attorney Smith; Attorney Smith clarified that although there was one, it had followed the bidding process.

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to reflect it was the lowest bid received from Peter Baker and Sons.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – TITLE 9; CHAPTER 5; TITLE 12; CHAPTER 13

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Municipal Code Amendment to Title 9; Chapter 5; and Title 2; Chapter 13.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CITY DONATION APPROVAL – 1235 VICTORIA AVENUE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the City donation of 1235 Victoria Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 STINGLEY VS. NORTH CHICAGO SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the settlement agreement case of Stingley vs. North Chicago in the amount of \$30,000.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels, January

Nays: Allen

Absent: None

Pass: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 WATER MAIN PROJECT BID AWARD; 2619 MLK DR. APPROVAL OF \$49,800 TO RAMON AND SONS

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the lowest bidder of \$49,800 (Ramon and Sons) for Water Main Project at 2619 MLK Dr.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – TRANSFER STAMPS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Ordinance Amendment regarding Real Estate Transfer Stamps.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith explained that the amendment provided \$50 for the exemption stamp and the other stamps to be \$5 per \$1,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve Items; 7-7 thru 7-12; the Zoning Text/Map Amendment, Variance and Special Use Permit for 30347, 30417, 30375 and 30497 Skokie Hwy.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Allen directed the Mayor to clarify what items were to be approved. Mayor Rockingham explained the amendments ensured that the properties were compliant with the city codes.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPROVAL

ITEMS 7-7 THRU 7-12 WERE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION

7-9 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE APPROVAL AT 30347 SKOKIE HWY (CURRENCY EXCHANGE)

ITEMS 7-7 THRU 7-12 WERE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION

7-10 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL AT 30347 SKOKIE HWY (CURRENCY EXCHANGE)

ITEMS 7-7 THRU 7-12 WERE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION

7-11 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPROVAL AT 30417, 30375 AND 30497 SKOKIE HWY

ITEMS 7-7 THRU 7-12 WERE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION

7-12 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE APPROVAL AT 30417, 30375 AND 30497 SKOKIE HWY

ITEMS 7-7 THRU 7-12 WERE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 12/16/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 12/16/13 in the amount of \$395,844.86 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned if Community Days fund were utilized to provide for the tree lighting event; Sullivan Food Service in the amount of \$1,046.50; pg. 4. The Mayor explained a portion of Community Days funds were used and a portion from the hat/scarf donation. He retracted and clarified it was a separate fund exclusively for project donations in the amount of \$4-\$5,000.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller Gloria Gibson acknowledged funds were available and checks would be drawn the following day.

Alderman Evans questioned several Twin City Auto Parts items and indicated on many pages; Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the bills were department specific. Each department was charged according to its use. Alderman Evans suggested monitoring the vehicles that needed repairs; Mayor Rockingham explained that the fleet management software would track that information. Public Works Director Josh Wheeler stated that his department was in the process of obtaining report information that would be provided to the council.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

YEARLY CELEBRATION

Alderman Mayfield announced the senior yearly celebration held at Kukla Towers. She encouraged monetary donations/gifts to be provided.

LIEUTENANT KURT NASH

Alderman Allen requested that Lieutenant Kurt Nash was recognized. Alderman Mayfield explained it was the decision from the Fire/Police Commissioner Board vs. the authority of the City Council. Mayor Rockingham clarified the State's Attorney was involved in the situation. He would not become involved until it was resolved.

Alderman Allen questioned if the Council could approve the appointment; Attorney Smith replied the Council was not responsible for hiring, firing or promotion of police officers and therefore couldn't vote on it. He, Lieutenant Nash would continue to be compensated and treated as one accord while the situation was pending.

Alderman Evans questioned why Kurt Nash wasn't recognized at a Council meeting as other officers if he was promoted.

Alderman Allen clarified that there was an officer hired without the Board approval and didn't pass the required test; he questioned if authority was occasional. Mayor Rockingham stated he had the right to rescind a resignation.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

City Planner Nimrod Warda announced that the holiday celebration was a great event and there was \$157 raised for hats and scarves for children.

VACANT SCHOOLS

Alderman Markham asked if there were plans for the several vacant schools in North Chicago. Mayor Rockingham indicated that there was asbestos in one of them and was unsure of the plans of School Board; to his knowledge the School Board did not have the funding to demolish it with asbestos. The City did not have the funding but would assist if possible. He commented that there should be assistance from the School Board with funding the crossing guards.

HOLIDAYS

Mayor Rockingham wished Happy Holidays to all and would allow public comments ending year of 2013. He clarified that he wouldn't allow anyone to sign for another.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Betty Harris

She was concerned with the well-being of the children in North Chicago and requested assistance from Council to meet with the School Board. The community had a right to quality schools.

Ralph Peterson

Expressed his observation that Lieutenant Nash was being treated unfairly; he stressed that because Lieutenant McCleary was on vacation that Lt. Nash should be in charge but remained on second shift. There were two lieutenants to supervise in the absence of McCleary although a Sergeant was chosen instead.

Mr. Peterson was concerned with an officer that tased Darrin Hanna and allowed to train other officers. He emphasized that Sal Cecala had destroyed evidence.

Kevin O'Connor

He recollected the Mayor stating that he "had nothing to do with officers being hired". Officers had been transferred between departments and there usually wasn't a good reason for their relocation.

Christopher Blanks

Stressed that pending the investigation by the State's Attorney concerning Fire/Police Board Meeting legitimacy; Lieutenant Nash should be treated with full rights and privilege of that position. He encouraged citizens to attend the Lake County Board meeting January 14, 2014 to implement an equal protection oversight commission.

David Hood

Spoke on behalf of Kurt Nash and requested that he was treated fairly and acknowledging him. Mr. Hood announced a meeting with the Department of Justice February 1, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foss Park Youth Center. He encouraged the citizen involvement.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Allen that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins

City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, December 02, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, December 02, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

4-1 RESOLUTION HONORING RON MCALLISTER 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF "WHAT'S HAPPENING" MAGAZINE

The City Clerk read the Resolution.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Resolution Honoring Ron McAllister 30th Year Anniversary of "What's Happening" Magazine.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Mr. McAllister extended his appreciation to everyone for their support. He recognized God for his vision and thirty (30) successful years; North Chicago is "What's Happening!"

The Mayor acknowledged What's Happening as a local business and acknowledged Mr. McAllister as being a resident of 50+ years.

4-2 EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORTH CHICAGO "YOUTH OF THE MONTH" – ROSARIO MENDEZ

Ms. Kim Woods, Exchange Club introduced the "Youth of the Month" awarded to Ms. Rosario Mendez. She explained the application process and its criteria.

The Mayor congratulated Ms. Mendez.

Mr. Kenneth Smith, Photographer presented Ms. Mendez with a full photo shoot including Daniella Michael and Sarah Gallardo.

Ms. Woods recognized other students; Daniella Michael with a 3.5 GPA and Sarah Gallardo with a 3.0 GPA

The Mayor stated there were many positive children in the City of North Chicago.

Paula Carballido, Exchange Club President provided an ornament.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, November 18, 2013; 7:06 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, November 25, 2013; 6:00 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, November 18, 2013; 7:06 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, November 25, 2013; 6:00 p.m. be passed as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chandler Walker

He had strong concerns that the Illinois Legislators didn't allow another meeting without advertisement for another percentage proposal and a scheduled public hearing. The Mayor was advised by legal counsel that the subsequent recommendation had to be below the first proposal.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He congratulated the youth and wouldn't "fold up the tent" for them. The former Alderman Charles January had many great accomplishments. Mr. Ralph Peterson Jr. provided facts of the incident that occurred November 2011. He clarified that the City couldn't account for \$4,000,000 from Grant Place.

Timothy Johnson

He stated that Mary Kay Larson, Fat Cat Rescue has assisted with the feral cats and in the third ward. He has initiated a program with martial arts and collaborating with Lake County College

Patricia Axelrod

She directed question to Attorney Smith what citing of the law stated there wasn't a requirement of another hearing. She asserted that he was in violation of the law and impacting the community. She referred to Darren Hanna's death certificate that stated the cause of his death. She emphasized that Sergeant Cecala should not be promoted.

Gloria Carr

Her son was murdered by six (6) police officers. Her situation was never resolved so she could move forward. She was humiliated; her house was vandalized and received hate mail. She will continue to "fight what was right." Her son's civil rights were violated.

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan, IL

He emphasized would continually be present at the meetings in safeguarding Darrin Hanna's tragic death alive until "justice was served." There was no investigation of audible tapes and tampering of evidence. He would be providing photos of Darrin's hand that was taped while handcuffed at the next meeting. In closing he stated that the aldermen were capable of hiring their attorney.

Susan Lucas

She stated was a graduate of North Chicago High School; She was in support of the cats; currently has adopted twenty-eight (28) fostered cats. She has spent \$400-500 for their provisions. It was a state law to provide a microchip.

Majorie Henriksen

She also was a North Chicago graduate who supported the cats. Mary Kay Larsen, Fat Cat Rescue had provided much assistance for homeless cats. Although there were still fewer cats in the neighborhood however was satisfied that they would not multiply nor harm people.

Mary Kay Larsen

She said there was a 100 cat grant offered to the City of North Chicago in the amount of \$28,500; it excluded trapping, transport and aftercare. The grantor donated \$2,500; Spay and Stay Organization donated \$5,000 and the City of North Chicago; \$7,500. She encouraged the City for their support.

Announcements

February 01, 2014 a joint ward meeting would be scheduled and held at the North Chicago Foss Park District.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) would hold a press conference on that date; the event would be 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Police Department operations and other issues.

Mayor Rockingham announced that the Tree Lighting was scheduled Monday, December 09, 2013; 6:00 p.m. Santa will be present and there would be fireworks.

Mayor Rockingham wished the Alderman Mayfield a "Happy Birthday" the following day.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to suspend the regular order of business and return to committee at 7:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to return to the regular order of business at 8:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged while Driving (3D) Prevention Month
December 2013

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote

Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF JOSH WHEELER AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO SWALCO

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the appointment of Josh Wheeler as Alternate Director to SWALCO.

The Mayor explained that Mr. Wheeler was appointed to SWALCO however needed the Alternate Director position qualified as a voting member.

Alderman Evans questioned the significance of acronym for SWALCO. The Mayor explained it meant Solid Waste Agency of Lake County.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 PETITION/ORDINANCE APPROVAL – NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE VARIANCE AT 1605/1607 JACKSON ST.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the non-conforming structure variance at 1605/1607 Jackson St.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PETITION/ORDINANCE APPROVAL – SUP (SPECIAL USE PERMIT) AT 2201 MLK DR. (FAT CAT RESCUE)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Special Use Permit at 2201 MLK Dr. (Fat Cat Rescue).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Evans, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – AMBULANCE FEES

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment for Ambulance Fees.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 DONATION APPROVAL – SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the donation of \$500 for the Senior Citizen Breakfast.

The Mayor explained the Senior Citizen Breakfast would be scheduled; December 10, 2013; 8:00 am, held at the North Chicago Community High School.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 CITY SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – RESIDENCY

The Mayor requested to table the City Salary Ordinance Amendment.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman January to table item 7-6.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 EVANS VS. NORTH CHICAGO \$5,000 SETTLEMENT

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the \$5,000 settlement for Evans vs. North Chicago.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Evans clarified he was not related to the plaintiff.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels, January

Nays: Allen, Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 12/02/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 12/02/13 in the amount of \$244,894.31 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller Gloria Gibson acknowledged there were and check would be provided the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

FIFTH WARD MEETING

Alderman Markham announced the 5th Ward Meeting scheduled December 07, 2013; 10:00-1:00 p.m. held at the North Chicago Library.

CONDOLENCES

Alderman January announced the loss of Foss Park Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin's Mother. She requested a moment of silence in respect to him and his family.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Special Meeting, Monday, November 25, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special Meeting Monday, November 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Mayfield, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: Fisher, Evans, Allen

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 IPMG LIABILITY INSURANCE APPROVAL

Attorney Smith explained that the coverage was for: General Liability & Law Enforcement; Property, Inland Marine; Commercial Auto; Public Official Liability- Claims Made; Crime; Boiler & Machinery; Excess Liability; Workmen's Compensation with Willis as agent.

Mayor Rockingham announced the public would be allowed to speak as long as they were present and signed their own name on the sign in sheet.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned where in the budget the funds would be disbursed from. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the disbursement and how the total was computed.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve IPMG Liability Insurance in the amount of \$943,402.

Alderman Evans entered the Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m.

Alderman Evans asked for a brief overview; Attorney Smith explained and added that it was more coverage with the same cost as previous year; also the value of property was more. Alderman Markham asked for a breakdown of disbursement in the budget; Treasurer Robinson explained.

Alderman Evans asked for an update/report of claims filed with the city every 3-6 months. Mayor Rockingham explained that Human Resources had the information and it would be provided to the aldermen. Alderman Evans also requested the breakdown of claimants and the amount of claims each had.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, Allen

MOTION CARRIED

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mayor Rockingham announced that those individuals that were present should sign their own name and would not be acknowledged if they were not present at the time of signing in for comments. There was one person that was present who actually sign the sheet and he would be acknowledged.

Chandler Walker

Questioned the amount of the deductible; Attorney Smith explained that there were different deductibles for each insurance but the highest was \$250,000 for liability.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, Allen

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins, City Clerk

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Absent: None

4-1 SENIOR CITIZEN HALL OF FAME AWARD – PATRICIA R. HAYES

The Mayor explained that the City of North Chicago has initiated a senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award and Ms. Patricia R. Hayes was the first recipient.

City Clerk read the proclamation.

Ms. Hayes was surprised and appreciative of the award. She was “a leader of the Lord”.

The Mayor congratulated Ms. Hayes as she was well deserving of the award.

4-2 BLACK STAR SATURDAY UNIVERSITY PROJECT PRESENTATION

Valerie DeVost provided presentation and history of the Black Star University Project. She explained it was a non-profit community based organization partnered with North Chicago School District 187. It was held at the North Chicago High School Library from the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. It was designed to boost student academic success and encourage them to better themselves. There were currently twenty-three (23) locations and tutoring was provided to sixty-five (65) North Chicago students since October 01, 2013.

Mr. Michael Watson explained another program offered by the Black Star University Project; Restore to Justice Program counseled and mentored students. It was designed to restore faith and mend relationships between student and teacher.

Ms. DeVost encouraged sharing the information with the ward and requested that it was placed on the external marquee advertisement board. She also announced a community town meeting, featuring a holiday dinner, Saturday December 14, 2013; 2:00 p.m. at the North Chicago Community High School cafeteria. Invitations would be provided to the elected officials.

The Mayor requested a change in the order of the Citizen Comment category.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He clarified that the City “needed a little more Jesus”, that could assist with the issues. He referred to previous meeting and questioned why there wasn’t a city plan. The demolition of Marion Jones housing complex was delayed due to his strong concerns.

Chandler Walker

He suggested diffusing the approval and placing the Ordinance for the Tax Levy Assessment on a referendum. Allow the citizens an option to vote on it or increase their water rates.

Patricia Axelrod

She was ashamed with the tax excuse. There were eighteen (18) of thirty-eight (38) North Chicago officers charged with brutality and abuse. The promotion of Sergeant Cecala was a “violation of decency”.

Alderman Runnels left at 7:34 p.m.

She reported that former Police Chief Newsome was released on a \$2,500 cash bond and his trial was scheduled for January 2013. She questioned the Mayor with the Department of Justice Mediation Agreement update.

Kevin O’Connor – Hanna Family Attorney

Alderman Runnels returned at 7:38 p.m.

He stated that the City was moving in the right direction; referred to a case in Skokie, Illinois that was similar to North Chicago although the discipline resulted in an option of resigning or termination and was unclear with lack of discipline within North Chicago’s police department.

Ralph Peterson

He explained he had thoroughly reviewed the police reports and was strongly concerned that Sergeant Cecala was considered for a promotion of Lieutenant by Police Chief Jackson. He named the officers that weren’t disciplined that were involved with Darrin Hanna’s death. The “wrong message had been sent” to other officers. The wrongful officers removed a dear family member in a tragic way. He appreciated his Aunt Gloria Carr for her strong faith.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to suspend the Regular Order of Business at 7:45 p.m.

ROL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to resume Regular order of Business at 8:58 p.m.

ROL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, November 04, 2013; 7:30 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Regular Council Meeting, November 04, 2013; 7:30 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report – October 2013

6-1B Water Department – October 2013

6-2 NCCHS Community Event, December 14, 2013; 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 LEVY/TAX ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance from fiscal year of May 01, 2013 to April 30, 2014 with a total Tax Levy of \$6,737,410.59; and to file a copy with the Lake County Clerk.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned clarification that the Tax Levy Ordinance reflected Scenario 3 at 14.17%.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Nays: Allen, Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 SANCTUARY WATER AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Sanctuary Water Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIED

7-3 DISPOSE APPROVAL – PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS VEHICLES

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the disposal of the Public Works/Police Surplus Vehicles (agenda items 7-3 and 7-4).

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman January to table item 7-3 and 7-4

ROLL CALL TO TABLE:
Ayes: Markham
Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels, January
Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

ROLL CALL TO APPROVE:
Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels, January
Nays: Markham
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 DISPOSE APPROVAL – POLICE SURPLUS VEHICLES

COMBINED WITH ITEM 7-3

7-5 FIRE VEHICLE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Fire Vehicle Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$26,300.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 "CHILDREN OF PURPOSE" SHOP- WITH-A-COP DONATION APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the amount of \$500 to "Children of Purpose: Shop-with-a-Cop donation.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF AUBREY (BILL) WOODSON TO CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the appointment of Aubrey (Bill) Woodson to Citizen Advisory Committee.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Woodson.

7-8 ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION APPROVAL AUTHORIZING ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT FOR WAUKEGAN AND NORTH CHICAGO

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and Enterprise Zone for Waukegan and North Chicago.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith clarified there were two documents included in motion for approval; the Ordinance Approving Authorization of the Enterprise Zone Amendment and the Intergovernmental Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE CITY CODE – STREETS AND PARKING

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 10 of the City Code; Streets and Parking.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Allen questioned the parking lot at Greater St. James Church. The Mayor explained that Lake County had awarded the parking lot to the City of North Chicago. He was in the process of ensuring the parcel would remain as a parking lot for Greater St. James Church property.

Alderman January questioned listed alleys and purpose of an ordinance. Mr. Wheeler stated that Alleys weren't included in the city code and that it pertained to the right-of ways.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 11/18/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 11/18/13 in the amount of \$484,868.61 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Account Manager Mike Miller acknowledged they were and checks would be provided the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

ELECTED OFFICIAL CANDIDATE – GREAT LAKES

Alderman Evans, questioned if a Great Lakes resident qualified as a candidate for elected official position. Attorney Smith acknowledged that Great Lakes was within the City of North Chicago and persons who resided on the premise was qualified to run for office as long as they met the time line requirement. Attorney Smith explained that Great Lakes was included in the population count. He said there could be an ordinance to establish a liaison or representative to participate in the meetings.

Alderman January agreed with a liaison but suggested that it be a chaplain of the Navy; Attorney Smith explained that the government was sequestered

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Lori Collins questioned the time and date of the upcoming Special Council; Mayor Rockingham said November 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson announced there would be a North Chicago School Board Meeting help November 21, 2013 to discuss taxes and suggested that citizens attend to voice their opinion. He also announced that Foss Park District would be holding a meeting December 19, 2013 to discuss taxes.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman January, that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 04, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Absent: January

4-1 SWEARING IN OF TWO (2) NEW HIRES; TIMOTHY KLUCHKA AND FRED TURNER

Alderman January returned at 7:34 p.m.

The Mayor had sworn in the two fire fighter new hires; Timothy Kluchka and Fred Turner.

4-2 SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTERS; FRANK CORDOVA, MATTHEW STOLL AND ANTHONY RIALMO

The Mayor had newly sworn and extended his appreciation to the newly sworn firefighters welcoming them to the City of North Chicago. It was a career to be honored.

4-3 PROMOTION OF FIRE FIGHTER KIM SCHAEFER TO LIEUTENANT

Fire Chief Urban affixed Firefighter Kim Schaefer's Lieutenant Badge.

There were other fire and police departments present from the Chicago area.

The Mayor requested that item 4-4 was moved to Omnibus Vote Agenda 6-2.

4-4 RESOLUTION HONORING MT SINAI INSTITUTIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH 90TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve and move item 4-4; Resolution Honoring Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church 90th Year Anniversary to Omnibus Vote Agenda 6-2.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

4-5 PROMOTION APPROVAL OF JOHN UMEK TO FIRE SHIFT COMMANDER

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the promotion of John Umek to Fire Shift Commander.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, October 21, 2013; 8:15 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that Regular Council Meeting, October 21, 2013; 8:15 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Proclamation - "Red Ribbon Week"

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda item 6-1; Proclamation for "Red Ribbon Week" and item 4-4/6-2; Resolution Honoring Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church 90th Year Anniversary as presented.

Alderman January requested that the Resolution was read.

The City Clerk read the Resolution Honoring Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church 90th Year Anniversary.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 AT&T U-VERSE SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the AT&T U-Verse Settlement Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING TITLE 5; CHAPTER 25; ARTICLE B; PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Ordinance Amending Title 5; Chapter 25; Article B; Public Passenger Vehicle.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 NCCHS MARCHING BAND DONATION APPROVAL TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM LEGISLATIVE FUND

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the transferal of legislative funds for the NCCHS Marching Band in the amount of \$500.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Mayfield questioned clarification with management of separate travel & training funds. She requested a legal opinion. Attorney Smith clarified that it wasn't an individual account although a legislative budget line item as a whole.

Alderman Markham stated should have the ability to allocate funding.

Alderman Evans questioned the total donation amount and reiterated what Attorney Smith explained. The Mayor explained he would transfer an additional \$500 from his account in the General Fund placed on the following city bill run, November 18, 2013.

MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.

7-4 I-PADS APPROVAL – ELECTED OFFICIALS

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the I-Pads in the amount of \$4,899.70 for the Elected Officials.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO SENIOR CITIZEN "HALL OF FAME" APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that the City Council approve the Senior Citizen "Hall of Fame."

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January inquired if the amendment was added with the resident requirement of fifty years. Alderman Markham acknowledged it was.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 PROMOTION APPROVAL OF LT. JOHN UMEK TO FIRE SHIFT COMMANDER

MOVED TO FOLLOWING ROLL CALL

7-7 LEVY/TAX ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Levy/Tax Assessment Ordinance.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January agreed to fund the Police & Fire Funds although not as a taxpayer burden.

The Mayor requested that item 7-7 was returned to Finance.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Runnels,

Nays: Evans, Allen, Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION DENIED

The Mayor explained that an amount needed to be approved to collect city property tax. He requested that item 7-7 was returned to Finance Committee.

7-8 TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE APPROVAL – 2005A GO BOND SERIES

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Tax Abatement Ordinance for 2005A GO Bond Series.

The Mayor clarified that the word "abatement" indicated it wouldn't be placed on the city tax rolls.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE APPROVAL – 2005B GO BOND SERIES

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Tax Abatement Ordinance for 2005B GO Bond Series.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 TELECOMMUNICATOR'S FINAL CONTRACT APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Telecommunicator's final contract.

Alderman Markham moved to table agenda item 7-10, seconded by Alderman January.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION DENIED

The Mayor explained the motion continued for its original approval of the Telecommunicator's Final Contract.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Nays: Allen, Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-11 CITY SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the City Salary Ordinance Amendment.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Nays: Allen, Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-12 COMPTROLLER POSITION APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Comptroller position to Gloria Gibson.

The Mayor requested that Gloria Gibson was recognized.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Gibson extended her appreciation for the opportunity by the City Council, City of North Chicago and residents.

7-13 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL AT 1920 SHERMAN AVE. (YOUTH COMMUNITY RESIDENCE)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Special Use Permit at 1920 Sherman Ave. (Youth Community Residence)

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-14 ANNUAL AUDIT FINANCE REPORT APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Annual Audit Financial Report.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 11/04/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 11/04/13 in the amount of \$348,532.32 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned page 7; JB Glass if it was contracted with the City. Mr. McInnis stated it wasn't and that it would be billed to them for reimbursement.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Account Manager Mike Miller acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS

Alderman Evans requested that all agenda requests were provided to the City Clerk's office no later than Wednesday before 5:00 pm. prior to the following meeting according to the ordinance and had available copies. He emphasized enforcement of the ordinances on the level of one accord. He also had strong concerns with the quantity of city abandoned buildings.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Lloyd Howard – 1121 Glenn Dr.

He was thankful that the property taxes were approved. He noted that Mr. Miceli stated would have to sell his property.

Alderman Runnels left at 8:22 p.m.

Patricia Axelrod – People’s Advocate – Libertyville, IL

She also was thankful that the property taxes weren’t approved. She suggested that the City Council reviewed the city bills very carefully. She noted there was a need of additional African American Fire Fighters. She directed Attorney Smith to follow the Truth and Taxation Act.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

The City had experienced/survived a “financial wind storm”. God was the anchor for needed improvement of community relations. President Obama had recognized his wife, Daisy Brooks as one of the outstanding citizens in the City of North Chicago; He had two documents from Department of Justice; Mediation Agreement dated February 28, 2012 and Community Relations Service.

Alderman Runnels returned at 8:26 p.m.

Charles January – 2364A Delaware, Great Lakes, IL

He extended his appreciation to the aldermen for “standing up”. He suggested a Fire District that partnered with the Police Department. There was a need for additional ambulance technicians as the crime rate was increasing. He was grateful for the newly hired Comptroller. The citizens should have a copy of the approved ordinances. In closing, there wasn’t a comprehensive/strategic plan since the year of 1996.

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan, IL

He reported the previous background of Sergeant Cecala’s lawsuit; he signed own use of force form; snatched the prongs out of a tased victim; Officer Gesky who was involved in the “Darrin Hanna’s Case” replaced another officer in the K-9 Unit. Sergeant Cecala was a corrupt “dirty cop” promoted to Lieutenant.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels seconded by Alderman Mayfield, that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Public Hearing, Monday, October 28, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING 2013 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013 5:30 PM

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayfield, Evans, Markham,

Absent: Fisher, Allen, Runnels January

Comptroller John Gantz explained that a notice of the public notice was published in the local newspaper as required. The Public Hearing was called to provide a forum for participating comments of the citizens. The proposed 2013 Property Tax Levy was the amount of \$6,969,911; a 10.45% increase from previous year. The proposed increase would provide an additional \$300,000 for underfunded police and \$50,000 for fire pensions. The amount of 17.24% was proposed.

EVETTA BARRETT

She questioned if another method was reviewed.

The Mayor explained had exhausted all possibilities in balancing the budget including state regulations. The deadline was to fund the pensions at 100% in the year of 2016; the current status was 44%.

MARIAN IRBY – ERIC JONES

Eric Jones spoke in behalf of Marian Irby and questioned clarification how the remaining 60% of the pension was funded. The Mayor explained the property tax would assist to fund the pensions.

Comptroller John Gantz explained per actuarial study, the pensions were underfunded.

Attorney Smith elaborated further that in year of 2016, the State would mandate that the City provided the needed funding to the pensions. It would result in losing control of the city budget.

Alderman Markham questioned the length of time it was underfunded. Mr. Gantz explained approximately 8-10 years from the decisions of previous City Council; adding that the underfunded pension resulted in containing the property tax rate.

The Mayor stated previously estimated twenty years that it wasn't properly funded.

Mr. Jones questioned if the projection could be much higher. The Mayor explained that an arbitrator would determine the amount deducted. He wasn't certain with the percentage.

Attorney Smith explained it would be underfunded. There were more individuals employed vs. retirees.

Mr. Jones questioned how the pensions were being funded. The number of officers remained the same.

DOROTHY DRAKE

She stated that North Chicago was the highest taxing body in Lake County.

Mr. Gantz estimated fifty-two (52) cities and villages; the City was seventh highest.

Ms. Drake explained that the City didn't have the accommodations and issue of expenditures outside of North Chicago. It was pertinent in supplying the city necessities. The Mayor explained it was a daily struggle in acquiring new businesses to the City. She suggested land development of a hotel/motel in front of the base to encourage development of the City and Navy.

The Mayor clarified that Great Lakes was #1 employee of Lake County; Abbott/Abbvie; #2. The City of North Chicago didn't have ample services of Lake County. There were many families that graduated very often. He suggested closing the commissary and opening a store assisting everyone. The representatives have informed him that it had to be fully military serviced.

He would continue pursuing the issue. All military land was also not city taxed.

Ms. Drake clarified that every post had a commissary. The City needed to service itself.

HUBERT GEATER

He stated was impossible in operating the City without money. He explained was told by Public Works Director/Engineer Josh Wheeler not to bring his tomato vines at the dumpster and that it could cause a city liability. He questioned what he received for the increased property taxes.

The Mayor informed Mr. Geater to contact the City when the street department was present. Pickups were provided by Advance Disposal.

SUSAN DIXON

She emphasized a strong economic development. She suggested a deadline for the Economic Director for city development. Ms. Dixon questioned the amount of increase and what scenario was chosen. Mr. Gantz explained didn't have a definite dollar amount and that it would reflect the May 1st tax bill. There were additional taxing bodies; School District, Park District, Township and College of Lake County to the City of North Chicago. The proposed scenario was #4.

FRANKLIN MONTGOMERY

He stated would receive a \$752 annual increase. The Mayor explained that the state mandate would continue until the pensions were funded at 100%.

Mr. Gantz stated it was unlikely to decrease.

EMMA GUINS

She questioned if the proposal was exceeding 4.9%, if the citizens were included in the decision of the increase and if the revenue from the video gaming would be an inclusive impact to the property tax. The Mayor stated a public hearing was required and didn't need a vote by the residents. It would be additional to the budget although was uncertain if it would be a significant reduction in tax dollars.

DAISY BROOKS

She questioned clarification if the pensions weren't funded previously 10-15 years. The Mayor explained that the pensions weren't funded 100% that assisted in balancing the

budget. Mrs. Brooks suggested reducing some of the employee salaries. The Mayor explained that the Unions have negotiated no raise for the year of 2013.

KENNETH ROBINSON

He explained the tax bill. He stressed contacting the other taxing bodies with their percentage proposals; School District (89% of city tax bill), Park District, Lake County etc. The pension funds have been underfunded the previous 20+ years.

Ms. Dixon questioned why the other entities weren't invited to the Public Hearing. Mr. Robinson clarified that the Public Hearing was exclusively for the City. He inquired if she was aware when the taxes would be levied of the other taxing bodies. She acknowledged she wasn't.

VELMA DICKER

She questioned clarification if the previous school board had issued bonds. It was time to pay the bonds. The additional tax increase was contingent upon the amount of impact aid received. The Mayor encouraged her to contact the school board. Ms. Dicker stated that she was informed by a member of the board.

BETTY HARRIS

She emphasized the majority of the residents were on a fixed income (mainly Senior Citizens). She had strong concerns of residents leaving the City due to the property tax increase and suggested grant funding.

CAROL FRANK

She clarified that Shields Township was charging a 71% increase. She had a strong apprehension of the City losing their businesses.

BILLIE JEAN CLARK

She emphasized her concern with the majority of individual's ability to afford and continuing the property tax increases.

PREACHER HOWARD

He questioned if the City could obtain a loan applying to the debt. Mr. Gantz clarified that the pensions had been funded although was less than the required amount.

DAVE STONER

He was the only employed member of his household adding that he hasn't received a raise in three (3) years+ as it was ridiculous. The property value has decreased and would be difficult in selling it for what was owed.

The Mayor stated he has received the same pay for nine (9) years. The citizens wouldn't receive the proper services if the property tax wasn't increased. There had been a reduction of services and employees; including consolidation of departments to assist in balancing the budget. He strongly stressed it was state mandated. He clarified had attempted to obtain a Save-a-Lot and they decided opting to Waukegan. He explained would continue persevering.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, October 21, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

4-1 Resolution Honoring John Gantz

City Clerk read the Resolution.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Resolution Honoring John Gantz.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Rockingham provided accolades to the retiring Comptroller John Gantz. The Mayor commented that the efforts of Mr. Gantz were challenging in the position of Comptroller "dealing with all departments", it was necessary to manage the money correctly. He, Mr. Gantz has maintained the highest quality and it would be challenging in "filling his shoes". Mayor Rockingham strongly extended his appreciation.

Mr. Gantz stated it was a privilege in serving the City as the Comptroller for North Chicago. He acknowledged the Mayor; Elected Officials; Department Heads; City employees and the residents/business people of North Chicago. He has received support and appreciation of everyone. It has also been rewarding and gratifying.

4-2 Exchange Club of North Chicago "Youth of Month Award"

The Mayor requested to remove the item requested by the Exchange Club.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, October 07, 2013; 7:49 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, October 07, 2013; 7:49 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report

6-1B Water Department Report

6-2 "United Dagwood Hanna" March/Rally, November 09, 2013; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned security for the march/rally and amount of overtime to be allocated if necessary for the Police Department. Ralph Peterson Jr., spokesman for the event, explained there were previously police present and ensured the event would be peaceful.

The Mayor explained there would be a patrol officer present if needed.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 IDOT (ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the IDOT Maintenance Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 2013 HALLOWEEN PROCLAMATION APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the 2013 Halloween

Proclamation.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham requested that the Proclamation was read. The City Clerk read the Halloween Proclamation.

Alderman January questioned the day of Sunday for Halloween. The Mayor explained it had always been scheduled on Sunday due to other activities and the actual day was a school night.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 NCCHS MARCHING BAND DONATION APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the NCCHS (North Chicago Community High School) Marching Band donation; not to exceed the amount of \$500.

The Mayor clarified that it was the sole band in Illinois traveling to Memphis, Tennessee Liberty Bowl. The City would donate the amount of \$500.

Alderman Markham inquired if the Aldermen could transfer some of their budget funds totaling the donation amount of \$1,000. Attorney Smith explained that it could be transferred although suggested the following Council Meeting to be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Presley extended his appreciation in behalf of North Chicago Community High School and distributed tee shirts. He announced the annual fall concert October 29, 2013; 7:00 p.m. and encouraged elected officials to attend school board meetings.

7-4 CITY SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the City Salary Ordinance Amendment; striking Grade A-11; Accounts Payable Clerk/Purchasing Clerk/Payroll Coordinator adding to A-13; Accounts Payable /Purchasing Clerk, Payroll Coordinator and Accountant; Retitling Health Code Enforcer Planner to Public Works Administrative Assistant; A-16; City Planner; striking position of Revenue Collections Supervisor; striking A-25 increasing to A26; Human Resources Director.

Alderman Markham requested to table item 7-4; The Mayor explained that tabling a motion superseded the initial motion.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to table item 7-4; page 11 of the City Salary Ordinance Amendment.

ROLL CALL TO TABLE:

Ayes: Fisher, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE ITEM 7-4

7-5 BARGAINING UNIT POSITION UPGRADES/ADDITIONS APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the City Council to approve the Bargaining Unit Position Upgrades/Additions.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned if it pertained to the City Salary Ordinance. The Mayor clarified the union upgrades were being approved.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 N.C. METRA STATION VENDOR APPROVAL TO TOM BOYD

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the North Chicago Metra Station Vendor to Tom Boyd.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 PETITION/ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT APPROVAL (BODY ARTS ESTABLISHMENT)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (Body Arts Establishment).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Allen, January

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

7-8 SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL AT 2314 GREEN BAY RD. (BODY ART ESTABLISHMENT)

Economic Director Joe Napolitano explained that the Zoning Ordinance was for the purpose of creating a Special Use Permit.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman January to table item 7-8 indefinitely.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-9 2014 MFT RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the 2014 MFT Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 ENGINEERING MCCLORY BIKE PATH APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Engineering McClory Bike Path.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded by Alderman Markham to amend motion including the amount of \$4,653 for the initial Engineering \$22,244.03; Second Phase awarded to Ciorba Engineering Group.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor clarified that eighty (80%) of cost was utilized by grant funds awarded to the City.

7-11 AMENDING TITLE 8; CHAPTER 13; VIDEO GAMING ACT

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Amending Title 8; Chapter 13; Video Gaming Act.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Nays: Allen, Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-12 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING QUALIFICATION FOR BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE

COMMISSIONERS

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Amending Qualifications for Board of Fire & Police Commissioners; each member would have a three-year staggered term appointed by the Mayor with consent of City Council. A term would expire in one year until their successor is appointed and qualified subject to the provision of 65 ILCS 5/10 2.1-2. There shall be no appointment by the Mayor within thirty (30) days before expiration of the term. This section shall supersede Section 10-2.1-3 of Illinois Municipal Code.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-13 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF SHAWNA HULEY TO BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS (3-YEAR TERM REPLACING PETER BALMES)

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Shawna Huley to Board of Fire & Police Commissioners (3-year term replacing Peter Balmes).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-14 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF VANDERBILT BLANCHARD TO BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS (2-YEAR TERM REPLACING NORMA HARRIS.)

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the appointment of Vanderbilt Blanchard to Board of Fire & Police Commissioners (2-year term replacing Norma Harris).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 10/21/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 10/21/13 in the amount of \$497,776.28 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

SENIOR HALL OF FAME

Alderman Markham explained the qualifications to become the "Senior Hall of Fame", it would read to reside in the City for fifty (50) years.

APPRECIATIVE

Alderman January appreciated the Mayor's attendance; allowing availability and funds for the Illinois Municipal League Conference.

Alderman Markham stated that the Mayor had chaired two (2) of the sessions.

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

The Mayor stated he moderated two workshop sessions one of which was in regards to medical marijuana, assisting in the City's preparation. The first of January it would be effective and needed to ensure that the handbooks were updated. Secondly, there would be a strategic plan in obtaining a mission statement. He suggested establishing a committee encountering an outside company to provide a strategic plan. He would appoint Alderman January as Chairman; Mayfield; Co-Chairman and Evans a member when the committee was confirmed.

Attorney Smith stated he would collaborate with the committee due to subsection of OMA (Open Meetings Act) liability.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He recommended criteria for the Senior Hall of Fame reduced to fifty (50) years as a resident. Mr. Brooks suggested a retreat of the elected officials due to the needed established goals.

The Mayor reiterated the suggested strategic plan had been discussed and organized. He clarified there was a grant for a comprehensive plan.

Mr. Brooks stated there were several complaints of police abuse and it wasn't resolved. He continued that Marion Jones received a one-year extension from demolition. He clarified that Justice Department complaints have not been acted upon by the City since year of 2007.

Gloria Carr

She congratulated honoring Lieutenant Kurt Nash upon his promotion that was well deserved although questioned why he didn't receive an award. She also recognized patrol officer Roberts adding that he was a "good officer" and was hopeful that he would be promoted. She strongly asserted/clarified that her son was beaten and brutally murdered

by six officers and noted; PTSD (Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder). Ms. Carr extended her appreciation to everyone with a "listening ear."

Ralph Peterson Jr.

He stated his mission was exposing corruption. He clarified had researched information of Sergeant Cecala; terminated from the Gurnee Police Department, falsified reports and destroyed personal property numerous EEOC and union grievance complaints filed from minority employees etc. Mr. Peterson encouraged to FOIA the facts. He emphasized that Sergeant Cecala was corrupt and the police chief recommended a promotion of a Lieutenant. He was thankful for the newly appointed Board of Fire & Police Commissioners' members.

Betty Harris

She strongly stressed the need of "reading power". Ms. Harris emphasized council involvement as the children were the future. "We are better together." Ms. Harris encouraged participation in meeting the school Principal; October 24, 2013; 4:00-6:00 p.m. The school board meeting would follow.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Runnels, that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 07, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:49 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: Allen

4-1 "Outstanding Citizenship" Certificate Awarded and Presented to Dorothy Wood

Fire Chief Dell Urban explained that Ms. Dorothy Wood had save a baby's life, August 27, 2013.

In recognition of Ms. Dorothy Wood, a certificate was awarded in her behalf.

Alderman Allen returned at 7:50 p.m.

The Mayor explained that although not always prepared, she assisted her neighbor in the time of need.

4-2 "Fire Prevention Week" Presentation

Kim Schaefer, Fire Lieutenant announced that October as "Fire Prevention Month." She explained the process that individuals had attended various schools; Kukla Towers and Thompson Manor Senior Housing. She emphasized the need of smoke and carbon monoxide operable detectors. Any questions/concerns or information could be addressed to the fire department. The tours were provided free of charge.

The Mayor echoed Lieutenant's sentiments. Lives were more valuable than material items. He commended the Fire Department.

Alderman Allen questioned if smoke detectors were provided.

Fire Chief Urban explained that Sheilds Township at times donated them when acquired from a grant process. It would be communicated accordingly upon receipt.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, September 16, 2013; 7:12 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Regular Council Meeting,

September 16, 2013; 7:12 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Proclamation – “Domestic Violence Awareness” Month

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Real Estate Transfer Tax Ordinance Amendment.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 EMERGENCY HOTLINE APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Emergency Hotline provided in the Police Department.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 LIBRARY APPOINTMENT APPROVAL – ALECIA JONES

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Library Appointment to Alecia Jones.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING SECTION 3-2-1; FIRE DEPARTMENT – INCREASING NUMBER OF LIEUTENANTS FROM SIX (6) TO SEVEN (7)

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Ordinance Amending Section 3-2-1; Fire Department increasing number of Lieutenants from six (6) to seven (7).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT APPROVAL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE SERVICES

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that the City Council approve the Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Department Ambulance Services.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 REJECTION APPROVAL OF INITIAL TREE PLANTING BIDS

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the rejection of initial tree planting bids.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 AWARD APPROVAL OF NEW TREE PLANTING BID TO DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP – T& M (TIME & MATERIALS) NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the award of new tree planting bid to KGI Landscaping not to exceed the amount of \$40,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor explained that a grant would be utilized for the cost vs. city funds.

7-8 GRANT PLACE LICENSE AGREEMENT APPROVAL (AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
REGISTRATION CENTER

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Grant Place License Agreement (Affordable Care Act Registration Center).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE APPROVAL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the purchase of an ambulance from Alexis in the amount of \$139,891 for the Fire Department.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF SHAWNA HULEY, CASSANDRA BROWN AND VANDERBILT
JR. TO THE BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT ITEM 7-10 WAS TABLED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 10/07/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 10/07/13 in the amount of \$400,563.31 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

WELCOMED/THANKFUL

The Mayor welcomed Alderman Mayfield upon her medical return. She was thankful to

everyone for calls she had received during her medical leave.

BIRTHDAY

The Mayor acknowledged Alderman Runnels' birthday and many more.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Runnels left at 8:11 p.m.

Doreen Presley

She extended her appreciation for the donations and consideration toward the marching band.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He clarified that the City “needed a little more Jesus” that could assist with the issues. He referred to a previous meeting and questioned why there wasn't a city plan. The demolition of Marion Jones was delayed due to his strong concerns.

Alderman Runnels returned at 8:15 p.m.

Judy Wentz

She had concerns with Speedway gas station and semi-trucks parking/maneuvering on Beacon Street causing havoc for residents. She had requested a sign to be posted omitting (18) wheelers on Beacon St. The Mayor stated would review the situation.

Alderman Runnels added that parking was “poor” in the area.

Ms. Wentz also addressed Flanagan's Restaurant parking and concerned that the value of the homes in the area would depreciate from the activity there; she suggested better signage in the area. Mayor Rockingham explained it was being addressed.

Emmanuel Hanna Sr. - North Chicago

He clarified had visited Springfield, Illinois and was informed that it was a violation with the freedom of speech allowing only “three minutes” for comments. It didn't provide ample time to express one self. He would be filing a suit for the violation

Paula Carballido

North Chicago Exchange was seeking to find a 2013/2014 “youth of the month;” she detailed the qualifications and stated the prize was \$100. Youth of the Year would receive \$1,000 scholarship; nationally \$10,000. She announced the WWII Black Navy Veterans Memorial Park Foundation fundraiser that would be held this Friday at the Ramada Inn. She encouraged participation.

Harold Rollins

Detective Rollins announced the Annual Harlem Ambassadors basketball game October 19, 2013; 4 p.m. at North Chicago High School. “Holy Spokes” was a new program that taught the art of entrepreneurship through repairing bicycles.

Susan Dixon - North Chicago

She expressed the importance of carbon monoxide detectors. She expressed concern with the abundance of fighting at Foss Park; suggested anyone that witnessed misbehavior to contact the police. Ms. Dixon clarified that change would begin to occur if everyone spoke positively with other individuals.

Charles January – 2364A Delaware Ave.

He expressed concern with increasing the number of Lieutenants in the Fire Department and emphasized that it wasn't affordable. Mr. January clarified that Police & Fire Board members could not be removed at one time unless stipulated by ordinance. He suggested that employees salaried over \$100,000 should be listed on the city website.

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan

He stated would apologize to the Police Chief. The police officers weren't issued discipline. There wasn't a statute of limitation for official misconduct. The Police Chief had the opportunity and nothing was resolved.

Shawna Huley - North Chicago

She stated had received concerns with the 2013 Property Tax Levy and offered assistance of the senior citizen tax assessment freeze. The Affordable Care Act Registration Center was an exquisite opportunity. She named "girls connected" partnered with the College of Lake County including a team parenting seminar held Thursday weekly. The alumni association also donated 100% proceeds to the marching band department.

Alderman Allen supported the alumni association. Ms. Huley explained the proceeds were acquired from the members "out of pocket" or by fundraiser efforts.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Runnels, that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, September 16, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:12 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to allow Alderman Mayfield remotely participate the Council Meeting due to illness.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield did not vote.

The Mayor requested to change the order of category item for Citizens Comments and Questions due to the quantity of individuals.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Carol Frank– 3117 21st St.

She questioned clarification of not being inclusive as one of the contacts. The Mayor clarified

That her business was classified as a store although he would be contacting her accordingly.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He commended Alderman Markham upon his 5th ward forum held previous Saturday; acknowledging the Mayor, Melvin Bembry, President of the North Chicago Commerce and Paula Carballido, Exchange Club President. Arthur Gas had initiated the Black Chamber of Commerce targeting the Black Businesses. The needs were unique compared to other Minorities. State Representative Rita Mayfield was also present and provided an Illinois Handbook or government. It was addressed in attracting businesses.

Charles January – 2364A Delaware Ave.

He was upset of elevating the property tax 4.9%. It would only accrue the amount of \$300,000. He expressed a strong concern of hiring a former police officer that wasn't qualified. Video gaming machines were placed in three (3) locations; Toby's, Frank's Lunge

and the Foss Park District. There was a necessity of focusing the problem of unemployment.

The pool wasn't large in comparison to Waukegan. He suggested a community forum.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She was opposed to gambling that was considered a "rotten apple!" There was a need of providing fresh fruit/vegetables/foods to the children. We are "better together." The City had to consider education; quality school systems in attracting others. Leading the children was everyone's responsibility/task for continued growth. She encouraged attending the school board meeting and offered the school board website.

Torrance Abrams – 2225 Honore Ave.

He alerted that the city landscape was soon to be changing following year 2014. A new principal from Chicago was hired without community input. The plan was that 7/8th grade level students would be attending High School and encouraged the City Council and Mayor to be proactive. The second Tuesday of the month; 5:30 p.m. The Chicago students were relocating in the City of North Chicago. The educators were relocating to Chicago where the Mayor was establishing a learning center. He, Torrance Abrams emphasized the need of impact aid.

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan, IL

He announced that his Aunt Gloria was not well. He and his aunt were very troubled by the Police Chief's statement, September 12, 2013 in the media; "the incident was behind us." He

stressed that an autopsy report reflected Darrin Hanna's death resulted due to physical trauma and being tased. The case was settled and he, Mr. Peterson was exposing the "wrongdoings." He stated had thoroughly investigated the issue. There was also a woman who was a witness to the beating and tasing of Mr. Alston.

Kevin O'Connor – Hanna Family Attorney

He compared prior incidents of the former Police Chief who "bent the rules for the great of good." Several cases involved where an officer beat/tased them teaching a lesson. A former police officer that retire failed the test and someone determined he was a "good officer," breaking the rules" allowing him return to the police department. The problem was if the

rules were allowed to be broken from the "top," it could create a "trickledown effect" impacting other officers.

Paula Carballido – 2530 S. Admiral Dr.

She shared various projects from the Exchange Club and the "Lake County Honor Flight."

She

Explained the Exchange Club had completed the 10-day training camp for the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Team Show. Other entities were named in partnering with them. She extended her appreciation to all who attended the event for the seniors. There were also

Two (2) assemblies scheduled at Forrestal School.

Stella Jones – Exchange Club

She announced the 5th Anniversary of the Exchange Club and that its mission statement had

changed. There were four (4) core values; our community, family and country; not only their

personal family also including the American Family. Commitment to the community was the focal point. An Excel Club was planned as a provision in the North Chicago Schools.

Freddy Phillips – Exchange Club

The Exchange Club was organizing a program called “Honor Flight with a priority to assist Veterans with illnesses. He further described the mission of the organization and honoring Those that have served our country and recognized several local veterans for their service. Mayor Rockingham expressed appreciation to the Exchange Club for those that serve/served “Honor Flight” hub that provided traveling for the veterans to view the Washington D. C. Memorial.

Alderman Evans announced the first annual Job Fair specializing in job placements for felons; an additional fair was scheduled November, 2013. He also recognized Lake County Board Commissioner Audrey Nixon for her assistance.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, September 03, 2013; 7:00 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, September 03, 2013; 7:00 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Proclamation – Reading Power’s 10th Anniversary

6-2 MDA “Fill the Boot,” Friday, September 27, 2013

6-3 Proclamation Honoring Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church (109th Year Anniversary)

6-4 Resolution Honoring Frank Wortham

6-5 Student Bonfire; Thursday, September 19, 2013

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; items 6-1 thru 6-5 as presented.

Alderman January requested that the Proclamation was read.

The Deputy City Clerk read the Proclamation Honoring Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church’s 109th Year Anniversary. Mayor Rockingham congratulated the church for their Accomplishments and the first woman pastor at the Trinity church.

Mayor Rockingham recognized Frank Wortham as a dedicated citizen of North Chicago, a veteran

and his efforts to create the World War II Black Navy Veterans Memorial on Sheridan Road. He asked that the Deputy Clerk read the Resolution.

The Deputy City Clerk read the Resolution Honoring Frank Wortham. Mayor Rockingham expressed condolences to the family and stated that he, Mr. Wortham was a "pillar of the community."

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to suspend the Regular Order of Business
At 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to Resume Regular Order of Business at 10:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ARDEN SHORES AGREEMENT APPROVAL – LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FOR WATER SERVICE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to table 7-1; Arden Shores Agreement – Lake County Public Works for Water Service.

Alderman January explained the agreement given to the alderman was a draft and asked that the final be presented before its approval.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE

7-2 REDFLEX TRAFFIC SYSTEMS AMENDED AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Redflex Traffic Systems Amended Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 TREE INVENTORY BID AWARD APPROVAL TO DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Tree Inventory Bid Award to Davey Resource Group in the amount of \$28,700.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 BARGAINING UNIT POSITION UPGRADES/ADDITIONS APPROVAL

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to table item 7-4; Bargaining Unit Position Upgrades/Additions.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE BID REQUIREMENT AND ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC. TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS AT SHERIDAN CROSSING NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$31,200

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve authorization to waive Bid Requirement and accept proposal from Weston Solutions to make repairs to the groundwater, monitoring wells at Sheridan Crossing not to exceed the amount of \$31,200.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF RICHARD WILSON TO DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Appointment of Richard Wilson to Deputy Chief.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels

Nays: Allen, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Newly appointed Deputy Chief, Richard Wilson was thankful upon his appointment and would continue with ongoing dedicated service of twenty (20) years to the City of North Chicago.

7-7 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF PAULA CARBALLIDO TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Paula Carballido to Zoning Board of Appeals/Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT APPROVAL (TRINITY)

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Zoning Text Ordinance Amendment (Trinity).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 1644 PARK AVE. APPROVAL (TRINITY)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Special Use Ordinance Permit at 1644 Park Ave.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 09/16/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 09/16/13 in the amount of \$373,545.92 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

STRONG CONCERN

Alderman Allen had strong concerns with hiring former police officer. He clarified had contacted a municipal attorney and also referenced state liable law with this issue. The Mayor

Directed the City Attorney to follow up with the matter at hand.

POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARD/LIABILITY

Alderman January expressed uneasiness with a hollow leaning tree on the northwest corner driveway and sidewalk at 20th/Wright Avenue on city property in the 5th Ward. She stated had presented it to the Public Works Director. She also clarified had photos.

VARIOUS

Alderman Markham was appreciative of the Mayor's presence; former Mayor Thomas and remaining individuals that attended the 5th Ward Meeting. There was a fire need to ensure a key was placed in the fire box at the schools when the locks were modified. The Fire Chief stated had followed up with the issue and it was resolved. She clarified the Fire Department wasn't notified upon the change.

VARIOUS

The Mayor appreciated the 5th ward meeting attendance. He announced an Executive Session scheduled, September 23, 2013; Sheridan Crossing Update.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels seconded by Alderman Evans that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 03, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, September 03, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to allow Alderman Mayfield remotely participate the Council Meeting due to illness.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield didn't vote.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, August 19, 2013; 8:15 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, August 19, 2013; 8:15 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Proclamation – Reading Power's 10th Anniversary

6-2 Walk for Seniors, Saturday; 8:00-1:00p.m.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; as presented.

The Mayor clarified that the Senior Walk was September 14, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 BID OPENING/ORDINANCE APPROVAL FOR SALE OF PROPERTY – 1820 SHERIDAN RD. (CORRECTION)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Bid opening/Ordinance for sale of property at 1820 Sheridan Rd.

City Planner Nimrod Warda explained that the bid was for the amount of \$1 and there was only one bidder; Mr. Gershom Rangai and previous actions were corrected.

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded by Alderman Fisher to include an error in the legal description that was incorrectly advertised.

Alderman Allen requested that Mr. Warda explained what had occurred to the property.

Mr. Warda explained that the legal description was incorrectly advertised and the other half of the parcel was purchased.

Attorney Smith elaborated that the property was originally purchased at the cost of \$1,500 for two (2) parcels vs. one and a half (1½).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: Allen

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – NO PARKING AT 2200 KEMBLE AVE. (WEST SIDE)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Ordinance Amendment with No Parking at 2200 block of Kemble Ave. (West Side).

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if there were any handicapped signs on the west side of the street. Public Works Director Josh Wheeler denied any existing handicapped signage on the west side of the street.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 ORDINANCE APPROVAL FOR OVERNIGHT HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Ordinance for Overnight Handicapped Parking Spaces.

Note: Item 7-3; Ordinance Amendment for Overnight Handicapped Parking Spaces was also included in the amendment of item 7-2.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 09/03/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 09/03/13 in the amount of \$472,965.71 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned amount of \$17,198 for Community Days placed on the bill run. She clarified had requested that it was removed. Comptroller John Gantz explained that Community Days had its own account and was on the bill run. The option was to amend the ordinance in the future. She requested that it was amended accordingly.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent:None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

EMERGENCY HOTLINE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Fisher requested to schedule agenda item at the next Committee Meeting; Emergency Hotline for Police Department

REQUEST

Alderman Markham requested that attachments were provided earlier. The Mayor explained the deadline was before Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting. Ordinance or Resolutions could be an attempted provision.

I PADS

The Mayor explained that I Pads were previously requested by City Council and it is being researched for the costs. The attentive timeline was within two (2) weeks

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Patricia Handy –

She questioned clarification of a 24hr video gaming cafe proposal and its provisions. The Mayor explained was in the process of drafting an ordinance and ensured the procedures would have to be followed accordingly. There would be beer and wine available. The hours would be similar to other liquor stores or stricter ones. This would be discussed at the next meeting, September 16, 2013.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He clarified that it was proper for a pastor in providing the invocation. There wasn't anyone contrary to the Mayor. He wanted to move the City forward. He was anticipating a plan with development etc. There was much money expended on legal fees. The demolition of Marion Jones was delayed. He commended former Alderman Charles January Jr. upon his efforts.

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan, IL

He was disappointed in Police Chief Jackson's absence. He explained had thoroughly reviewed the video of Officer Greyer who had falsified documents. He strongly encouraged investigating the officer's misconduct. There was also a witness to Mr. Alston's beating and police officer tasing.

Patricia Axelrod – People's Advocate, Libertyville, IL

There wasn't an investigation of the officers involved in Darrin Hanna's case. There would be additional costs including insurance. She stated had fewer than twenty (20) settlement agreements in her possession.

Monty Beckwith – North Chicago, IL

He suggested a neighborhood watch. He stated would be training for Citizens Police Academy.

Audrey Nixon - 1925 Winter Ave.

She was thankful for the Mayor and City Council upon their efforts in facilitating the grant information to the individuals. There currently were thirteen (13) minority contractors.

The Mayor commended Ms. Nixon upon her efforts.

Alderman Markham announced the 5th Ward Meeting held at Yeager Elementary School; 1811 Morrow Ave; Saturday, September 14, 2013.

Alderman Evans strongly suggested others outside of the City not "grandstanding for the camera!" If concerned for the City, join him in volunteering with the community.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels seconded by Alderman Fisher that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 19, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, August 19, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

The Mayor announced that Alderman Mayfield was remotely participating in the council meeting.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to allow Alderman Mayfield remotely participate in the Council Meeting due to illness.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

Did not vote: Mayfield

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, August 05, 2013; 7:20 p.m. p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, August 05, 2013; 7:20 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report – July 2013

6-1B Water Department Report – July 2013

6-2 "Drives 4 Pledges Day" Proclamation

6-3 Annual Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Sale

6-4 National Association of Woman University Walk Saturday, August 24, 2013 Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 FLOCCULATOR REPAIRS BID AWARD APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Flocculator repairs bid to PumpRite Inc. in the amount of \$130,640.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 SEDIMENTATION TANK REPAIRS BID AWARD APPROVAL

Attorney Smith clarified that item 7-2 was included in the motion of item 7-1.

7-3 2014 MFT RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the 2014 MFT Resolution in the amount of \$750,000.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman Allen stated 18th Place would be reviewed; Mr. Wheeler explained that the motion was to approve the MFT Funds not the specifics of its use.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 2014 MFT ENGINEERING CONTRACTS APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2014 MFT Engineering in the amount of \$77,800 (roadway projects) and \$30,187 (water main project) to Gewalt Hamilton Engineering.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – WATER/SEWER RATES/FEES

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Amendment for Water/Sewer Rates and Fees.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: The Mayor clarified that the hold on the water rate increase would impact "the coming year."

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 FAT CAT DONATION APPROVAL

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the \$15,000 agreement between City of North Chicago and Fat Cat Rescue including amendment that there was no euthanasia responsibility.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned payment of \$8,700. Attorney Smith explained the amount was budgeted for animal control purposes. There would be two payments of \$7,500; September 2013 and \$7,500; March 2014. The contract was amended to include wording that Fat Cat Rescue wouldn't be responsible for any costs associated with euthanasia of any animal.

Alderman Runnels agreed to "one more shot" due to the amendment. He clarified it wasn't budgeted and the City had more priorities such as human; infrastructure and facilitative repairs.

Alderman Mayfield questioned amount. The Mayor explained.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 PROPOSED APPROVAL – REPLACEMENT OF EIGHT (8) VIDEO CAMERAS

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the replacement of eight (8) video security cameras.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 08/19/13

MOTION: Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 08/19/13 in the amount of \$437,114.05 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman Kathy January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

AT&T UVERSE UPDATE

Alderman Runnels questioned AT&T Uverse installation update in the 6th Ward. The Mayor explained he had discussed the issue with an engineer and he was in the process of providing an option of possible installation in the Strawberry Condominiums.

1ST BAPTIST EVENT

Alderman Allen announced "back to school" book bags give away and picnic, Saturday, August 24, 2013; 11:00-4:00 p.m.

The Mayor explained that 1st Baptist Church was located at the intersection of 14th St. and Renken Ave.

VARIOUS

Alderman January extended her appreciation to Alderman Allen and Markham for their attendance at the Honorary Street dedication for the former Mayor Bette Thomas. She questioned the issue Friday with the juveniles that she directed to the Police Chief, emphasizing to enforce need of the curfew. The Chief explained there wasn't ample manpower.

Alderman Allen left at 8:34 p.m.

The Mayor stated the need of the resident/church organization volunteer assistance and its process.

Alderman Allen returned at 8:35 p.m.

Alderman January clarified it was budgeted for additional police officers. The Mayor partially agreed although would prefer them outside managing the dispatched calls.

Alderman Markham emphasized the need of open dialogue with the business owners concerning liquor closing hours adding it wasn't a reflection of anyone. The Mayor agreed with the business owners present as it assisted with stronger communication. It was important that they adhered to the resident issues.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Runnels left at 8:41 p.m.

Charles January Jr. – 2364A Delaware Ave.

He had strong concerns with curfew issues. The police officers needed to perform their duties. Expressed his appreciation to those that supported the Fat Cat donation.; the business, Unique Towing was operating and currently wasn't located in the City of North Chicago. The Mayor stated they had acquired a business license. Peter Balmes was a board member President and per ordinance, it required residency; He had strong concerns with the Economic Development Director and emphasized there wasn't any new city development.

Alderman Runnels returned at 8:44 p.m.

Chandler Walker – North Chicago, IL

He was thankful that the city saved \$17,000 following the rebidding; the cats received \$15,000; He was disappointed with lack of questions addressed regarding MFT. There were also additional questions needed to be discussed in Committee Meeting prior to council approval.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He recognized Ralph Peterson Jr. and Alderman Ernest Fisher acknowledging them as the "Men of Distinction." He stressed the need of additional acknowledgment. Alderman Markham had requested the dedication of a street named in the former Mayor Bette Thomas. Her legacy has continued. The Sheilds Township Supervisor discussed a co-op including process of City needing to organize a 501C3. (Not-for profit). The demolition was also delayed for Marion Jones.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

The businesses were attracted and dependent upon the homeowners. There was a

6,000,000 federal grant for the city schools. Failing to educate them would result with incarceration. The "children are our future."

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan

He stated had visited Mr. Van Alston in the hospital. He reviewed the records and reports that Officer Greyor was involved in the tasing of Mr. Van Alston and Darrin Hanna several times and falsified information. There was also a witness that observed Mr. Van Alston's beating. He questioned why there wasn't an investigation. It was pertinent in addressing the issue.

Robert Presley – 2318 18th St.

He encouraged the guidance in assisting financial support for the students to attend the Liberty Bowl Football Game in Memphis Tennessee New Year's Eve, Tennessee.

The Mayor questioned the cost. Mr. Presley explained the total sum was \$17,000.

Alderman Evans questioned the quantity of students; Mr. Presley stated currently were fifteen. Alderman Evans stated would inform the residents at his 3rd Ward Meeting.

Susan-Usher-Dixon – 1620 Kemble Ave.

She stated that the Economic Development Director wasn't convincing; he should be presenting his ideas to the council members. She announced "Movie Night," September 6, 2013; posted events were placed daily on the marquee; the football player applicants/Cheerleader sign up; Golf League Tournament was scheduled the following day and food would be provided at the pavilion. She continually encouraged the Aldermen to be leaders.

Audrey Nixon – 1925 Winter Ave.

She clarified was a proud citizen of North Chicago. She announced a \$119,000,000 project that was endeavored by Lake County. The program; "Build/Work Local" would be performed in phases. She invited individuals September 03, 2013; 9:00 a.m. at the Greenbelt Cultural Center to bid on the construction projects. Waukegan and North Chicago both had a high unemployment rate. Lake County would also provide a consulting company for job training outreach and workforce program. The Mayor requested additional flyers and also stated the information would be placed on the city web-site.

Alderman Evans announced the "3rd Ward Meeting; Saturday, August 24, 2013; 12:00-3:00 p.m. He encouraged participation.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels seconded by Alderman Allen that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 05, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, August 05, 2013 at 7:20 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman January left the Council Chambers at 7:21 p.m.; returned at 7:22 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

Attorney Smith stated in compliance with City Ordinance and the Open Meetings Act; Alderman Mayfield was physically unable to attend the meeting due to illness and informed the City Clerk.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to allow Alderman Mayfield remotely participate in the Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

Did not vote: Mayfield

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, July 15, 2013; 7:16 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, July 15, 2013; 7:16 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Foss Park "Movie in the Park" – September 6, 2013 (Rain Date; September 13, 2013)

6-2 Fort2Base Race – August 25, 2013

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 VEHICLE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the vehicle lease purchase agreement of \$406.87/month for 39 months.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ORDINANCE APPROVAL REPEALING #1053; HANDICAPPED PARKING – 1020 ADAMS ST.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Repealing #1053; Handicapped Parking at 1020 Adams St.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE AT BUCKLEY/SHERIDAN RD. (GREAT LAKES METRA STATION)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the variance at Buckley and Sheridan Rd. (Great Lakes Metra Station).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith clarified wording of the ordinance should reflect petitioner as "Staff Recommendation" not "Mr. Ash".

Alderman Allen amended motion, seconded amendment by Alderman Evans to include change of "Staff Recommendation" not the recommendation of the actual petitioner.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 08/05/13

MOTION: Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to pay the bills of Council Run 08/05/13 in the amount of \$1,081,631.71 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Alderman Allen stated concern with the lack of response to citizens from the Animal Warden. He requested it was documented and strongly recommended a solution. He requested for the correct contact information and provided the Police Chief with the information. Mayor Rockingham said there would be an effort to resolve the communication issues.

The Mayor announced "National Night Out" from 4:00-7:00 p.m., August 07, 2013; the event purpose was to deter crime. He commended Lieutenant Wilson and Shawna Huley upon their duly efforts.

The Mayor extended his appreciation for those that attended Community Days and described the events. He would arrange to overcome any "hiccups" that might occur at future events. The fireworks were cancelled although the company was willing to

compromise. He also acknowledged city staff, School District and the Foss Park District for their support.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Runnels left at 7:35 p.m.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He requested to utilize the aldermanic office for purposes of citizen comments. The meetings should be “decent and in order”; he felt the invocation should be performed by a minister. He had concerns of ministers not attending meetings. He had invited executives to discuss the status of Marion Jones possible demolition and its effect on the community.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She expressed that it “takes a village!” and thanked the Mayor for Community Days. The City lacked quality education. She announced August 07, 2013; an event at the Greater St. James Church in conjunction with United Way to communicate with the children and work on the basics of education.

Alderman Runnels returned at 7:42 p.m.

Mary Kay Larsen – 2523 24th Place

Said she rescued cats with no compensation; Alderman Evans questioned why all the stray cats weren’t captured and offered volunteers to help her.

Ralph Peterson Jr. – Waukegan

Pastors present were disrespected stating Alderman Markham was a pastor and could deliver invocation. Officer Yost should have been incarcerated for his actions against Darrin Hanna. He recalled wording was omitted from the police reports. There were officers throughout the department that should have been terminated.

Charles January – North Chicago

He emphasized that the Mayor didn’t have a plan; the children/schools were in disarray and the Mayor was involved with committee to demolish Marion Jones Apartments. He was told the City received \$1.5 million with plan to purchase homes; suggested the money be used to beautify and help the current residents

Individuals should be able to comment during both Committee and Council Meetings.

Gloria Carr – North Chicago

She commended several police officers; strongly acknowledged Officer Steve Roberts for his ability to speak with individuals. Included also was Sergeant Nash and Lieutenant Wilson who were present at the council meeting. She would continue representing her son, Darrin Hanna who was beaten by the few bad officers of the Police Department. Badges do not justify improper behavior.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, July 15, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, July 15, 2013 at 7:16 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

Alderman January left the Council Chambers at 7:17 p.m.; she returned at 7:18 following the Invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Evans, Allen Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: Mayfield

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, July 01, 2013; 7:05 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, July 01, 2013; 7:05 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports 6-1A Treasurer's Report – June 2013 6-1B Water Department Report – June 2013

6-2 Street Dedication of Wright Ave. from MLK DR. to 24TH St. as "Bette Thomas Avenue" Saturday, August 17, 2013; 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

6-3 Community Days – City of North Chicago (Foss Park District & District 187) August 2 - 4, 2013

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to suspend the Regular Order of Business to Committee Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Mayfield was not in attendance due to a medical emergency.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to resume the Regular Order of Business at 9:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 VERIZON AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Verizon Agreement subject to City Attorney approval.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 REVISED AGREEMENT APPROVAL – CITY/LEADS ONLINE

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the revised agreement with the City/Leads Online in the amount of \$3,600.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance for Playground Equipment as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE FOR NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE – 1514 JACKSON ST.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Petition/Ordinance for nonconforming structure – 1514 Jackson Street as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 APPOINTMENT OF HERBERT HANDY TO LIBRARY BOARD

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the appointment of Herbert Handy to the Library Board.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 FY 2014 BUDGET APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the FY 2014 Budget as presented.

Alderman Allen asked to amend and include a freeze of non-union salaries and merit increases.

Attorney Smith explained that there was a motion made by Alderman Runnels to approve the FY 2014 Budget as presented and he would then have to accept the amendment. Alderman Runnels denied the amendment and elected to proceed with the first motion to approve as presented. Alderman Markham clarified if the motion to amend took precedence over the first motion an amendment could not be interrupted.

Attorney Smith cited from Robert's Rules of Order and stated that any member can rise to amend.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Allen moved to amend freeze of non-union salaries and merit increases.

ROLL CALL TO AMEND THE MOTION APPROVING THE BUDGET:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Runnels

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the FY 2014 Budget with the amendment to freeze non-union salaries (CSO) & merit increase.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) affected the department heads. Merit raises affect all employees including City Salary Ordinance (CSO).

Alderman Evans questioned who the freeze affected; Comptroller John Gantz explained there was no COLA included in the budget but includes step and merit increases for all employees of the City Salary Ordinance employees (CSO).

ROLL CALL TO APPROVE WITH THE FREEZE OF CSO EMPLOYEES:

Ayes: Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Evans, Runnels, Mayor Rockingham

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Rockingham asked for a motion to approve with the understanding there would not be a COLA increase included in the City Salary Ordinance. Comptroller John Gantz agreed that the budget did not dictate salaries and it would be through the CSO. Alderman January asked when the CSO would be approved; Mayor Rockingham said in the near future before any increases.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the FY 2014 Budget as presented with the understanding there would be no Cost of Living Adjustment at the time of City Salary Ordinance approval.

Alderman January clarified that merit should be included; Mayor Rockingham explained that when the CSO was passed there would be an increase which drives the budget.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Markham, January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 FY 2014 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 FOP CONTRACT APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the FOP Contract as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 PUMP #3 BID AWARD REPLACEMENT APPROVAL – PUMPRITE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve Pump #3 Bid Award Replacement to PumpRite in the amount of \$78,957.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 FAT CAT RESCUE DONATION APPROVAL

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Fat Cat Rescue donation accordingly; \$7,500 immediately and \$7,500 in six (6) months.

Alderman January felt Fat Cat had saved the city over \$100,000 and helped animal control.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to table and refer Fat Cat Rescue back to Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL TO TABLE:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-11 LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISION ADOPTION APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance Revision Adoption Approval.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 0715/13

Alderman Runnels asked that 4Paws Hospital bills; page 6 be removed until additional information was received.

MOTION: Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 07/15/13 with the deletion of 4Paws bill in the amount of \$1,128.50 and the revised total of \$348,799.71 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January clarified there were itemized bills submitted to Comptroller John Gantz for 4Paws Animal Hospital. She asked if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz said there were and checks would disburse the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMUNITY EVENTS Alderman Markham announced the Annual Community Outing July 20, 2013, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. hosted by Greater St. James Church, which included a health fair and activities for children.

Alderman January thanked Foss Park for the "Concert in the Park" and stated its success. Mayor Rockingham also expressed gratitude to Foss Park for the concert. He also extended appreciation to Foss Park Board Commissioner Susan Dixon for her efforts.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mayor Rockingham opened the meeting for citizen comments and questions by stating that derogatory statements and slander would not be tolerated.

Patricia Axelrod Suggested that the Council review the Open Meetings Act and felt they were in violation of the 1st Amendment right of persons being allowed to express themselves with any commentary they choose. She disagreed with the city budgeting \$59,000 for uniforms and only \$15,000 for police safety. Ms. Axelrod also stated that the Animal Control

Department was only allocated \$8,000 for the entire year. She further noted that the city paid in excess of \$1,000,000 for insurance.

She commented that there was a Mediation Agreement with the Department of Justice which was signed by the Mayor and witnessed by City Attorney, obligating the city to improve the conduct of the police department as a whole. She expressed her opinion that, had the agreement been complied with the Darrin Hanna incident would not have occurred.

Ralph Peterson Evidence had been contaminated for the Animal Warden as it was with Darrin Hanna; of which he stated Sergeant Sal Cecala destroyed evidence. He questioned why Officer Yost struck Mr. Hanna in the face. He further noted that there were only minority officers ordered to work in the Council Chambers during meetings.

Wadell Brooks He stated that he met with Executives of Walgreens and the interview could be viewed online at drbrooks.tv. He said no papers were signed to approve the demolition of Marion Jones Housing Complex as of yet; it would be an approximate \$800,000 loss and financial disservice if the complex closed. He expressed the appearance of non-minorities being hired to work for the City.

Charles January He disapproved of the Leads Online program that the City Council approved; he felt it was not useful because there were no pawn shops in the city to track stolen merchandise. He gave the opinion that the current Animal Warden did not care for the community and did not interact with citizens. He encouraged the aldermen to review the lack of obtainable revenue from Animal Warden. He felt there was racism within the Police Department and the city continued to operate with lack of a plan.

Judy Wentz She commended Alderman Evans for his previous statements that the city and citizens needed to work together. She felt embarrassed when people referred to the Council Meetings as "comedy hour" and questioned the lack of positive information in the television videos of the meetings; such as, promotions and awards.

Gloria Carr She stated that her unarmed son was beaten to death by six (6) officers; it was not fair and he was tortured. If her son were wrong she would agree that he should be tried in court but he wasn't afforded that opportunity. Many doctors had told her to continue her efforts at justice and she would.

Mary Kay Larsen – Fat Cat Rescue Questioned the lack of service for trap, neuter and return program; she was a trapper and helped rid of the over population of cats in North Chicago. One citizen was allowed 100 cats in their home of which were released in the city. She asked why the donation for Fat Cat Rescue was tabled and felt the city could not afford not to donate.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the donation request had not yet been denied and was in negotiations.

Betty Harris She observed some positive things throughout the City and commended Foss Park on moving forward but emphasized the need for a pool; she felt the city needed a plan. It was necessary for education of the youth and the school system needed to be improved. She expressed concern the lack of job opportunities for the youth. There needed to be a plan for economic development.

Susan Dixon She announced there were 10 jobs available for the youth at Foss Park, of which 7 remained. There would be a splash pad available for the children the following year. She further stated programs and upcoming events such as 8th grade boy trip to Wisconsin Dells for winning a tournament, 1st Tee golf program and new basketball nets at the court.

Mayor Rockingham thanked her for informing the council and the public of events of Foss Park.

Alderman Allen thanked Ms. Larsen on her efforts in saving the animals.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels seconded by Alderman Markham that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, July 1, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, July 01, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman January left the Council Chambers at 7:06 p.m.; returned at 7:07 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present:: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen Markham, Runnels, January

Absent:: None

City Clerk Lori L. Collins read each plaque individually.

4-1 IL Department of Public Health Award to Keith Humphres – Emergency Services 30 Years as Paramedic

Keith Humphres was thankful for the ability to provide the service and was hopeful for an additional 30 years.

4-2 IL Department of Public Health Award to Kimberly Schaefer – Participation in Emergency Medical Services 15 Years as Paramedic

Kimberly Shaefer was thankful for the ability to provide the service to the community and was hopeful for an additional 15 years.

4-3 IL Department of Public Health Award to Raul Jon Herrera – Participating in Emergency Services 10 Years as Paramedic

Raul Jon Herrera was very thankful for the ability in providing his service

The Mayor acknowledged the Fire Fighters/paramedics and Fire Chief Urban.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, June 17, 2013; 7:01 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, June 17, 2013; 7:01 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 FOSS PARK FESTIVAL/"CONCERT IN THE PARK" 11:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January clarified that events should be discussed in the Building/License/Community Development Committee, of which she was Chairman. Mayor Rockingham explained that the essence of time didn't allow for it to be discussed in committee, considering the event would be held before there was another meeting. Alderman January requested there was better communication with notifying her of events to be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor introduced Director Kevin Holley of the Foss Park District. He explained there were several projects the Foss Park District was in collaboration with including enclosing the swimming pool and basketball courts. He also stated there was \$10,000 provided to the City for paving street near Foss Park.

Alderman Allen expressed appreciation of Mr. Holley's efforts and work at the Foss Park District; Mayor Rockingham also commended Mr. Holley upon his endeavors.

Alderman January left the Council Chambers at 7:19 p.m.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ORDINANCE APPROVAL PROHIBITING ASSAULT WEAPONS /AMMUNITION

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Prohibiting Assault Weapons / Ammunition with the amendment to the penalty provision to include up to six (6) months in jail in addition to \$500 - \$1,000 fine.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 SANITARY MANHOLE PROJECT BID AWARD APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Sanitary Manhole Project Bid Award.

Public Works Director Josh Wheeler clarified that the motion should be to reject all bids in order for it to be rebid at a later time.

Alderman Evans amended his motion, Alderman Runnels amended his second to approve; instead to reject all bids.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED TO REJECT ALL BIDS

7-3 WATER PLANT FLOCCULATOR IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL (PUMPRITE: \$70,240 LUMP SUM)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to TABLE items 7-3 and 7-4.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE

7-4 WATER PLANT SLUDGE TANK IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL (PUMPRITE; NOT TO EXCEED \$77,640)

TABLED WITH ITEM 7-3

7-5 WATER PLANT – PUMP #3 IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve PumpRite for Pump #3 Improvement in the amount of \$19,672.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 0701/13

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to pay the bills of Council Run 07/01/13 in the amount of \$385,158.11 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned clarification of National League of Cities bill page 2; City Clerk Lori L. Collins explained that membership/dues were charged per population therefore the total amount was devised amongst the elected officials and Chief of Staff (11 in total). For each person the amount was \$325. Alderman Markham asked why Townsend Construction; page 11 was utilized vs. local vendor to repair Fire Station #2 ceiling; Community Development Director/Chief of Staff Steve McInnis explained that vendor Kynard's cost was \$11,000 due to not properly equipped for the project and would have to rent the equipment.

Alderman Markham questioned M. Sanders bill page 12; Human Resource Director Antoinette Powell explained that M. Sanders was a temporary Human Resource Associate; stating there was only two employees in the department and could benefit by having another employee.

The Mayor elaborated further.

Alderman Kathy January questioned pg.3; AT&T Teleconference/P.R. Community Days. Tamika Wilson explained that it was a teleconference after hours to coordinate the 5K run/Family Fun Run and Fitness Walk that was to be implemented this year for Community Day Event. The Mayor explained the \$20,000 seed funding was implemented in the year of 2006, itemized from City of North Chicago; \$10,000, Foss Park District; \$5,000 and District 187; \$5,000. Annually the funds were solicited for donations. He encouraged business for their support etc. He clarified that all funding was utilized from the budget.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels
Nays: January
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Mayor Rockingham wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July. He announced that "Google" had offered free websites to small businesses in implementing a domain. It would provide an opportunity in establishing continued growth. The City would be joining and promoting it on their web-site.

Alderman Allen was grateful with the positive event held the past Saturday in honor of Dion Roberts and he also commended Shauna Huley upon her efforts. The Mayor explained wasn't able to attend due to he was out of town. It was commendable for a street sign posted in his honor for a "fallen soldier."

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Patricia Axelrod – People's Advocate (Libertyville) She questioned if Attorney Smith could comment concerning if police officers were encouraged to conduct racial profiling in Highland Park while he was City Attorney. The Mayor clarified as Chairman, would intervene not allowing Attorney Smith to comment. The Mayor ceased Ms. Axelrod from further comments.

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan He emphasized that his Aunt, Gloria Carr was also tired with the behavior of the North Chicago wrongful officers that were currently active. He clarified that Alderman Runnels had stated "he didn't care" at the previous meeting. Mr. Peterson suggested that he resigned. He exemplified that Darrin Hanna was beaten to death. It would soon be exposed to what had occurred.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave. He stated that former Alderman Charles January performed exemplary duties as an Alderman. He offered videotaping of the official, at 12:00 p.m. Sunday and unofficial; 6:00 p.m. Mr. January has also offered a contact telephone number to those without access to the meeting videotapes. In conclusion, he had clarified that Ms. Axelrod was the only person that was present at the Appropriations Hearing.

Charles January – 2364 A Delaware Ave., Great Lakes, IL He was ashamed at Mayor. There were 25 employees over 80,000 was ludicrous. The constitution stated that you had a "right to bear arms." There wasn't any long/short term goals of the Mayor. He explained would be willing to assist the Mayor.

Chandler Walker – 1400 Argonne Dr. He stressed that the water plant was very vital. It was currently highly efficient and North Chicago it was the third highest in the State. He disagreed with eliminating the third shift at the Water Plant. He suggested removing the Police Department's 3rd Shift. He suggested expending the amount of the project in increments.

Keith Turner – 1320 Jackson St., Waukegan, IL He stressed was deeply dismayed with approving the Prohibition of concealed assault/ammunition. He stated was a two-time honorably discharged veteran. The impact must be considered. He was contacted by the ISRA/NRA. It was requested to share information from the National Rifle Association (NRA) that the City had approached them the prior year in assisting to acquire five (5) AR15 Rifles. They were currently being conveyed that they were returned. There was also additional information that could be provided to those of interest.

Gloria Carr – North Chicago She was the parent advocate of Darrin Hanna that was killed by six (6) officers. She wouldn't allow it to result in a "cold case." His constitution right was removed from him and would continually broadcast the justice deserved for all the parents. There was potential for North Chicago to become a "Better Community" The killing had to cease and the six wrongful police officers impacted the positive reputation of the other officers. She questioned the professionalism of Alderman Runnels with the remark he stated at the previous meeting. She also suggested that he resigned.

Angela Patterson – North Chicago She reported that at the intersection of 20th St. and Honore Ave., a dog had jumped the fence and bit her daughter and broke the skin. The police had obtained a report and the contact telephone number of the Animal Warden. The Mayor stated would follow up with the issue. There was an existing ordinance concerning height of the fence.

Alderman Markham explained that Mark the owner was informed to provide additional fencing connected to enclose the backyard.

Tameka Wilson – 1619 Greenfield Ave., North Chicago She announced “Community Days” the following month and explained several of the activities. She also encouraged participation of the elected officials in the parade and their families etc.

Debbie Peel – 2032 Kristan Ave She had strong concerns of drug activity and loud noise that was apparent on her street. The Mayor had discussed the issue previously with her and redirected her concern to the Police Chief. The City Attorney was in the process of scheduling a meeting with Lt. Theis. He would also be coordinating with Alderman Evans in targeting the problem.

Freddy Phillips – Men of Valor, Sergeant of Arms; 1702 Lincoln St. He emphasized the importance of unionization of others. It was tired of the city killings. The Mayor explained commended his positive efforts in welcoming in the community.

Josiah Lillard – Men of Valor Chairman He was thankful and was the servants of the community in assistance of all facets. He was sparking a flame for everyone in assistance of continual growth.

Alderman Evans emphasized the concern with the negativity. There were also other individuals outside of the City with complaints of the Mayor and City Attorney. “The election was over” and not until the following four (4) years. He clarified it wasn’t a personal attack against individuals. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Mayfield seconded by Alderman Fisher that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Public Hearing, Monday, July 01, 2013

**PUBLIC HEARING
2014 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
MONDAY, JULY 01, 2013
5:34 PM**

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Fisher, Evans, Markham, Runnels

Absent: Mayfield, Allen, January

Comptroller John Gantz provided brief overview of the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance. The Public Hearing was called to provide a forum for participating comments of the citizens. The appropriation established amount was not to exceed adding a contingency. This will be placed on the next Council Agenda, July 15, 2013 and filed with the Lake County Clerk no later than July 31, 2013. The appropriation provided the legal annual expenditures. It exceeded the anticipated amount and contingency.

Patricia Axelrod, People's Advocate, Libertyville, IL

She had concerns with the police budget amount of \$8,329,106 from May 01, 2013 – April 30, 2014. \$17,400; crime prevention, \$1,000,000; liability insurance and \$410,000; was allocated for attorney fees. She addressed the lack of funding for crime prevention.

The Mayor explained that \$17,000 was probably for advertising and it was the largest budgeted department. There were other entities for crime prevention. Ms. Axelrod clarified that it was a "police state." The Mayor disagreed.

Alderman Markham questioned the budget. The Mayor explained that the discussion was exclusively for appropriations. The budget would be discussed in Committee Meeting following the Public Hearing.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that the Public Hearing for the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, January

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Regular Meeting, Monday, June 17, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, June 17, 2013 at 8:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, June 03, 2013; 7:01 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, June 03, 2013; 7:01 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report – May 2013

6-1B Water Department Report – May 2013

6-2 Resolution Honoring Lt. David Biggs Retirement for 35+ Years of Service

6-3 March of Jericho Event, July 26-August 01, 2013

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 2014 BUDGET ADOPTION

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to table the 2014 Budget Adoption until the Appropriation Ordinance approval July 15, 2013 upon further review.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Markham, January
Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Runnels
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 NO PARKING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – EAST/WEST SIDES OF DUGDALE FROM ARGONNE DR. SOUTH TO 20TH ST.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on the West side of Dugdale Ave. from Argonne Dr. South to 20th Street; deleting the prohibition of parking on the East side of Dugdale Ave.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING #1004; AUDIT COMMITTEE

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Amending #1004; Audit Committee.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 ORDINANCE APPROVAL REPEALING #1064; HANDICAP PARKING AT 1720 VICTORIA ST. Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Ordinance Repealing #1064; Handicap Parking at 1720 Victoria St.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 SCADA CONTRACT APPROVAL TO TETRATECH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,300

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve award contract to Tetrattech for SCADA Upgrade Project and to waive the bid requirement due to unique nature of the project and City's past experience with Tetrattech.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: Allen
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 PURCHASING APPROVAL OF FRONT END LOADER

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve item 7-6; the purchase of a Hyundai front end loader from Burr's Equipment in the amount of \$116,990 with a credit of \$9,500 for trade of City's 1993 John Deere 44E which is declared to be surplus property in the amount of \$22,204 be approved as presented.

The Mayor clarified that items 7-5 thru 7-8 were included in 2014 Budget and wouldn't be purchased until its approval.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 EXISTING FRONT END LOADER APPROVAL DECLARED SURPLUS

This item was included in the motion of item 7-6.

7-8 WATER PLANT BOILER REPAIRS BID AWARD APPROVAL TO AIR CON - \$22,204.00

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Water Plant Boiler Repairs Bid Award to Air Con in the amount of \$22,204.00.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 06/17/13

MOTION: Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 06/17/13 in the amount of \$360,978.55 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz explained funds were available although asked if paying the city bills should be contingent upon budget approval as it wasn't approved previously. Attorney Smith clarified that because funds were available, the bills should be paid as long as they were available in the bank.

Alderman Markham questioned the Hampton's Agreement. Comptroller John Gantz explained would e-mail it to him. It was a quarterly fee paid based on an agreement between the City and Hampton's Association. Mayor Rockingham elaborated further that the agreement was based upon services the City didn't provide for the condominium complex.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

APOLOGY

Alderman Allen apologized for signing a letter to prevent recording in the aldermanic office. He was informed that all the aldermen weren't contacted for their opinion. There should be seven (7) aldermen involved and he requested to redact his signature.

The Mayor clarified there wouldn't be any video recording in the aldermanic office until council decided unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a Public Hearing by Lake County Department of Transportation scheduled June 26, 2013; 5:00-7:00 p.m. held at the Greenbelt Cultural Center to discuss 14th St. reconstruction. He stressed that 14th St. was in dire need of repair, sewer lines and expediting the process. City, State and Federal funds were requested; the cost was estimated \$12 - \$14,000,000.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks

He stated that had not received an apology from the Mayor who stated for him to stand in the corner. He attempted to attract business in the City and made an appeal to Walgreens to locate in North Chicago; which could be viewed on drbrooks.tv. He encouraged aldermen participation attending a forum to discuss with Walgreens the possibility of their location in North Chicago.

Patricia Axelrod

She clarified was in charge of People Advocate which was a "not-for-profit" organization. She felt offense to repeal handicap parking. She stated that the City Clerk should ensure that the microphones were operating for the citizens to hear properly. Ms. Axelrod cited a statute and accessed that ordinances should be recited in order to be approved.

Charles January, Jr.

He didn't agree with the salaries of City Attorney Smith at \$150/hour or the Economic Development Director's; Joseph Napolitano. He did not feel that Sheridan Road would obtain a hotel. Mr. January suggested that salaries of employees should be reduced by 15%. He expressed the lack of activities for the children.

Ralph Peterson

He didn't agree with Alderman Runnels leaving the Council Meetings during citizen comments after Mr. Peterson was asked to refrain from badgering the Mayor. He suggested that citizen comments were placed at the beginning of the agenda.

He stated that Darrin Hanna was beaten/killed by six (6) officers and the case was similar to Emmitt Till in past history.

Charles Pitts

He suggested creating one business district in North Chicago and questioned the status of the flea market previously in the City. He inquired feedback with request of review directed to the State's Attorney. He further suggested purchasing locally and hiring citizens. There needed to be a living wage employment availability. Lake County was the seventh worst city in the United States.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels seconded by Alderman Fisher that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, June 03, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, June 03, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

4-1 Presentation of MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) Plaque to North Chicago Firefighters Union Local 3271

April Dhamalongkrot, Representative from the Muscular Dystrophy Association provided her presentation explaining the services and history. "Fill the Boot" program was initiated in 1954. The MDA Association considered the firefighters as the most loyal sponsors and partners for the disease. She extended her exclusive support to Reid Mammoser and Josh Monroe upon their leading efforts and Fire Chief Urban. It also was inclusive to the remaining firefighters and citizens of the community. She provided the MDA Plaque to the North Chicago Firefighters, Union Local #3271.

4-2 Promotion of Firefighter Joshua Monroe to Lieutenant

Fire Chief Urban explained the process of a promotion. The Board of Fire & Police Commissioners had approved Joshua Monroe as the Lieutenant. Fire Chief added that Mr. Monroe has also trained the firefighters for 1 1/2 years and was an asset to the department.

4-3 Resolution Honoring Lt. David Biggs Retirement for 35+ Years of Service

City Clerk Lori Collins read the Resolution.

Fire Chief Dell Urban presented the plaque to Lt. Biggs upon his retirement of 35+ years of service to the North Chicago Fire Department. Lt. David Biggs extended his appreciation in behalf of the citizens, and members of the firefighters.

The Mayor stated that Lieutenant Biggs has served the City for many years and has "proven himself."

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, May 06, 2013; 7:00 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, May 20, 2013; 7:02 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, May 28, 2013; 7:35 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, May 06, 2013; 7:00 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, May 20, 2013; 7:02 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, May 28, 2013; 7:35 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 C&M RECYCLING AGREEMENT

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; item 6-1; C&M Recycling Agreement as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVAL OF \$20,000 – CHRISTOPHER HARPER

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the settlement agreement of \$20,000 to Christopher Harper.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION OF MAYOR ROCKINGHAM TO SIGN PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC FOR STREET LIGHTING

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution Authorizing Mayor Rockingham to sign purchase of electric for street lighting.

The Mayor explained the bid process purchase of electric for the street lighting.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 RESOLUTION RELEASING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution releasing Executive Session Minutes.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Recluse: Evans, Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman January suggested that Section 2-2-2; Council Meetings, 2-2-4; Committee Meetings and 2-2-6; Rules of Order was voted separately. She clarified that they were separate ordinances.

The Mayor suggested preferably that it remained as directed.

7-4 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING SECTION 2-2-2; COUNCIL MEETINGS, 2-2-4; COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 2-2-6; RULES OF ORDER

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Ordinance amending Section 2-2-2; Council Meetings, 2-2-4; Committee Meetings, 2-2-6; Rules of Order.

It was requested to read the ordinance.

Alderman Markham questioned the possibility if the ordinance could be read. The Mayor stated that all council members received copies and questions should have been addressed at an earlier time.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: January

Abstain: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 06/03/13

MOTION: Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 06/03/13 in the amount of \$220,588.25 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned pg. 3; General Corporate Fund Administrative Services Community Days category should be placed in a separate fund and removed from the General Fund due to a function that the City didn't oversee. The Mayor stated would take her request in consideration. She questioned pg. 4; Police Department H.R. Consultants. Comptroller John Gantz clarified that H.R. Consultants was the name of the temporary employee agency. She questioned the amount of \$10,000+ that was expended at the Speedway Gas Station within a month and opted for another. It was her understanding that the City wasn't receiving 4% Mr. Gantz explained that Waukegan and North Chicago received similar exemptions.

The Mayor explained the City had an account with Speedway due to its feasibility vs. the city yards. He would review if Waukegan Speedway was providing the 4% to City of North Chicago. Alderman Kathy January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

OVERNIGHT PARKING

Alderman Allen strongly expressed overnight parking concern in his ward and no tickets were issued. The Mayor explained that overnight parking wasn't permitted excluding the 1400 block of Hervey.

SHOOTING

Alderman January questioned a shooting and murdered past weekend. The Mayor explained that an individual was shot in the third ward and lost his life.

Alderman Allen stated he wasn't contacted. The Mayor explained he was out of town and the information should have been disseminated to the Aldermen. He would ensure it in the future.

Alderman Markham explained a parking issue on Dugdale from Argonne Dr. to 20th St. Lt. Theis explained that "D" plates were allowed to park on a residential street excluding semi-trucks.. Alderman Markham extended his appreciation to the Mayor in allowing the Police Chief to attend the ward meeting.

The Mayor extended his apology for not able to attend the meeting due to he was attending a conference.

Alderman Evans explained there was a witness with the shooting. He requested in the future that a detective was available. The Mayor stated would research the issue.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

PATRICIA AXELROD

She had strong concerns of repeated FOIAS (Freedom of Information Act) that she requested. There was a violation of the Open Meetings Act with a secret meeting to sign a letter by four (4) Aldermen; she stated she would file a complaint against the Mayor.

CHARLES JANUARY – 2364A Delaware Ave.

He commended Alderman Markham upon his efforts in allowing the ordinance to be read before it was approved. He suggested a 15% salary reduction for city employees. It would impact the schools closing if Marion Jones Apartments were demolished.

Alderman Runnels left at 7:48 p.m.

SUSAN DIXON – 1620 Kemble Ave.

She questioned the purchase of electric for street lighting. She was very disappointed with the four (4) Aldermen that conducted a meeting. "God is not pleased!" There was needed unification.

WADELL BROOKS

He received feedback from the citizens with disrespect of the elders. There was a need of healing in the City. He cited biblical scriptures of 2 Chronicles 7:14 and quoted Reverend Marvin Brembry with "gloom and doom in North Chicago" and questioned the reason. Demolition of Marion Jones is on hold due to Alderman January. He suggested that citizen comments be moved to the beginning vs. the end of the meeting and there also should be an opportunity for citizens to be placed on the agenda.

VALERIE DEVOST

Apologized to Mr. Brooks how he had been treated. She commented on the reduction of cost by holding meetings every Monday; she stated cost could have been reduced if the City Attorney were not present at every meeting opposed to reducing the number of meetings. She questioned if the aldermen were reducing their salaries considering they weren't attending weekly meetings. Mrs. DeVost questioned the necessity of an officer present at the meetings; he could patrol the streets and investigate the murder of the young man killed in her neighborhood. What is the City going to do to enforce the current ordinances? She spoke of the city deficit and stated that a surplus is a prediction based on the increase of taxes.

EMMANUEL HANNA

He was hopeful that the newly elected aldermen were not a reflection of current events. The citizens were speaking of their wants and needs; the community needed to unite. The citizens pay salaries of the elected officials and should be heard. He felt three (3) minutes was not adequate time to allow people to project their thoughts.

RALPH PETERSON

Was congratulatory to the honored and promoted employees of the fire department but discouraged there were no minorities. He questioned the last occurrence of a minority officer was given an award. He felt that the City Attorney was not beneficial to the City of North Chicago. The Hanna family was not going to back down.

KEVIN O'CONNOR

He commented on the lack of voter participation in the City of North Chicago. He didn't agree with the three (3) minute allotted for the citizens to speak. There was a lack of respect from the aldermen; it was not appropriate for Aldermen to leave the meeting without having an emergency to avoid citizen comments. He questioned why there was a lack of discussion about economic development in the community; he felt the Director of Economic Development should have a topic weekly. He had not heard of any new developments in the last year and suggested development be placed on every agenda.

BETTE HARRIS

Felt that change was going to come "those that fail to plan, plan to fail". There is no plan for economic development; North Chicago should have development and creating jobs for the people that live here. There have not been any new hires of citizens in North Chicago. She encouraged the use of local businesses. People are leaving North Chicago also due to the school system.

JOSIAH LILLIARD

Representing "Men of Valor" and announced a citywide march they were organizing every day from July 26, 2013 thru August 1, 2013 praying at all the "hot spots". The people needed to unite and the council with the community.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Runnels was not present at the time of Adjournment.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Special Meeting, Monday, May 28, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:35 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 SERGEANT UNION AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Sergeant Union Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

_____ Lori L Collins, City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 20, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

2-1 Swearing-in of (5) New Firefighters: Sterling Ricketts, Bandon Martin, John Kourliouros, Danny Roark and Mark Hartman

Mayor Rockingham expressed gratitude to Chief Urban for obtaining a grant to assist with paying for five new firefighters for a term of three (3) years. He felt appreciation for their hard work and dedication to save lives. Mayor Rockingham swore in the five (5) new firefighters.

2-2 Swearing-in Firefighter Personnel: Brett Clark and William Matos

Mayor Rockingham swore in Brett Clark and William Matos separately. Fire Chief Dell Urban acknowledged Firemen Winston and Villarreal for their assistance in writing the grant to obtain the new firefighters.

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – April 2013

3-1B Water Department Report –April 2013

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 VARIOUS PATCHING BID AWARD APPROVAL TO TOTAL PAVING - \$95,950

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Bid Award to Total Paving in the amount of \$95,950.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 VARIOUS SIDEWALK BID AWARD APPROVAL TO GIVENS TRUCKING - \$65,942.75

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Bid Award to Givens Trucking in the amount of \$65,942.75

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 SANITARY SEWER LINING BID AWARD APPROVAL TO HOERR CONSTRUCTION- \$86,914

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Bid Award to Hoerr Construction in the amount of \$86,914.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-4 WATER PLANT PIPE PAINTING BID AWARD APPROVAL TO BILLS PAINTING - \$27,100

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Water Plant Pipe Painting Bid Award to Bills Painting in the amount of \$27,100.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 WATER PLANT BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS BID AWARD APPROVAL TO ORBIS CONSTRUCTION - \$55,228

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Water Plant Building Improvements Bid Award to Orbis Construction in the amount of \$55,228.

Mayor Rockingham explained that there was bidding for work performed throughout the City. Bidding is approved based on the lowest bid.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-6 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POSTING SIGN OF HONORARY BETTE THOMAS AVENUE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Resolution posting the sign of Honorary Bette Thomas Avenue from Martin Luther King Dr. to 24th Street.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Runnels
Recluse: Fisher
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 05/20/13

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to pay the bills of Council Run; 05/20/13 in the amount of \$620,365.77 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned bills for Gewalt on pages 3 & 13; he expressed that billing needed to be more exact to what was approved by council. Josh Wheeler explained that staff underestimated the jobs due to the lack of expertise on the particular project to be performed. It also had fewer bidders and the cost was generally more than usually.

Alderman January questioned if there was an incentive for the City utilizing Waukegan Speedway gas station during the reconstruction of the North Chicago Speedway station. She asked what action the City was taking to receive the \$.04 revenue lost by using the Waukegan location. Accounting Manager Mike Miller explained the City was refunded for the taxes; Marathon and city yards were utilized for diesel in case of emergency.

Alderman January questioned the deposit for Community Days on the bill run for \$7,100 "how much more would the citizens have to pay"? Mayor Rockingham explained that the citizens did not fund the event. Contributions were solicited annually. The initial seed money at inception of the event was \$10,000 from the City, Foss Park and District 187 contributed \$5,000. Comptroller John Gantz explained that the bill run reflected "all" cost associated with Community Days both deposits and withdraws. The cost generally ranged from \$60,000 - \$70,000 with the donations being of the "like amount." Although it is a source of revenue it was included on the city bill run.

Mayor Rockingham explained a list of events for Community Days in the first week of August and encouraged community participation.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Alderman Mayfield stated per ordinance, the Audit Chairmen list should have an individual of Economic Development appointed vs. Building and needed correction. Mayor Rockingham acknowledged he would correct it accordingly.

CHAIRMEN

Alderman January suggested that per Robert's Rules of Order/Parliamentary Procedures, the committee chairman recommendations should be council approved. The Mayor stated would consider her recommendation. VARIOUS

Alderman Markham suggested that pending matters was placed on all committee meeting agendas. He questioned status with the water rates discussion. The Mayor explained that he would return his findings to council with the staff's decision.

Alderman Markham questioned position of the council agenda and why there wasn't invocation placed on both meetings of the 1st Monday and 3rd Monday of the month. The Mayor explained it was currently per city ordinance. The Mayor requested a Special Council Meeting scheduled, Tuesday, May 28, 2013; 7:00 p.m. He recognized the Top Ladies of Distinction for their efforts with the planted flowers in the downtown Sheridan Road area in beautifying the City of North Chicago.

Alderman Allen suggested their acknowledgment at a council meeting. The Mayor stated would consider it.

Alderman Runnels clarified it was named North shore Chapter;

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks

He explained there were tokens distributed to Mothers for "Mother's Day." There was more needed than Community Days. A grocery, drugstore, youth employment and concern of the water tax rates were of city necessity. He received feedback from others that Argonne Drive (the main streets) was the worst repair. There was also a potential loss of the Naval Recruit Center.

Charles January – 2364 A Delaware Ave.

Clarified that pending matters should be equally placed on all committee meetings. The Aldermen can request a Special Council Meeting with freezing the water rates. He encouraged expediting it. The Marion Jones would impact the closing of the schools. There was new park board members. He agreed with prayer at every meeting. The City Attorney shouldn't be present at every meeting and suggested a paralegal at half the cost.

Susan Dixon

Explained that Foss Park approved \$10,000 funding for patching of the streets. The lights haven't been repaired at 14th & Victoria S. She suggested city unification. She emphasized invocation at all meetings. She announced the various activities: open gym Mon-Fri for all the children following school hours until 4:30 p.m., Tae Kwon Do classes Tuesdays and Thursdays; was for ages 6-17; Summer Camp ages 5-15 commenced June 10, 2013; Cheerleading/Flames Football enrollment was ongoing, Foss Park summer basketball team and Cease Fire was originating an annual peace demonstration at Family First Center; June 09, 2013; 4-8:00 p.m.

Alderman Markham had suggested that the information was placed on the city website.

Van Alston

Questioned the Mayor why the officers involved remained on the police force. He stated was a lifelong and current disabled resident of the City. Kevin O'Connor Emphasized that nobody deserved to be beaten. He clarified the sworn oath the fire/police officers stated would defend the Constitution of the United States.

Melissa Albarran

Had disagreed with Alderman Mayfield's comment that Janay McFarlane's postage was a sign of her death.

Joe McFarlane He stated that the newspaper article was insensitive. He clarified that the sign wasn't a mistake directed to Alderman Mayfield.

Ralph Peterson

Emphasized racial favoritism sent a message. Mr. Alston had strongly suffered following his beating and was a "shell" of what he resembled prior to his beating. He had photos that were distributed. The same officer Greyor tased Mr. Alston and Mr. Hanna. He read the report.

Alderman Mayfield

Questioned if a Committee Meeting would be scheduled, May 28th. The Mayor explained there would be a Committee and Special Council Meeting the same date.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Mayfield, seconded by Alderman Fisher that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 6, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, May 06, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

City Clerk Lori Collins read the three Resolutions/Scrolls of the exiting Aldermen.

4-1 Resolution Honoring Valerie DeVost

4-2 Resolution Honoring Torrance D. Abrams Sr.

4-3 Resolution Honoring Charles Allen January Jr.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve items; 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3; Resolutions of Valerie DeVost, Torrance D. Abrams, Sr. and Charles Allen January Jr. as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost expressed her appreciation to the 3rd ward constituents and the Citizens of North Chicago for allowing her to serve 8 years. She expressed that she was “passing the torch” to newly elected Alderman Carl Evans and offered assistance.

Alderman Abrams extended his appreciation to his fellow aldermen, City Clerk Lori Collins and City Attorney Smith. He stated he was humbled in serving his 5th Ward constituents; he strongly stressed unity and encouraged his assistance to Alderman Torrance Markham.

Alderman January expressed his appreciation to the citizens of North Chicago. The City needed much prayer. He would continue to support the youth, his wife as the 7th ward Alderman and emphasized the community’s love of one another as a family.

Alderman DeVost stated “for the record”, that she had created the design of her Resolution.

The Mayor acknowledged his appreciation for the departing aldermen for their time and commitment. 4-4 Swearing in of the Elected Officials

3rd Ward Alderman Carl Evans; 1st Ward Alderman Ernest Fisher; 5th Ward Alderman Torrance A. Markham Sr.; 7th Ward Alderman Kathy A. January; Treasurer Kenneth Robinson; City Clerk Lori Collins; Mayor Leon Rockingham Jr.;

Pastor Wilcoxon performed the ceremonial oath of the Aldermen, Treasurer Kenneth Robinson, City Clerk Lori Collins and Mayor Leon Rockingham Jr.

1st Ward Alderman Ernest Fisher had no comments.

3rd Ward Alderman Carl Evans extended his gratification to everyone including family, friends and the constituents. He would strongly apply every effort in maintaining his promise although the success would result from the harmony of one another.

5th Ward Alderman Torrance Markham stated it was his sincere honor allowing the opportunity to serve the 5th Ward constituency and acknowledged Alderman Abrams upon his service, faithfulness and dedication. He quoted the theme, “we are better together”.

7th Ward Alderman, Kathy A. January read her speech and strongly extended her heartfelt appreciation to her husband (formerly Alderman January) on behalf of the 7th ward constituents and knew that he would remain an active participant in the community.

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson extended his appreciation for the support and was looking forward to another four years.

City Clerk Lori Collins appreciated an additional term and was hopeful in serving the community to “the best of her ability.”

Mayor Rockingham extended appreciation/support to his deceased wife “Gwen”, family members and campaign representative. He welcomed the newly elected council and publicly declared his admiration/commitment of Alderman Allen and anticipated his guidance/leadership in the future years. The citizens of North Chicago deserved a place to be call “home” with all amenities of a city with a grocery store and secondly a pharmacy for the community. The citizens were the “top priority!”

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, April 01, 2013; 7:00 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, April 15, 2013; 7:01 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, April 22, 2013; 9:02 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, April 01, 2013; 7:00 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, April 15, 2013; 7:00 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, April 22, 2013; 9:02 p.m. be passed as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Memorial Day Observation Parade, May 27, 2013

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda; item 6-1 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

NONE VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 05/06/13

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 05/06/13 in the amount of \$464,795.70 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman Kathy January questioned if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were funds available and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

9-1 HONORARY STREET SIGN Alderman Allen suggested that an honorary street sign was established for former Mayor Bette Thomas on a portion of Wright Avenue. Her honor was for the first “African American Female Mayor in North Chicago and Lake County.” He requested it was placed on the Committee Agenda for further discussion.

9-2 WELCOME Alderman Mayfield welcomed the newly elected aldermen to the council. She was hopeful that the aldermen would unify.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Patricia Axelrod

Congratulated and welcomed the newly elected officials to the city council.

Wadell Brooks

He congratulated the newly elected and incumbent officials on the election. He expressed concern with the lack of voters considering the number of registered voters and repeated the statistics.

He stated several concerns within the community including the proposed demolition of Marion Jones apartments.

Susan Dixon Stated her congratulations to the elected officials and expressed her feeling of importance with prayer at every council meeting. Ms. Dixon noted that there was a street light that was out on 14th and Jackson Street. She suggested organizing a gang unit within the Police Department. She further emphasized unity. She announced her oath ceremony as a Foss Park District Commissioner May 15, 2013.

Lisa Gargano

She commented “a job well done!” directed to the Mayor.

Charles A. January, Jr.

He expressed the importance of stronger voter participation in future elections, encouraging the citizens to participate in government; including asking questions and volunteering with the children of the community.

Shawna Huley

Congratulated all the newly elected officials. She commended the police for their assistance with a personal situation that consisted of someone following her home and trespassing on her property. She encouraged a requirement for citizens to provide their name excluding the numbered address with their public comments.

Ralph Peterson

Announced there was another incident with the police abusing a citizen but declined further comments until a later date. He congratulated the newly sworn elected officials.

The Mayor announced refreshments following the council meeting provided in the police training room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Runnels that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Special Meeting, Monday, April 22, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting Monday, April 22, 2013 at 9:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Absent: None

Alderman DeVost left after roll call.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Public Passenger Vehicle Ordinance Amending #83; Section 5-25B -12€(5 – Chauffer's ID Card; Application.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Abrams that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

_____ Lori L Collins, City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 15, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: DeVost

The Mayor requested to move item 2-2 from after Roll Call to Omnibus Vote Agenda category.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to move item 2-2; Proclamation Recognizing "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" to Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

2-1 NCCHS Boys Basketball Team Recognition – Regional Champions

Alderman Abrams announced/commended the following players in their positive method of city representation:

- #1 Terrance Smith Sr. (Absent)
- #2 JaVairius Amos-Mays Jr. (Absent)
- #10 Khalil Rogers Jr. (Absent)
- #11 JayQuan McCloud Jr. (Present)
- #15 Courtez Zinnerman-Dixon So. (Absent)
- #21 Arnold Shead Jr. (Absent)
- #22 Tavaris Knox Sr. (Absent)
- #23 Jamero Shelton So. (Absent)
- #32 Marreon White Fr. (Present)
- #33 Kurt Hall Jr. (Present)
- #34 Jesus Perez Sr. (Present)
- #40 Joseph Thomas Jr. (Present)
- #45 Emmanuel January Sr. (Present)
- #52 Jarrod Coleman Sr. (Present)

He acknowledged the following Basketball Coaches:

- Head Coach Gerald Coleman
- Associate Head Coach Cheryl Coleman
- Assistant Coach Brian Eck (Absent)
- Assistant Coach Jeffrey Hollenstein (Absent)
- Assistant Coach Danny T. Little
- Assistant Coach Kenny Wilson (Absent)
- Assistant Coach/Director of Basketball Operations Mike Barry
- Student Manager – Malik Hart
- Athletic Trainer – Laurel Watkinson
- Scorer – Lisa Boemmel
- Coach “Pops” Abrams

The Mayor also recognized the “Announcer” for his dedication and assistance with the youth Alderman Torrance Abrams he further acknowledged the player’s pride. 2-2 Proclamation Recognizing “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports 3-1A Treasurer’s Report – March 2013 3-1B Water Department Report – March 2013

3-2 Street Block Permits – GSJ Community Outing; Saturday, July 20, 2013 Outdoor Permit – GSJ Tent Meeting; July 21-26, 2013

2-2 Proclamation Recognizing “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda including 2-2; Proclamation Recognizing “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.”

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor announced that Alderman DeVost would be arriving later.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 CEASEFIRE FUNDING APPROVAL

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the CeaseFire funding in the amount of \$25,331.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor extended his appreciation of the CeaseFire Organizations.

4-2 CONTRACT AWARD APPROVAL TO WESTON SOLUTIONS AT SHERIDAN CROSSING FOR CAP REPAIRS/RESTORATION

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Contract Award of \$149,700 to Weston Solutions (Geater Backhoe) at Sheridan Crossing for cap repairs/restoration.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None
Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 04/15/13

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run; 04/15/13 in the amount of \$273,618.50 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

MAYORAL ELECTION

Alderman Mayfield publicly congratulated Mayor Rockingham with the election; "North Chicago has spoken." She was hopeful of him fulfilling his vision & the needed unionization among one another.

MAYORAL COMPETETOR

Alderman January clarified also "ran a good race". He emphasized there was no vision or plan, by the current Mayor, for the citizens/direction/mission statement/strategic goals/ although agreed with unification. It was imperative to provide some plan and citizen's awareness.

PRAYER

Alderman Abrams stated that it "was time for prayer". "Everyone ran a good race." It was necessary for everyone to collaborate in union. He announced the Green Bay PTO

Fundraiser held at Chuck E. Cheese, April 19, 2013; 3-9:00 p.m.; also, Cancer Awareness Relay Recess .5 mile walk, May 03, 2013; 1-2:30 p.m. There were available flyers and additional information could be provided by Lynn Jeffries, Teacher at Green Bay School.

VARIOUS

The Mayor announced that May 06, 2013 will be the installation of the three (3) newly elected officials. He extended his appreciation to the newly elected officials. He was thankful for the citizen support and would hopefully earn respect from those that opposed him. He was very gracious to the incumbents that were leaving office for their diligent efforts and strong concerns for the community. Each individual had their personal desires in improving the City.

LITTER CONTROL

Public Works Director Josh Wheeler explained the necessity for volunteers, possibly school students. He has contacted the coordinator/counselor at the high school. The larger areas would be priority and following, alleys. Saturday, May 04, 2013 would be light painting and litter control.

Alderman January questioned if it was similar to City of Chicago's project. Mr. Wheeler explained it was an idea.

The Mayor added that litter was evident after the snow had melted. The appearance of the City would improve.

Alderman Allen requested to speak with Josh following the meeting.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Patricia Axelrod

She commended Alderman January with on his campaign run. She questioned the Mayor when the police officers involved in Hanna case would be terminated. There were 1000+ pages received from the FOIA requested; she suggested that Attorney Smith's firm had earned over \$1,000,000 by the City during Mayor Rockingham's administration. Vanessa M. Peterson She emphasized that it was inappropriate for the Mayor to allow a citizen to be beaten to death such as Darrin "Dagwood" Hanna; "Dagwood" didn't "die in vain," he died "for change!" "What's in the dark; comes to light!"

Alderman DeVost entered the council chambers at 7:34 p.m.

Monty Beckwith – P.O. Box 1172, North Chicago, IL

He stated that District 187 citizens comments were scheduled early on the agenda. He suggested a Neighborhood Watch Program with information brochure; it wasn't as costly compared to CeaseFire donation amount. The Mayor explained the police department was well versed. There were currently acting programs within the community.

Anthony Coleman

He extended his condolences to the Hanna family. He stressed the necessity of unity in the City and commended the Elected Officials upon their efforts. Currently there was a "split community." He was hopeful that the Mayor and future leaders "took the high road" and not venture to the "trenches of the mud". Mayor Rockingham clarified that "his record had spoken for itself." Gloria Carr She stated her residency in the City of North Chicago for fifty+ (50+) years. There were many casualties in the City. Her son was "beaten to death"

by the six police officers and she would continue testifying concerning the incident. It was declared as a homicide by the current Coroner. She was very angry and would march with dignity for a change and emphasized being "fighter not a quitter!"

Alecia Boddie

She congratulated the Mayor and was looking forward in unifying as a community. She suggested the City, Park/School District build an alliance with the youth/students. As leaders, the Mayor should be more strongly involved with the school system.

Vastoria Parker

She congratulated the Mayor and requested a quick moment of silence for the Boston bombing victims. She would be collaborating with the youth in building the City; "on our own dime and own time," hoping to resignate. It was time to resolve concerned issues. Neighborhoods were divided and there was needed business and activities. The Dollar Store needed cleaning of debris. It was necessary to rebuild the City of North Chicago and disagreed with the term "NOGO"; there were four (4) more years in redeeming the "New North Chicago!"

Alderman Elect Carl Evans – 2205 Seymour Ave.

He was speaking on behalf of the North Chicago citizens by stressing the importance ensuring that all monies be accounted in reference to donations of the CeaseFire organization. Continuing, he suggested there be a monthly report of donations. He recommended that the Animal Warden be more involved at the meetings. He would unify with Mayor and city council members in bettering the City. Ralph Peterson He congratulated the Mayor. Mr. Peterson clarified there was no goal to destroy the City of North Chicago and apologized for his political involvement. Referring to the "Darrin Hanna Case", his reports presented were valid. Directing question to the Mayor, why the police audio stated that Hanna was down and the reports were contradictory reflecting that his hands were located underneath him. Susan Dixon – 1620 Kemble Ave. She thanked everyone for their support in the succeeded election for the Foss Park District. She was gracious for the recognition of the boys basketball team. It was necessary to move forward for the youth and seniors. She stated was awaiting the response of her of discussion concerning water rates. The Mayor explained there would be discussion at the next Committee Meeting, April 22, 2013. She explained that her sworn-in ceremony was scheduled, May 20, 2013. She stressed the importance of collaborating with the city council and park district.

Audrey Nixon

She applauded all elected officials. It was previously discussed for needed cooperation with each other. The sole method was for the citizens moving the City forward and she was hopeful; this would also establish an example for the youth and seniors.

Euphema Nelson – 1638 Park Ave.

She applauded all elected officials and encouraged everyone to utilize positive energy with their assistance.

Shawna Huley – 2005 16th St.

She congratulated all elected officials on behalf of the NCCHS (North Chicago Community High School) Warhawks Alumni Association. She applauded Mayor Rockingham as the leading example of city bravery, integrity and professionalism demonstrated during the difficult campaign. She provided condolences to the family for one of the 5 Point Restaurant

owners (fellow NCCHS alumni). She acknowledged recognition of the boy basketball team and academic achievements.

Alderman Abrams publicly clarified there was no discontent for Ms. Carr.

Ms. Carr emphasized that "God had her back" and her son didn't "die in vain."

Alderman Abrams stated there was "real work to be done!" Additional humility was necessary; all officials were city servants. Darrin didn't "die in vain." He was the sacrificial seed for others growth.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 1, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, April 01, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen Abrams, Runnels, January
Absent: None

4-1 NCCHS Boys Basketball Team Recognition – 3A Sectional Champions

The Mayor requested that item 4-1 be held until next Council Meeting, April 15, 2013

4-2 Presentation to Principal Dr. Cassandra Brooks, Forrestal Elementary School – 2012 Academic Improvement Award from Illinois State Superintendent of Education.

Mayor Rockingham presented Dr. Cassandra Brooks with a plaque for her leadership as principal for the LEARN Charter School of the last three (3) years. He emphasized the award that recognition was presented to 2% of schools, approximately 80 statewide. LEARN Charter School was the only school recognized in Lake County.

Dr. Brooks accepted the award on behalf of the staff, parents, volunteers, and children of the Charter School. She thanked the Mayor for participating in school functions and attending all graduations.

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that the Regular Order of Business be suspended at 7:09 p.m. to continue Committee.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost that the Regular Order of Business be reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, March 04, 2013; 7:00 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, March 18, 2013; 7:01 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, March 04, 2013; 7:00 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, March 18, 2013; 7:01 p.m. be passed as presented with any necessary corrections.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Green Bay School Relay Recess .5 Walk, May 03, 2013 – American Cancer Society

6-2 2013 Salvation Army Donut Days; Friday/Saturday, May 31-June 1; Friday/Saturday, June 07-08; 2013 Red Kettle Campaign, Friday, November 15 - Tuesday, December 24

6-3 2013 Ragnar Relay Event, June 07 – 08, 2013

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

Alderman January requested that the items be discussed and voted individually. Alderman DeVost questioned clarification of Salvation Army request and designated areas. Mayor Rockingham explained it was to collect donations where owners provided permission.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the Ragnar Relay was a three-day event from Wisconsin to Chicago with passing through North Chicago. The Green Bay School Relay was a walk for cancer awareness.

Alderman January questioned if ambulances were provided; Clerk Collins explained they provided their own service and she was unaware of needed ambulance service.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING POSITION OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Amendment Establishing Position of Electrical Inspector.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January clarified there wasn't adequate standard procedure; needed additional documentation and a stronger ordinance with more procedures.

Alderman Allen suggested reaching out to various electricians and the position bid was publically. Alderman January suggested open bidding in the council chambers.

Attorney Smith explained the bid process. The Public Works Director Josh Wheeler would provide the necessary documentation to council. Alderman DeVost suggested open bids in the City Clerk's Office prior to the department heads. Mayor Rockingham explained the council would be given the opportunity to attend the bid opening.

Alderman January requested the bid openings were also provided on the city web-site. The Mayor acknowledged.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: DeVost, Allen, January

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels
Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

7-2 AUTHORIZATION EXECUTING AGREEMENT – DEBBIE RICHARDS REALTY GROUP

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve authorization Executing Agreement for Debbie Richards Realty Group.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost requested that wording of additional listing was included. Economic Development Director Napolitano clarified it was included.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 RESOLUTION REALLOCATING 2013 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND CAP AMOUNT OF \$3,107,790.00 – VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution Reallocating 2013 Private Activity Bond Cap Amount of \$3,104,790.00 to Village of Buffalo Grove.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to table the motion to approve the Resolution Reallocating 2013 Private Activity Bond Cap.

Attorney Smith explained that the motion to table took precedence over the motion and there should be a roll call.

ROLL CALL TO TABLE:

Ayes: DeVost, January
Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels
Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

ROLL CALL TO APPROVE ACTIVITY BOND:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels
Nays: DeVost, January
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 CONTRACT AWARD TO WESTON SOLUTIONS IN LUMP SUM OF \$156,900 – REPAIRS/RESTORATION TO COVER SYSTEM ON SHERIDAN PROPERTY

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to table Weston Solutions Contract Award in lump sum of \$156,900 for repairs/restoration to cover system on Sheridan Crossing Property.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 04/01/13

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 04/01/13 in the amount of \$467,862.97 with reduction of to pay when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned who was currently employed in Human Resources Department. The Mayor explained there was temporary personnel; Marla as HR Assistant

Alderman DeVost questioned Attorney Ben Ghrt. Human Resources Director Antoinette Powell explained he was an attorney for negotiations. Mayor Rockingham stated he was a labor attorney assisting with negotiations for Sergeants and Lieutenants; employed by Clark Baird & Smith.

Mayor Rockingham stated that there may not have been a bill submitted. He explained that Jim Baird was the city negotiations attorney and would review the previous payment.

Alderman DeVost questioned if payment was approved for 1021 Wadsworth Ave.; pg. 10 the prior week. Economic Development Director Joe Napolitano clarified that it was a house to be purchased/rehabbed utilizing NSP (Neighborhood Specialty Program) funds. He was unaware of the previous purchase.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Account Manager Mike Miller acknowledged they were and checks would be disbursed the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS

Alderman DeVost extended appreciation to Mr. McFarlane. Alderman Fisher explained it was scheduled for committee discussion. She suggested honoring families and providing a memorial wall in honor of families that had lost their loved ones.

Alderman Allen was gracious to Police/Fire Department with their assistance in the Easter Parade.

Alderman January had concerns with no pending matters on every Committee Agenda; it was necessary to inform the community.

Alderman Abrams left at 7:41 p.m.

Alderman January requested any concerns were provided to his attention and emphasized would be the voice of the people.

Alderman Abrams returned at 7:44 p.m. Alderman DeVost recommended a memory wall of those who lost their lives within the City of North Chicago to commemorate them.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to suspend Regular Order of Business to Judiciary Committee Meeting at 7:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost left at 8:14 p.m.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He had concerns with lack of interest. There was additional media coverage due to events that occurred in North Chicago. He sensed the coverage exemplified management dysfunction within the City and a lack of communication with the citizens. He clarified that Great Lakes Navy had invested two million (\$2,000,000) in Chicago Schools. The City of North Chicago received \$0 dollars and was in necessity of funding.

Alderman DeVost returned at 8:16 p.m.

Patricia Axelrod – Peoples Advocate

She requested that the city website not reflect North Chicago operating as a Strong Mayor form of government. She requested police training information through FOIA; questioning City Attorney compensation during his current tenure and "ghost payroll."

Levon Abington

Alderman Runnels left at 8:22 p.m.

Mr. Abington questioned if the properties that were demolished in the City would be replaced. He stated the square footage requirement was elevated and should require less square footage with better quality of building materials for homes in North Chicago.

Alderman DeVost directed Mr. Abington to the Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Department.

Anthony Coleman – 1439 Elizabeth Ave.

He stressed that the press release of a police matter was a "political ploy!" and the Police Chief should admit the problems. Mr. Coleman mentioned various incidents relating to the police department further questioning how the problems were political.

Chris Hightower – 100th Block of Hampton's

He explained had experienced a family loss. He requested a continuance in a case concerning a North Chicago police and was rejected.

Vastoria Parker – 2205 Kemble Ave.

She emphasized that the city council meeting at times was embarrassing to view leaders in opposition with each other. She clarified that she paid taxes to various townships/cities. The concern remained relating to elevated water bills. She suggested a collaborative effort with the children on various projects including memorial wall previously discussed

The Mayor explained the staff was in process with the analysis of water rates.

Alderman DeVost left at 8:34 p.m.

Susan Dixon – 1620 Kemble Ave.

She questioned status with the water bill discussion. She disagreed upon the anticipated decision of ABBVIE. The memorial wall was a great idea and she provided contact information for volunteers. She strongly stressed the disrespect of the alderman arguing amongst themselves in the interim of another speaking. She recommended recognizing “God” and prayer at each meeting.

Alderman DeVost returned at 8:36 p.m.

Vanessa Peterson – Mundelein, IL

She clarified her cousin was murdered by police officers and would continue attending the meetings. Ms. Peterson questioned the definition of a “Mayor”; requested that he “took a stance” on police brutality and apologize for the wrongdoings of the officers.

Ralph Peterson – WBEZ

online He clarified that the Mayor quoted there were “no problems” within the North Chicago Police Department”. He furthered quoted Chief Jackson saying “no we are not in training right now, we are teaching officers to be nice”. He perceived that Attorney Chuck Smith was the Mayor and “it was a time for change” in office. The community was voting for Chuck and not the Mayor.

Joe Lewis

He strongly stated that the City failed in providing economic development. The City did not offer jobs to “black” contractors. He recommended the people elected “new leadership and certain aldermen should be removed”. The Aldermen shared similar guilt as Mayor for allowing the situations to continue. They have “sold their soul!”

Emmanuel Hanna – 2220 Seymour Ave.

He explained his absence the prior three (3) months was due to his illness. “Together we stand, divided we fall”; there needed to be unity amongst the people. He desired that North Chicago flourished.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Runnels was absent at Adjournment.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 18, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Absent: DeVost

2-1 NCCHS Girls Basketball Team Recognition – Regional Champions

The Mayor announced the team recognition, regional champions with the NCCHS Girls Basketball/NCCHS Boys Wrestling team. He also acknowledged the boys basketball team with their endeavors. Sports was necessary for a catalyst of young men/woman for their education. The North Chicago High School, District 187 had hosted an art event, Lake County-wide. The young men and woman of the City had much potential.

Alderman Abrams acknowledged the youth's expectations. He recognized the following from the girl's basketball team:

→#3 Dara Tanner →#11 Carolyn Leonard →#12 Monique Greathouse →#14 Natajjae Franklin
→#20 Marvasquita Warfield →#23 Justice Moore →#24 Zyaire Strowder →#25 Lyric Pearson
→#30 Tavoria Hollman →#31 Shadezja Garrett →#32 Tineesha Coleman →#33 Alexis Means
→#34 Tiara Garrett →#42 Sharon Pierce

He recognized the following Coaches: Head Coach Lawrence Brown Assistant Coach Lisa Thomas Assistant Coach Lacy Simpson Assistant Coach Shavon Dixon

He announced that The City of North Chicago was the first in North Chicago School history to win a regional championship.

#32;Teneica Coleman was commended with honor roll placement; all honor classes. Alderman Abrams strongly stressed striving for excellence beyond basketball.

2-2 NCCHS Boys Wrestling Team Recognition – Regional Champions

Alderman Abrams acknowledged the boys wrestling team upon their team recognition of regional champions. It was also a part of the football program. He recognized Athletic Director Mr. Colbert and Principal Mr. Gallagher.

Wrestler Allan White (220 lb. weight class) was commemorated as 2012/2013 2nd place regional. Wrestler Gerard Wade (160 lb. weight class) was announced as the 2012/2013

1st place Regional Champion/5th Place sectional (160 lb. weight class) and Head Coach Craig Humann was also recognized.

Alderman Abrams emphasized the need of leaders beyond wrestling; continuing to be a "man at all times."

2-3 Resolution Honoring K-9 Kilo

City Clerk Lori Collins read the Resolution "Honoring K-9 Kilo"

The Mayor explained the K-9 unit and presented the Resolution.

Police Chief Jackson presented Officer Jayson Geryol with a plaque. He presented his wife with the badge of Kilo. He recognized additional law enforcement agencies that were present.

The Mayor acknowledged "Top" that initiated majority of the K-9 training and officers from other departments.

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – February 2013

3-1B Water Department Report – February 2013

3-2 Eternal Flame A.M.E. Easter Parade – March 30, 2013

3-3 Proclamation Naming April as "National Fair Housing Month"

3-4 Proclamation Naming 13th Street, between Jackson Street and Victoria Avenue; "Honorary Janay M. McFarlane Way"

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda item 3-1; Department Head Reports, 3-2; Eternal Flame Parade, 3-3; National Fair Housing Month and 3-4; Resolution Naming 13th St. between Jackson St. and Victoria Ave.; "Honorary Janay M. McFarlane Way as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January requested the reading of the Water and Treasurer's Report following its approval.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

City Clerk Lori Collins read the Resolution Naming 13th St. between Jackson St and Victoria Ave., "Honorary Janay M. McFarlane Way."

The Mayor extended his condolences to the family and explained the sign procedures.

Father of victim Joe McFarlane extended his recognition to the City and council members. He explained the street sign was a reminder of gun violence to others. He had dedicated his life to "stop the violence" and emphasized that his daughter didn't die in vain. Mayor Rockingham announced a potluck fundraiser for the family.

Mr. McFarlane encouraged fellowship and extended his appreciation for their prayers received.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson read the Treasurer Report; Public Works Director Josh Wheeler read the Water Department Report.

Alderman January questioned the status review of the water rates; Mr. Wheeler explained would have a meeting scheduled with various city staff/Mayor the following day. Alderman January asked if Abbvie would increase or decrease the volume of water used. Mr. Wheeler explained he was provided the 5-year projections from Abbott/ABBVIE. It would impact the decision of a reduction or maintaining the same rates. Mr. Wheeler clarified the charts would be presented to council, once discussion was concluded.

4-1 CHLORINE CONVERSION BID AWARD APPROVAL TO MECCON INDUSTRIES - \$419,675.00 Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Chlorine Conversion Bid Award to Meccon Industries in the amount of \$419,675.00.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned clarification of the purpose. Public Works Director Josh Wheeler explained the chlorine would be converted from gas to liquid and was mandated by the State.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 MILLER COOPER & CO. AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve Miller Cooper & Co. Audit Engagement Letter.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Comptroller John Gantz explained the amount of \$60,950 annually.

Alderman January inquired a possible summary audit for three years. Mr. Gantz explained it was not to exceed the amount. There wasn't a summary report although the city would receive two (2) letters.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 2013 MFT BID AWARD APPROVAL TO JOHNSON PAVING - \$514, 732.80

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve Johnson Paving in the amount of \$514,732.80 for 2013 MFT Bid Award. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

4-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE – NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE VARIANCE – 1313 LINCOLN ST.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the petition/ordinance for the non-conforming structure variance at 1313 Lincoln St as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 VEHICLE LEASING PLAN APPROVAL – POLICE/BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the vehicle leasing plan for the Police and Building Departments.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned the status of existing vehicles. The Mayor explained it was probable they would be auctioned within the year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: Allen Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 03/18/13

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run; 03/18/13 in the amount of **\$265,061.81** which included; Standard Equipment, pg 9; \$174.60 and Sun Times Media Construction Bid, pg.13; \$54.40; deductions as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

NONE

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Isaac January He questioned and was directed to council members when the people of North Chicago would be recognized. He suggested a collaborative team effort with the people of North Chicago and not "turning their backs!" The only incidences increased were crime, violence, death and bankruptcy in this administration

Wadell Brooks He was informed there were possibilities in the City. He clarified that eight years had lapsed, there wasn't development and crimes increased. There were streets to be repaired or replaced. The Mayor provided a forecast to the North Chicago Chamber of Commerce although the citizens haven't received a North Chicago Forecast from the Mayor. He commended Alderman January with the visibility of videotaping the meetings.

Briscoe Johnson – DISTRICT 187 He commended District 187 students and stated his children had scored top 10% with the SAT Tests in the country. He announced there was a North Chicago candidate hosting a "meet and greet" in Waukegan.

Susan Dixon There would be a meeting scheduled in the morning. She questioned reimbursement for the elevated water bill costs. There were also concerns of no security cameras at 14th and Victoria and questioned when they would be posted. It ensured the safety of the citizens. She commended the North Chicago Warhawks.

Ralph Peterson He had concerns of city unfairness and unable with terminating the officers without an investigation involved in the "Darrin Hanna" case. Officer Garrett was discharged and "stripped on the spot" without reviewing the incident. There was a strong racial partiality in the police department. Kevin O'Connor – Mrs. Carr's Attorney The Mayor was observed "under a microscope" There was a presumption that it was for political gain. The people of North Chicago were requesting something better in North Chicago.

Anthony Coleman The School District was a positive attribute to the City although District 187 ranked at a lower level. There were "great teachers and children." The School District and City Hall were comparative and it began at "the top." The cycle would continue if there wasn't change in City of North Chicago.

Joseph Walls There was tension in the room. The council was forced approving major deals without their awareness. There was an underlying cause. The Mayor was leading the "wrong direction" continuing and possible connection with corruption. He provided condolences for Ms. Ramos's family loss. Paula Carballido – President, North Chicago Exchange Program She explained it was a nation-wide volunteer program. It supported the youth programs, community service provision and heightened awareness of child abuse prevention. North Chicago High School Student Shadezja Garrett was recipient of \$1,000 for the 2013 Scholarship award. Prairie Charter School Eighth grader Erin Richter requested raising awareness of organization; "Clean the World." She will be providing leadership opportunities to two of the six graders. Erin was one of the nine (9) individuals selected from Lake County Journal. Ms. Carballido inspired others in sharing their city experiences.

ERIN RICHTER She explained the prior two years she had collaborated with a service project for "clean the world." Her main goal was "spreading awareness." The North Chicago Exchange Club members were very welcoming, kind and generous. It held a positive impression with the people of North Chicago.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 04, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, March 04, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen Abrams, Runnels, January Absent: None

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, February 04, 2013; 7:04 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, February 18, 2013; 7:01 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that Regular Council Meeting, February 04, 2013; 7:04 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, February 18, 2013; 7:01 p.m. be passed as presented.

Alderman Abrams added "with any necessary corrections".

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ADA TRANSITION APPROVAL Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the ADA Transition as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE 1021 WADSWORTH AVE. WITH CDBG FUNDS

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Resolution to Purchase 1021 Wadsworth Ave. with NSP Funds as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Attorney Smith explained the Resolution would read with (NSP) Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds vs. (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant as stated on the agenda in the motion. The funding would be administered through NSP funds not CDBG and Bank of America required that the resolution was approved.

Alderman January questioned the benefit of purchasing the property. Attorney Smith stated the blighted property would be rehabilitated and sold.

ED Director Joe Napolitano explained that three properties were purchased to rehabilitate and sell in year 2010 and this one was the fourth. The monies were to purchase distressed housing, rehabilitate it and place it back on the market for private purchase.

Alderman January questioned the current plan and the percentage of distressed homes anticipated to be purchased and how many of them Bank of America owned. Mr. Napolitano explained it was contingent upon funding received. He estimated that the city received approximately \$250,000 to rehabilitate homes and had been utilized for that process. There wasn't a typical list from Bank of America; it would be sought through a real estate channel for its purchase. Alderman DeVost questioned what occurred with the funding once the homeowner purchased the property. Mr. Napolitano explained that NSP was specific for rehabilitating homes to be sold. He clarified it was a portion of the stimulus bill. The Mayor explained the homes were sold at the "fair market value price". The difference between the cost to purchase and rehab once sold would replenish the same account and continued process. He stated that a \$6 million grant application was currently submitted; it would be for two (20) new homes and forty (40) to be rehabilitated if acquired. Mr. Napolitano continued that the government was awarded \$4 billion of which \$70 million was issued to the state of Illinois through the Attorney General's office. These funds were acquired from a settlement of the banking industry with bad home loans.

Alderman Allen questioned if the Economic Development Director had followed up with Mrs. Brooks concerning vacant home grants. He suggested it accordingly.

Mrs. Brooks explained was currently awaiting response from the grant she submitted.

Alderman DeVost suggested a city collaborative effort with Mrs. Brooks. Mr. Napolitano explained that the award wasn't announced for the grant and were aggressively sought.

Alderman DeVost suggested amending wording of NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) funding vs. CDBG. The Mayor clarified it was noted. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 WILLIS GROUP BROKER OF RECORD APPROVAL

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Willis Group as Broker of Record.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: DeVost Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 03/04/13

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 03/04/13 in the amount of **\$216,232.22** with reduction of to pay when funds become available.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when issued. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS Alderman Abrams announced that the schools would be closed the following day and the basketball game would be postponed a day due to the presumed severe weather.

Alderman DeVost acknowledged the Father and his family of Janay McFarlane, who was fatally shot. He had questioned the possibility of renaming the block of 13th St. after his daughter; establishing an account for her 3-month old baby. She requested a resolution to be placed on the next Committee Agenda, May 11, 2013. The Mayor extended his condolences to the McFarlane family.

Mayor Rockingham commended the Street Department upon their efforts in maintaining the streets clear of snow. He announced that the City had "bad weather" approaching. He explained that primarily the streets would be plowed and secondly the alleys.

Alderman DeVost questioned if the City would outsource for assistance with the alleys; there were disabled residents and seniors in her ward and she was concerned with their safety. The Mayor explained to contact the City for her constituents with needed assistance.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Levon Abington He stated he was informed that former Lakehurst was illegally sold and questioned the Mayor's plans. The Mayor explained he would discuss it at a later time. Continuing, he stated was annexed to Waukegan in year 1974. It wouldn't be returned to the City contingent upon de-annexation.

Isaac January He questioned and was directed to the council members encouraging harmony and collaboration with each other; suggested that city funds be utilized to purchase a grocery store for the people. The citizens needed service.

Wadell Brooks He clarified that the Mayor was defeated based on the total number of votes and encouraged individuals the opportunity to vote, April 09, 2013. He provided various situations within the City that needed change and/or attention.

Katrina Duty She stated was compelled in becoming "a part of the community; was a lifelong resident of North Chicago; announced she became a volunteer member of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) and aspired others accordingly. Ms. Duty complimented the CPA; she clarified there were no racially motivated brochures distributed and it was a positive experience.

Joe Walls He strongly stressed that the leader wasn't fair. He suggested the council cease in voting on major issues until the consolidated election concluded; He congratulated the Mayor; clarified that sixty percent (61%) of the community in the primary wasn't in favor of Mayor Rockingham and emphasized joining in union with one another.

Patricia Axelrod She congratulated Alderman DeVost upon her efforts. She emphasized that the Mayor was ashamed of his race. She questioned the City Attorney's \$1,500 to the Mayor's campaign. She also had not received a response concerning a FOIA requested December 18, 2012. The citizens deserved better.

Joe Lewis He questioned the status of "Darrin Hanna" investigation and if it "remained under investigation." He had concerns witnessing one of the active officers that were involved. Mayor Rockingham explained the case was with the State's Attorney Office and would be managed upon their timeline. City Attorney Smith included it was also with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Joe McFarlane He expressed his appreciation with the heartfelt prayers and was very gracious for the request of a street sign for his daughter that was suggested by Alderman DeVost and himself. There were many police stations and the world's strongest military. He didn't understand why it could occur "on their block." He clarified the need of "watching each other's back" and unionizing "as a people" regardless of color. He would continue to become an advocate for gun violence and ensuring safer neighborhoods.

Torrance Markham He announced a tutoring program assisting students with the SAT testing, held at Greater Saint James Church. The cost was \$20 monthly/\$60 for 12-week program. He would be partnering with Trinity Evangelical University. He also was driven to become a member of the Citizen Police Academy; due to a young man that was shot and lost his life in front of Greater Saint James Church. It was a fine program and he encouraged others to join. He was the only pastor that resided in the City and also was a citizen.

Alderman Allen requested that the information was placed on the outside marquis.

Marlon Foster He clarified was also a member of the Citizen Police Academy and the officers were very accommodating. Weeks prior there was a negative article published and reflected poorly; he didn't appreciate how it was handled in the City. He was a clergyman, Husband, Father and resident of North Chicago.

Mr. Foster directed request to Alderman Allen for a guardrail to be placed in the facade of his house. Ralph Peterson Jr. He clarified the city population was 38,682 of which 29,000 were registered voters. The Mayor received 471 of the 700 votes unsupportive of him that were allocated to three (3) other candidates. In reality he lost. The Citizen Police Academy was a fine program and it was initiated to restore the confidence in the City. The Mayor or Police Chief didn't review the operations. The negative racial material exposed, was due to information provided to the public... He questioned the Police Chief accountability and advised others in becoming mindful of what issues were circulated. The NAACP, States Attorney and many other individuals indicated it was offensive.

Gloria Carr She clarified that her son was murdered, beaten/tased fourteen(14) times by six (6) officers. There wasn't a majority of "bad" officers. She would continue as her son's advocate as he didn't deserve to die that way. No officer was "above the law." The officers were reprimanded for their actions.

Anthony Coleman He extended appreciation to his supporters. The candidates had courage and it impacted the community and council.. He extended welcome to the citizens that attended the meeting. More citizens needed to vote. He announced would be pursuing the following 2nd Ward Aldermanic election. He commended Alderman January upon his demeanor. There was much to be accomplished.

Paula Carabillido Explained was a new resident to North Chicago and long-time advocate. She was present as a participant of the Citizens Police Academy and President of the North Chicago Exchange Club. She shared her experience of the Academy Program. The Police Chief and officers were professional. She clarified that racially targeted brochures weren't distributed among the members. She and other participant members were compelled actively preventing crime in the community. She was hopeful of additional engagement. The Exchange Club was nation-wide and she indicated the qualities. She was aware of the city problems and the possibility of changing it to blessings.

Men of Valor (Josiah Lillard) (Freddy Phillips) (Roy Jones) (Jerrell Jones) (Zak Phillips)

Alderman DeVost left at 8:05 p.m.

The community-active based program organization; "Men of Valor" was originated February 2012. Presently, there were a total of eighteen (18) young men. The mission was to provide "unity in the community," becoming "Men of God.". The current focus was with the "next generation." The purpose was harmoniously unionizing the youth; instituting necessary family values in the homes/ schools that should be initiated as the foundation and cultivating proper etiquette. It was understood of the city's current pain although there was much potential. The organization also encouraged their city assistance. Contact information offered the address of; 2015 16th St. and telephone number; (224) 440-3786. Other communities were targeted; city/world-wide. It was added that there would also be a woman's organization established.

Alderman DeVost returned at 8:07 p.m.

Jose Mejias He stated that "Men of Valor" had the "right idea." Change started "one person at a time." A powerful role model was a strong impact in a young male's life. He was also a Citizen Police Academy participant. Hand held devices were the #1 distraction that caused accidents. "Stop focusing not on the problem but the solution."

BJ Coleman – Neal Math & Science Academy Volunteer He explained that it was necessary to change the “mindset of the individuals.” The citizens were an “essential part of the community.” North Chicago was the “flagship” It was the First Community in Lake County, Illinois with a female African American Mayor and female Fire Chief. The City wasn’t aware of establishing history. He extended appreciation to Mr. Baldwin who had assisted with the children with needed transportation. Mr. Coleman also invited community support to others that were poverty stricken.

ANGIE PATTERSON She stated was registered voter and citizen of North Chicago. Currently was a CAP Citizen Academy Police participant and encourage individuals accordingly. Her daughter was an honor student and questioned youth programs at the Foss Park District. The Mayor clarified it was a separate entity from the City. He stated the City and district diligently attempted to support in providing programs.

Alderman Abrams emphasized that “unification was the key.” He was a member, Mr. Anthony Coleman, resident, and his wife were members of an organization; “Parents that Care.” Grants were needed collectively for the youth.

Alderman January offered a current “Ti Kwando” program implemented a year at the youth center. It was two days a week/Tuesdays and Thursdays; 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$10 for those who resided in North Chicago; non-residents; \$12. It was essential for participation of two-hundred students and also many volunteers incorporating other programs. Sixty (60) percent of cost was returned to the district.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

_____ Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 18, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, February 18, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, DeVost Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Absent: Mayfield, January

The Mayor announced Alderman Mayfield's absence.

Alderman January entered at 7:02 p.m.

The Mayor explained a tragic homicide incident; (Janay McFarlane) occurred in the City, Friday, February 15, 2013. He and the council members extended their condolences. He assured that everything was possibly attempted in solving the incident. He commended Alderman DeVost, Abrams and Mr. Coleman in consoling the family members. There currently were two individuals in custody. CeaseFire was also present monitoring the scene since the incident occurred. The President was recently in Chicago speaking of gun control. The federal government needed changes with gun violence.

Alderman Abrams had offered a prayer.

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports 3-1A Treasurer's Report – December 2012/January 2013 3-1B Water Department Report – January 2013

3-2 Resolution Honoring Earl Whitehead Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda item 3-1; Department Head Reports and 3-2; Resolution Honoring Earl Whitehead as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 LEASE RENEWAL (NEXTRAC) APPROVAL – GREAT LAKES TRAIN STATION

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve 4-1.

Alderman DeVost questioned what was being approved; Mayor Rockingham explained that Alderman Runnels was to make the motion with specifics.

Alderman January yielded the motion to Alderman Runnels. Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Lease between North Chicago and Nextrac at the Great Lakes Train Station in the amount of \$1,090 monthly including all terms and conditions.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January suggested an amendment for a one-year rent adjustment from \$1090 to \$700. Alderman Allen seconded the amendment.

Attorney Smith explained that Alderman January would have to request that Alderman Runnels amended his motion. Alderman January clarified the amendment was part of the motion.

Alderman Runnels refused the amendment.

Alderman January called a "point of order." He explained that the original requested amount was \$700 and initially requested to yield the motion. He felt his motion should have been first in order for rent of \$700 to be voted upon.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Runnels, Mayor Rockingham

Nays: Allen, Abrams, January

Absent: Mayfield

The Mayor voted to break the tie vote.

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 02/18/13

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to pay the bills of Council Run; 02/18/13 in the amount of \$471,762.25 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned pg. 3 IL Counties Risk Management, in the amount of \$117,791.38 if it was for workman's compensation. Comptroller John Gantz explained it was for the liability premium and it was the 4th quarterly installment of the estimated total amount; \$900,000 plus. She questioned pg. 5 H.R. Consultants; \$3,702.89. Mr. Gantz explained it was for the temporary employees in the police department. Lake Forest Bank and Trust pg. 5; \$20,701.27 Mr. Gantz explained it was the quarterly principal and loan interest payment for the police, information technology (IT) and Public Works department. Coverall North America, pg. 12; \$8,069.00. Mr. Gantz explained it was for the monthly janitorial service. Belski city bills dated January 24, 2013; \$9,794. She agreed with Alderman Allen that there should be other bid proposals.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS

Alderman Abrams explained it was a sad occasion that concluded Friday night. He commended the "Lady Hawks" basketball players upon their regional championship. He announced they were scheduled to play as part of the state tournament Tuesday, February 19, 2013; 7:00 p.m. at Vernon Hills High School.

Alderman Abrams congratulated Principal Dr. Cassandra Brooks at Forrestal School. Their AYP (Average Yearly Progress) ranking was also the only one succeeded in Lake County, Illinois. A prayer vigil for Janay McFarlane, hosted by Cease Fire organization, 6:00 p.m., would be at the corner of 13th and Jackson St. He announced the high school boys basketball north suburban conference championship would be held at Stevenson High School, Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 7:00 p.m.

Alderman January questioned status of the committee directed to the Mayor that was requested by the Department of Justice in 2007. He stated he had received documents from the City Attorney and contacted/compared other cities.

The Mayor explained there was a meeting with the Department of Justice in 2012; a committee that consisted of clergymen, citizens, businesses and aldermen. The Citizens Advisory Group would be elected from the committee members. He, The Mayor would select seven (7) members to organize and initiating the group. Per agreement, they would attend the police academy to acclimate themselves with the department. He currently had received exclusively three (3) member names and clarified he couldn't solely appoint them. Alderman January questioned if it was citizen required and encouraged Mayor to remain vigilant. The Mayor acknowledged he would.

Alderman January inquired about amendment with the water rates and suggested it be revisited. The Mayor explained that it could be addressed. He stated the suggested water rate information was from Baxter Woodman.

Alderman January suggested a town hall meeting and inviting the residents to discuss the water. The Mayor agreed it was needed. It was contingent upon the council's decision to amend the water rates with recommendation from the staff.

The Mayor stated willingness to speak with any citizen concerning their issues.

Alderman January had strong concerns of no current development. The Mayor clarified he was established enough as one of the newest aldermen of two years. He clarified that Lewis and Buckley property was owned by the federal government. The Navy would perform a study if the land wasn't utilized and would have to declare it surplus. He emphasized the change process was approved in Washington D.C. vs. Great Lakes Navy.

Alderman DeVost requested ensuring that building code violations was submitted to all involved. She had concerns with several individuals that were issued violations and questioned the procedures. The ordinance was cited and questioned if there was a time period in compliance.

Building/Community Development/COS Steve McInnis explained the process. A field correction notice was provided including a copy of the ordinance document. Alderman DeVost questioned specific trucks prohibited parking in the resident's driveway. The resident had the opportunity to contact the department with questions or concerns.

Mr. McInnis explained that the ordinance was applicable to commercial vehicles including 2 1/2-5 ton dump trucks. Alderman DeVost suggested providing additional time to comply. Mr. McInnis explained that if more time was requested it would generally be extended.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

EDITH LOPEZ – resident of seven years

She recalled a burglary incident that occurred July 2012. She experienced gun fire last night. The statistics indicated two officers were required per 1000 individuals. There were currently thirty officers and expressed great need for additional. The crime rate was ridiculous! She received a copy of the proposed budget from the City Clerk's office. The authorized quantity was: 1 Police Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 4 Lieutenants, 8 Sergeants and 51 officers.

The Mayor requested additional information from Mrs. Lopez and he would contact her. He directed Mr. McInnis accordingly.

JOSEPH WALLS

He was strongly concerned; North Chicago wasn't safe and the city council was dysfunctional. It was time for a change. He was very active with the youth in the community. He emphasized that the Mayor wasn't equally for all the individuals.

TRINIDAD PADILLA – 431 Green Bay Rd.

He stated he received a certified letter to remove his truck from his property. He requested a copy of certified letters that were submitted to other individuals. The Mayor directed him to submit a Freedom of Information Act form.

ANTHONY COLEMAN

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 7:45 p.m.

He stated there were “two solutions to the problems.” The City needed additional police officer presence. He pleaded to witnesses of the incident that occurred. There were many real estate decisions without a professional opinion. He felt the train station rent should be based on the cost per square foot to get the fair market rent value.

Alderman DeVost returned to the Council Chambers at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Coleman expressed a contradiction in the opinion of developers and Economic Development Director concerning a major pharmacy store. He wanted to know whether North Chicago was eligible to obtain a pharmacy or not.

WADELL BROOKS

Mr. Brooks felt there was a negative outlook of North Chicago from those who witness the Council Meetings on television. Concerned with too much demolition in the city with no development or anything to replace what was being removed. He compared the assessed valuation of various communities of which North Chicago had the lowest.

VANESSA PETERSON

Ms. Peterson felt the only reason people did not want to move to North Chicago was the abuse of the police. The Mayor needed to take a stand on the killings in the city.

CHANDLER WALKER

Stated there were two Dollar Stores within three (3) blocks of one another. There were towns with less population and have two pharmacies; he suggested asking those cities how they achieve their development.

SUSAN DIXON

She felt the Economic Development Director was not motivated enough to attract development. She questioned if the current Chief of Police been investigated and asked what the council knew about him. She felt prayer should be a part of every agenda; suggested it be voted on. Ms. Dixon was concerned with the gun violence and suggested a gun buy back incentive.

RALPH PETERSON

He stated concern of various officers writing false reports and physical abuse. Mr. Peterson presented the council with a flyer from the Police Department that was distributed to persons within the community. He suggested the flyer was racist and despicable; concerned with the lack of knowledge the council had about the flyer. The reports by the officers involved in the Darrin Hanna case all varied and there hadn't been any action taken.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman DeVost that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 04, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, February 04, 2013 at 7:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen Abrams, Runnels, January
Absent: None

Mayor Rockingham announced citizens comments would be moved to the beginning of the agenda. He also explained that the microphone should not be removed and citizens needed to address the council. The time would be taken by the police officer.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks

Commented on the water main break at 1900 block of Sherman Avenue at approximately 4 a.m.; workers responded at 10 a.m., Ronald Finch of Alice Day Care requested that the water wasn't turned off until noon because children at daycare and would take naps around then. The city turned off the water which resulted in parents contacted to pick up their children.

Mr. Brooks referred to previous Mayors with had surpluses and there currently was a \$20 000,000 deficit under Mayor Rockingham administration.

Mr. Brooks expressed concern of various demolitions in the city, including Marion Jones apartment complex causing families, with their children, to be displaced which affects impact aid.

Ralph Peterson, Jr.

Read police reports from Darrin Hanna arrest written by Officer Geryol and stated they were false. Questioned the extent of beating that Mr. Hanna endured which resulted in his death and emphasized that newly elected State's Attorney Nerhiem reviewed the case.

Airicka Gordon Taylor

Stated she represented family of Emmitt Till; the officers involved in Hanna case should be terminated.

Gloria Carr

He emphasized that her son Darrin Hanna, was killed in a hate crime. A licensed doctor/pathologist reviewed the case and discovered that his death was a homicide. She expressed was continuing to fight for her son's death that it wouldn't be in vain." She congratulated North Chicago High School basketball team in their success. Kevin O'Connor It was inappropriate for officers operating a clock/timer to dictate the time for citizens to speak. Mr. O'Connor read facts quoted from the manufacturer of the Taser X26 stated it could and/or may cause serious medical risk including cardiovascular disruption and death. He clarified that Mr. Hanna was unarmed and should not have been beaten.

Pastor Eugene Roberson

Spoke in support of Ms. Gloria Carr; the incident involving Darrin Hanna was inhumane and would stand firm until there was justice.

Alderman DeVost left Council Chambers at 7:22 p.m.; returned at 7:23 p.m.

Bishop Grant Bishop

Grant quoted Dr. Martin Luther King "our lives begin the end the day we become silent about the things that matter." He clarified statistics of 184 Americans that have died at the hands of police by" taser torture." Mr. Hanna was murdered and his death was ruled a homicide. The Police Department had a "cancer of selective enforcement" with African Americans and Hispanics. He requested an immediate criminal investigation by State's Attorney and issuing administrative leave to the wrongful officers with/without compensation or their immediate termination. The officers involved were a safety hazard to the community.

Van Austin

Mr. Austin explained that he had three surgeries as a result of abuse by the North Chicago police. He clarified was tased twice. There was money missing within the City. The City needed improvement and expressed his support of Ms. Carr.

Alderman January left the Council Chambers at 7:31 p.m.

Isaac January

He encouraged the community to prosper.

Anthony Coleman

Alderman DeVost referred to a conversation and memo with another attorney that informed her that the Chief Executive officer (Mayor) could provide officer's administrative leave. The citizen's safety was the main concern.

Alderman January returned to Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Rockingham explained the memorandum from law firm Clark, Baird, Smith (employed with the city) distributed to the aldermen was not confidential. Within that correspondence, it was stated that the Mayor did not have the authority to terminate or suspend officers, exclusively the Chief of Police.

Bishop Grant

proposed that the Mayor recommend the Chief of Police to suspend the officers.

Mary Larsen Alloy

She had strong concerns of the \$20 mil debt not inclusive of the litigations and was insecure residing in the City. The animals weren't euthanized although the people were beaten by the officers.

Pamela Fisher

She claimed a political sign was placed in her yard without permission and was violating her rights. She questioned concerning city watch signs and no response was received by the Police Chief. The water bills were astronomical. The property has depreciated in value.

Vanessa Peterson

She questioned if the council had approved for the timer. She had strong concerns that the Mayor didn't care. She would continue to be present at the meetings due to her cousin's death.

Alderman Abrams announced the CeaseFire Peace Rally, Friday; 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 09, 2013 from the hours of 1-4:00 p.m.

Lavon Abington

He had concerns of the 300 units at Marion Jones. He clarified would be double crime resulting when the units were demolished. The majority of the City was low income.

The Mayor explained that it was the Lake County Housing Development. He was on a panel to assist selection of the developer. He clarified wasn't a board member. The Majority of the complex to be developed was Senior Housing, 30% low and regular income housing. He assured that it wasn't a city project. The design and if rezoned would be council approved.

Alderman DeVost questioned if the Lake County Housing Authority had prepared the tenants at Marion Jones apartment complex. She clarified the families weren't notified.

Audrey Nixon - Lake County Board Member

She explained there were meetings held and the tenants were aware of the building demolition. Mr. David Norrington, Lake County Housing Authority Director was contacted directly by her. The Marion Jones apartment complex was being demolished and would be rebuilt. He has cooperated and assisted the tenants. She has ensured had attended the meetings. Marion Jones Complex was a very high priority and she would be willing to return with the necessary information. She highly suggested scheduling a presentation with Mr. Norrington.

The Mayor would schedule the presentation at the next Committee Meeting, February 11, 2013.

Alderman January appreciated Ms. Nixon informing him. He emphasized that the council members weren't informed.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, January 07, 2012; 7:07 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, January 22, 2012; 7:16 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, January 07, 2012; 7:07 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, January 22, 2012; 7:16 p.m. be passed as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned if the year of the minutes were corrected. City Clerk Lori Collins replied they were.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 INVESTMENT POLICY APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the investment policy.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned clarification; Treasurer Kenneth Robinson explained it was to secure funds for incidentals which the City currently had \$3mil in the coughers. Alderman DeVost inquired if the funds could compensate for the bonds; Mr. Robinson stated "whatever city obligation.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING TITLE 5; CHAPTER 21; RAFFLES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Ordinance Amending Title 5; Chapter 21; Raffles.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January explained there should be a cap on the amount that could be provided. He disagreed with political related. Alderman DeVost questioned if a license from the State Board of Elections was required; Attorney Smith and Mayor Rockingham acknowledged that it was. Attorney Smith explained it was a limited amount of \$20,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: None

Pass: DeVost, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC APPROVAL – WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the authorization for the Mayor to purchase electric for the Water Treatment Plant.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned if the motion was allowing the Mayor to accept or rejecting the bids; Mayor Rockingham explained that it would authorize him to accept the lowest bid when presented. He explained that the contracts were generally every two (2) years.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Resolution for the Consolidated Annual Action Plan excluding Waukegan Township funding of Home Sweet Home.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Economic Development Director Joe Napolitano clarified the council could approve with funding to Waukegan Township although warned there could be consequences to follow. Mayor Rockingham questioned the time it was funded; and the same criteria. CDBG Administrator Pamela Jefferies clarified since 2005. Mrs. Jefferies explained that it was more stringent about complying with stipulated rules. Alderman DeVost stressed that the City couldn't risk being unfunded by the agency and needed to follow staff recommendation and HUD (Housing Urban Development) rules.

Alderman January explained that he didn't live in Waukegan Township although knew they assisted residents of the township extensively and the City should fund them.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Mayfield, Abrams, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 RESOLUTION APPROVAL AGREEING TO SETTLEMENT OF SALES TAX DISPUTE BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND ABBOTT LABORATORIES PURCHASING COMPANY LLC

7-6 AGREEMENT APPROVAL BETWEEN ABBVIE PURCHASING LLC – REDUCTION OF MONTHLY SALES DISTRIBUTIONS TO CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO BY IL DEPT. OF REVENUE

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve 7-5; Resolution and 7-6; Settlement Agreement with North Chicago, Abbott and ABBVIE.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January suggested that the two (2) items should be voted separately.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 02/04/13

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 02/04/13 in the amount of \$458,426.46 with reduction of to pay when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned pg. 6, 8 and 13; Belski Electric; invoice# 1767 pg. 15 and 17; Smith and LaLuzerne. She was concerned with the cost and frequency. Alderman Allen stated the billing wasn't timely. Chief of Staff Steve McInnis explained could exclusively discuss inspections. Alderman DeVost requested that the bills were compensated with the exception of Belski Electric totaling \$20,583.33.

Alderman Allen amended motion, Alderman Mayfield seconded amendment to approve the Council Run 02/04/13 with the exception of Belski Electric.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS

Alderman January concerned with lack of knowledge concerning the drug forfeiture funds.

He wanted update of Grant Place judgment; Attorney Smith said the restitution was \$4 million that wasn't compensated.

Alderman January suggested the council discussed the water rates. He was also concerned with not being informed the truth about Marion Jones Apartment Complex, complaints and the schools. He suggested a resolution.

Alderman January disapproved of the police officer controlling the time for citizens to speak. Referred to Charles Pitts complaint with the Public Access Counselor of not being allowed to speak; He hasn't received an answer as of date. He clarified it wasn't specified in the ordinance for sign-in sheet.

Mayor Rockingham suggested Alderman January contacted the Police Chief concerning drug forfeiture funds. He explained that the water rates were established by the council and would need to be changed the same way. An assessment from an agency would assist determining the rates; the city was losing business with over 60% of water to Abbott. The rates were too high and council would need to make those changes. He suggested readjusting the rates.

Alderman Rockingham explained that when three (3) minutes had expired for citizens to speak they would continue and the police was present. The police would continue to time the public ensuring the rule was honored accordingly.

Alderman DeVost explained that the previous water study performed had cost the city \$10,000 and the council chose the higher recommendation. There was no further study needed and the city should not have determined decisions upon Abbott. She suggested that the citizens should be allowed longer than three (3) minutes to speak. Continuing, announced a town hall meeting February 16, 2013 at North Chicago High School.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

BEGINNING OF MEETING

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 22, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:16 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Absent: None

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports 3-1A Water Department Report – December 2012 Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda item 3-1; Department Head Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 LAKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IGA (INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT) APPROVAL

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Lake County Municipal League Intergovernmental Agreement.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING SECTION 5-25-B-11(B) TAXICAB RATES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Amending Section 5-25-B-11(B) Taxicab Rates.

Alderman DeVost expressed her appreciation to Jimmy Baldwin (J&B Cab) for his assistance with the taxicab ordinance and for reducing the rate \$.10. Attorney Smith stated there were changes to be made for limousines in the near future.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 01/22/13

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 01/22/13 in the amount of \$431,223.57 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Accounting Manager acknowledged they were and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS Alderman January questioned why there wasn't discussion of water rates and stressed how it had affected the citizens. He was strongly concerned with seniors being charged before the water was utilized. The citizens purchased water from other vendors because the unaffordable rates in North Chicago. He emphasized the need of its discussion and said the citizens should not be punished.

Alderman January stated there still remained a lack of accountability; employees were being fired without council's knowledge of which should be informed. Alderman January stated that the current Lake County Coroner, Dr. Rudd had a new ruling on Darrin Hanna's case and he questioned the status. He said that City Attorney did not need to attend non-council meetings and asked the Finance Chairman to review the matter.

Alderman Fisher questioned the cost of Forrestal Housing residents paid; Alderman January declined a response.

RECYCLE Alderman Abrams encouraged citizens to recycle and explained that it was beneficial to the City. The purpose of the new blue bins were exclusively for recyclables. Alderman DeVost questioned clarification which cans to change; Mayor Rockingham explained he would provide more information.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks Announced that he was provided a surprise 80th birthday party.

Mr. Brooks explained that Ms. Carr had suffered from November 2011 since the passing of her son and that the case of Darrin Hanna had been ruled a homicide. There was a lack of trust by the citizens and strongly stated that the City was in "the worst position".

Mr. Brooks commented on the students that would have to be removed from the Marion Jones housing complex and the affect it would have on the impact aid provided by the state.

Ralph Peterson Mr. Peterson referred to a statement he recalled of the Mayor that "if there were a new ruling he would remove the officers" (involved in the Hanna case). The newly elected Coroner was a physician and the previous one was not affording him the opportunity to make the determination. He referenced and read reports of officers in the "Hanna case."

Rita Mayfield Representative Mayfield extended her appreciation with all the individuals that supported the Hanna Family; they were going to pursue criminal charges. She clarified the Mayor stated he would rid of the officers if there were new findings. She referred to the current Coroner who emphasized that if not for the actions of the North Chicago Police, Darrin Hanna would be alive. She questioned the actions of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Vanessa Peterson Ms. Peterson strongly stated that a man was killed; and clarified there was a new ruling by the new Coroner and reiterated his ruling didn't reflect he was working for the family. Alderman January felt the Police Attorney's presence created a hostile environment in the Council Chambers.

Anthony Coleman Mr. Coleman questioned the intentions of the Mayor and recommended the needed development.

Kevin O'Connor Mr. O'Connor clarified that Darrin Hanna "died at the hands of the officers." Police were in position to protect people from themselves and others not harm. The City lacked action. The Citizens Review Board should consist of more than local pastors.

Carlos Smith Mr. Smith announced Black History Month Play February 8, 2013 at North Chicago High School. During his work with the youth he felt they weren't concerned with who was elected, they wanted positive outcomes within the City. He suggested the people unite resulting to achieve progress within the community.

Mary Miller- Lane Ms. Miller-Lane felt the residents were still fighting for their civil rights and due process. She stated Mr. Hanna was detained immediately and should not have been beaten him resulting in death. She questioned the Mayor's future action against the police.

Juan Ochoa Mr. Ochoa expressed his concern of the water bills being excessive; the rates were higher for two (2) months vs. three (3) months as previous billing. He clarified that people couldn't afford the bills and recommended action.

Alderman DeVost suggested revisiting the existing water rate ordinance.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Allen that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, January 07, 2013

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, January 07, 2013 at 7:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen Abrams, Runnels Absent: January

Alderman January returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 p.m.

4-1 Swearing in of Police – Administered by Mayor Rockingham Richard Wilson – Sworn in from Sergeant to Lieutenant *Valiza Nash – Sworn in from Officer to Sergeant Corey Marquardt – Sworn in from Officer to Sergeant Tremaine Nixon – Sworn in as Police Officer

*Valiza Nash's mother accepted the certificate in honor of her due to illness.

Mayor Rockingham acknowledged officers and stated his appreciation for their service. He also extended his appreciation to the families for attending the meeting of the sworn ceremony.

Chief Jackson gave a certificate for 10 years of service to Sergeant Martin.

Mayor Rockingham acknowledged the newly elected State's Attorney Mike Nerhiem for his support of officers by attending the council meeting. He said the city would be hiring new officers in the near future and wished all a Prosperous New Year.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, December 03, 2012; 7:18 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, December 17, 2012; 7:07 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, December 03, 2012; 7:18 p.m., and Regular Council Meeting, December 17, 2012; 7:07 p.m. be passed as presented.

Alderman DeVost noted typo in the year of 2012 vs. 2013.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA NONE

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

6-1 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING SECTION 5-25B-11; TAXICAB RATES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve Ordinance Amending Section 5-25B-11; Taxicab Rates.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: The Mayor explained that the rates would reflect \$2.40 vs. \$2.50. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

6-2 CARCAMO SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Dennis Carcamo Settlement of **\$25,000**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent None

MOTION CARRIED

6-3 SMITH SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Paul Smith Settlement of **\$75,000**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. CITY BILLS

7-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – **01/07/13**

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 01/07/13 in the amount of \$661,918.99 with reduction of \$9,200 (HVAC Repairs), and addition of \$437.19 (Janet Manzella's Reimbursement); the amended total was \$661,918.99 and to pay when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned pg. 3; Konica Minolta equipment maintenance. Account Manager Mike Miller explained that the amount of \$5,536.35 was a portion of the total bill that was contracted. Alderman DeVost asked how frequent the bills and how many were expected; Mr. Miller explained there were 4 installments for the year.

Alderman DeVost questioned pg. 5; H.R. Consultants; Comptroller John Gantz explained it was temporary assistance in the Police Department.

Alderman DeVost questioned (pg. 7) why two companies were utilized for board up service. Building/Community Development Director/Chief of Staff Steve McInnis explained two companies were used for 24 hour accessibility and the City receives 30% discount per invoice when they are used.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and the checks would be provided the following day.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: DeVost Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

FENCE SIZE REGULATION Alderman DeVost questioned the regulation for fence sizes and requested discussing it further in committee. The Mayor explained that it was specified in the ordinance. OCCUPATION AVAILABILITY Alderman Allen emphasized the necessity for additional information of job availability within the City to the citizens. He also recommended a bid process for city projects.

ANNOUNCEMENT Alderman Abrams wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday.

VARIOUS CONCERNS Alderman January clarified that the City of North Chicago wasn't a "Strong Mayor Form of Government"; he further expressed concerns with the elevated water rates; he was unaware of the lateral promotions for police officers or officer termination from the City, it was read in the newspaper and clarified that during "citizen comments" the aldermen weren't afforded the opportunity to comment, it was a time for citizens.

IX. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

KEVIN O'CONNOR Mr. O'Connor suggested that the police officers engage in sensitivity training courses. He stated that the courses would assist with the over aggressive officers and de-escalate some of the problems in the department.

Mr. O'Connor encouraged the development of the Citizens Review Board that was earlier approved.

ANTHONY COLEMAN Mr. Coleman referred to citizens comments; code 2-2-6 and clarified that the aldermen had a right to comment during that time.

WADELL BROOKS Mr. Brooks stated that Ms. Carr lost her son and questioned the status of the case. He expressed appreciation of the Police Chief for promotions previously in meeting. He questioned the goals of the Police Chief; he was pleased that the State's Attorney was present and requested that he attended future meetings.

Mr. Brooks questioned the demolition of the Marion Jones Apartment Complex, stating that approximately 137 students displaced would affect impact aid the schools received from the government; estimated at \$59,000/month.

RALPH PETERSON, JR. Mr. Peterson thanked the Mayor for addressing some of his issues. He presented a proposal for Chief to resolve some of the problems and "work for the people." He introduced Brittany Barrow who was "slammed to the floor" by Sergeant Sal Cecala and her child pulled from her arms. Mr. Peterson read the reports of the officers.

BRITTANY BARROW Ms. Barrow explained she ran from the door with her child and requested for a search warrant as the officers "burst in!" She reassured the officer that the matter they were called to was resolved and could leave the premises. The officer struck Mr. James Boyland when he questioned the reason for their entry into the apartment. They, the officers, continued to "punch and kick" Mr. Boyland while he was on the ground.

Alderman DeVost inquired if there was currently a Citizens Review Board; Mayor Rockingham explained that the Review Board was established although no names had been submitted by the Department of Justice.

Alderman DeVost assured there would be a meeting with the board authorizing the members.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman DeVost seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

_____ Lori L. Collins City Clerk

