

Regular Meeting, Monday, December 15, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:56 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 01, 2014; 7:41 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, December 01, 2014; 7:41 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 – November 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – November 2014

6-1C Engineer's Monthly Report – December 2014

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Markham requested that the Civility & Decorum Ordinance; #11 was read. The City Clerk honored his request.

Lisa M. Krinninger – Libertyville, IL

She explained her position as an Executive Director Our House of Hope Rescue and also volunteered for North Chicago Animal Control for three (3) years. Her organization received approximately 98% of its rescued animals from North Chicago. The seven-year organization had a 100% placement and 0% returns. She commended Dana of Animal Control upon her efforts.

The Mayor extended his appreciation for her volunteerism in the City of North Chicago.

Wadell Brooks – North Chicago

Three minutes of comments wasn't sufficient for the public to express their concerns. His organization benefited individuals. He announced a cultural diversity seminar, Saturday, December 20, 2014; 9-12:00 p.m. the Golden Corral Restaurant. He recalled a \$30,000,000 grant two years prior that was issued to a multi-million dollar contractor. He suggested an amount of \$25,000 vs. \$45,000 that was originally requested to support the Daisy's Resource & Development Organization. He stated the Brooks would subsidize the remaining balance.

David Hood - Waukegan

Mr. Hood clarified that \$15,000 was donated to cat rescue. He strongly stressed the importance of the youth and suggested \$20,000 to be granted to the "Brooks". He clarified the necessity in supporting the community and "our own".

Ralph Peterson Jr.

Mr. Peterson reported there were marches relating to police brutality throughout the country. This was comparative to the "Darren Hanna Case". The State's Attorney office was lacking in performing their duties. He was appreciative of the North Chicago Police and Fire Department who assisted him when he was involved in a car accident.

Charles A. January Jr. – North Chicago

Mr. January expressed his discouragement that Fat Cat Rescue wasn't provided substantial amount of money. He suggested a 15% increase; the organization saved the city expenses. There wasn't a response whether the City had a Strategic or Comprehensive Plan. The "City gave away" Lewis Ave. He had strong concerns and disagreed with the learner charter schools.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

A map of the City was important and an educational plan was also pertinent. She questioned the amount of the grant that would be issued to the City for development purposes. Single family homes were needed and she echoed sentiments in taking care of our own. A summer youth program was in the process of being organized. We need to benefit ourselves.

Alderman Allen explained that the Economic Director Ron Lanz would be providing a presentation concerning the strategic planning.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 FAT CAT CONTRACT RENEWAL - \$15,000

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve Fat Cat Rescue Annual Contract Renewal in the amount of \$15,000.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Allen suggested retaining half of the amount until the "Grove Avenue Situation" was resolved. Alderman Evans clarified the concern wasn't solely one resident but the entire City.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 APPOINTMENT OF TABITHA WRAY TO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the appointment of Tabitha Wray to Citizens Advisory Committee.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PETITION/ORDINANCE - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Zoning Text Amendment with grammatical reduction of square footage requirements.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE – TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 2323 (2301 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Telecommunications Facility Special Use Permit at 2323 (2301) Commonwealth Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 GREAT LAKES METRA STATION SUBLEASE AMENDMENT (SUBSEQUENT TRANSITION TO METRA)

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to table item 7-5 and 7-11; Daisy's Resource & Development Center donation until the next Meeting, January 05, 2015.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 1137 JACKSON STREET (HOME DAYCARE, MAJOR)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Special Use Permit at 1137 Jackson Street (Home Daycare, Major).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 1235 VICTORIA STREET (FORMER HARPER'S DAYCARE)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Special Use Permit at 1235 Victoria Street (Former Harper's Daycare).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals/Planning Commission Members.

Alderman Runnels amended motion, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to reflect a 3-year staggered term of the Senior Members; Antonio Jackson, Sondra Burton, (Absent), Renee Jones, (Absent), and Angelica Douglas. A 2-year term for Junior Members; Paula Carballido, Janelle Jackson and Hal Davis.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned when the appointment term was effective. The Mayor explained that it was currently effective.

Alderman Markham questioned Mr. Davis' absence. Mr. Warda explained he was in a training session.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor acknowledged the zoning members for their services.

7-9 CITY HALL/WATER PLANT PARKING LOT PROJECT – PAY APPLICATION APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the City Hall/Water Plant Parking Lot Project pay application in amount of \$98,767.80 as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham noted it was 90% of the total cost.

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to add that \$98,767.80 was 90% of the total amount.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 RESOLUTION – DCEO GRANT REBATE; \$51,579.50

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the DCEO Grant Rebate in the amount of \$51, 579.50

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-11 DAISY'S RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT CENTER DONATION

TABLED (INCLUDED IN MOTION; ITEM 7-5)

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 12/15/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 12/15/14 in the amount of \$562,481.27 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

TREE LIGHTING SUCCESS

Alderman Mayfield commended the Mayor, his staff and the City of North Chicago for a successful tree lighting ceremony.

VARIOUS ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Alderman Mayfield acknowledged; Navy Quintet, Markham Family Choir, the NCCHS Choir including Mr. and Mrs. Claus for attending and performing.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Mayfield announced the new business that opened in the 2nd ward; "Lasagna Stop" and encouraged community support. The youth also assisted in training and management of the restaurant. "Lasagna Stop" was located adjacent to the North Chicago Post Office.

GRANT ACQUIRED

Alderman Mayfield explained she was informed, at the Senior Breakfast, that the City would be acquiring an approximate \$1,000,000 to support early child education/head start. It would be a fully funded daycare program for children that were 4 years old and eventually offered to the 3 year olds.

FIRE CHIEF'S MOTHER

Alderman Mayfield announced the passing of Fire Chief Urban's Mother the previous week and encouraged prayers to the Urban family.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Alderman Mayfield wished everyone a happy holiday including a joyful safe New Year.

RECOGNITION

The Mayor recognized RHMG Engineering and City Attorney Chuck Smith's Firm for hosting a small gathering for the elected officials and department heads. He echoed the sentiments of Alderman Mayfield and extending happy holidays to the residents.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

(PLACED IN BEGINNING OF AGENDA)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, December 01, 2014

MINUTES

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III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

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

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

The Mayor requested to move Omnibus Vote Agenda items; 4-1 and 4-2 to Regular Agenda.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to move Omnibus Vote Agenda items; 4-1 and 4-2 to Regular Agenda; 7-10 and 7-11.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, November 17, 2014; 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 Evans that Regular Council Meeting, November 17, 2014; 7:49 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Fisher was absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 PURCHASE OF NCFD AMBULANCE (REPLACING 2002 MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT)

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the purchase of the North Chicago Fire Department Ambulance (replacing 2002 Mobile Intensive Care Unit).

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned if the Mobile Intensive Care Unit was in the Fire Department budget and its amount. Fire Chief Dell Urban explained the amount of \$140,000 was designated by the City and \$10,000 was approved by the Foreign Tax Fund; reduced to \$7,551; totaling \$147,551.

Alderman Mayfield amended motion, seconded by Alderman Runnels to reflect the city budgeted amount of \$140,000 and \$7,551 from the Foreign Tax Fund.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE – 2005A GO BOND Series; \$209,000

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Tax Abatement Ordinance for the 2005A GO Bond Series in the amount of \$209,000.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE – 2005B GO BOND Series; \$301,500

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Tax Abatement Ordinance for the 2005A GO Bond Series in the amount of \$301,500.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 TAX LEVY ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE; \$7,067,544.22

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Tax Levy Assessment Ordinance in the amount of \$7,067,544.22.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 RESOLUTION APPROVING ENERGY GRANT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Resolution approving Energy Grant in amount of \$47,803 and authorizing the Mayor to execute documents.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned if it was pertaining to the retrofiting. The Mayor explained it was for the purpose for internal labor that was completed. Alderman Markham suggested adding the amount of \$47,803.

Alderman Runnels amended motion, seconded by Alderman Markham to include the grant amount of \$47,803.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 APPOINTMENT OF ED WILMES AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Ed Wilmes as Public Works Director.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Ed Wilmes.

Mr. Wilmes was gracious and honored for the opportunity. He clarified there was a high level of professionalism at the Public Works Department. He would also be seeking residency in the City of North Chicago.

7-7 RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY STABILIZATION FUND

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the City Stabilization Fund Resolution in amount of \$218,000 annually for the next five years.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if there was a city policy and the completion of it within a 6-month timeline. The Mayor acknowledged there was and could honor the time.

Alderman Markham questioned clarification that it would be budgeted as needed. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the process of redirected savings fund.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to table item 7-7 until further discussion.

ROLL CALL:

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

The Mayor broke tie with a Nay vote.

Ms. Gibson clarified that the policy was effective today. The Human Resources would be collaborating with the Attorney's office to ensure a policy was supported. Once documented, it would be forwarded to the aldermen. The Attorney would also review it.

Alderman January suggested amendment of item 7-7 including establishment of policy with maintenance of the fund within 30 days.

Alderman Mayfield amended motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to amend item 7-7 with establishment of a policy including maintenance of the fund with a 30-day clause.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 NCPD VEHICLES DECLARED SURPLUS

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the NCPD Vehicles declared surplus.

ROLL CALL:

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

7-9 PRESCIENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Prescient Informational Technology Services Agreement in amount of \$170,000.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January suggested a part-time employee on site and increasing it as needed. The Mayor suggested a full-time employee and that the contract could possibly be renegotiated.

Matt, Prescient Solutions explained that the contract was reviewed semi and annually upon necessary resources and resolved issues.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Runnels
Nays: Allen, January
Abstain: Markham
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 12/01/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 12/01/14 in the amount of 485,088.35 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The City Clerk alerted the Mayor of the two remaining items; 7-10 and 7-11. It was agreed that the City Bills were discussed preceding the agenda items.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when would the checks be dispersed. Comptroller Gloria Gibson acknowledged that they were the following day.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 ANNUAL INCREASE – COMPTROLLER'S POSITION

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the annual increase for the Comptroller's position.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-11 CITY SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the City Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Public Works Administrative Assistant Position from a Grade A-14 to A-15.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

COMMUNITY FORUM

Alderman Mayfield announced the Community Forum "Stop the Violence" held at Foss Park District, December 04, 2014; 6:00 p.m. She encouraged participation.

FIFTH WARD APPRECIATION DAY

Alderman Markham declared the "Fifth Ward Appreciation Day," held at 2131 Wright Ave., Saturday, December 06, 2014.

FIFTY YEAR APPRECIATION

Alderman Allen suggested acknowledgement of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks as 50-year residents. The Mayor stated would approach them with the idea.

APPRECIATION

Alderman January extended appreciation for the prayers during the loss of her Mother. The Mayor explained the continual prayers for Alderman January and her family.

TREE LIGHTING

The Mayor reminded those of the "Tree Lighting Ceremony," held at the North Chicago Fire Department, Saturday, December 08, 2014. There would be festivity and provided refreshments.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY

The Mayor recognized the upcoming birthday of Alderman Mayfield, December 03, 2014.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – DRBROOKS.TV

Mr. Brooks acknowledged both Dell Urban; the first female fire chief of Lake County and Chief of Staff Deb Waszak were guests of his show that was previously televised. For the past forty years, Daisy Brooks has served the students with a GED and there were approximately fifty employees. The Superintendent of Schools decided not to renew the school portion of the contract. There was no vision or plan in the City. He suggested organizing a group and he named the visionaries.

Chandler Walker - North Chicago

Mr. Walker expressed there was ample times discussed with Fat Cat Rescue and suggested placing it in the city budget. The citizens were unaware of the salary increases. He inquired if the taxes were collected for the foreclosed homes. He also extended his appreciation to the Mayor in behalf of the resolution for his sister Cora Cunningham.

Alderman January questioned if the annual salaries of \$75,000 and above were place on the web. The Mayor acknowledged it was.

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

Mr. Peterson understood that the civil portion of the "Hanna Case" was in the Federal Court. It was alleged that the batteries were removed from the taser that was involved in the incident. He questioned the criminal portion of the "Hanna Case." It was also compared to the "Ferguson case." There was evidence for need of an investigation.

Charles January – Great Lakes

Mr. January strongly stated the need of knowledge with dollar amount reflecting the city bills; he questioned the job descriptions of the new positions. The citizens should be provided the opportunity to purchase surplus vehicles; there currently wasn't a strategic or comprehensive plan. He had inquired percentage of the tax levy and concerns of the Chief of Police consultant position.

Betty Harris

Ms. Harris stated was praying for the City. There was city "taxation without representation. The school board also approved a percentage increase. The seniors were taxed beyond their means. There currently were two (2) schools that were closed and two of the six schools were functioning properly. The children were being killed by "miseducation." They were the "present and the future."

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

Alderman Fisher was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 17, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, November 17, 2014 at 9:30 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

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, November 03, 2014; 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 Evans that Regular Council Meeting, November 03, 2014; 7:16 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 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – October 2014

6-1C Engineer's Monthly Report – November 2014

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS SURPLUS

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus as surplus and donated to the College of Lake County (CLC).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 2014 PIPE LINING PROGRAM (REALLOCATION OF FUNDS)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2014 Pipe Lining Program (Reallocation of Funds) as presented.

Comments/Questions:

Marcia McCutchan (RHMG) stated her intention to request that the Water Department budget line item transfer \$100,000 from the Enterprise Fund to the Sanitary Sewer Fund for televising. There was a need for additional lining and repairs; the details would be provided at the following Council Meeting, December 01, 2014.

Mayor Rockingham questioned clarification with the repairs. Ms. McCutchan explained that the project would begin the year of 2014.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to table until December 1, 2014 Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor announced Alderman January's absence.

7-3 FAT CAT CONTRACT RENEWAL

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to table until further notice.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 TOTAL PROGRAM COST APPROVAL – PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Total Program Cost for Property & Casualty Insurance recommendation from (The not to exceed \$725,348 to Munich Re; (Liability) Chub; (Property), Safety National (Worker's Comp).

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson also included Ace Insurance Company for Pollution Control.

Alderman Mayfield amended the motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to include ACE for pollution control.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

Attorney Smith explained that the insurance was to be bound by December 1 and was declining the offer of excess liability cost of \$32,500. Alderman Markham questioned if the Resolution was inclusive with the cost approval.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to decline the offer of excess liability insurance in the amount of \$32,500.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 11/17/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 11/17/14 in the amount of \$200,963.58 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned the procedures (pg. 28) Seized Drug Fund was submitted. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained that the process was managed solely by the Police Department including the checks. The procedures were changed that all requests must be provided to the Comptroller's Office for approval and Council would be aware of the expenditures prior.

Alderman Markham questioned quantity of signatures required; Ms. Gibson explained there was one. Alderman Markham suggested increasing the recommended amount. Attorney Smith stated that he would verify the legality and "duel control."

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

5TH Ward Meeting

Alderman Markham announced 5th Ward Meeting, December 6, 2014; 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. breakfast and the ward meeting would follow until 1:00 p.m. at Greater St. James Church; 2131Wright Ave.

Gang Awareness Meeting

Mayor Rockingham announced a Gang Awareness meeting, December 4, 2014, 6:00-8:30 p.m., hosted by the Citizens Advisory Committee at Foss Park District.

Day Cares

Alderman Markham requested an update with the Day Care provider certification. Comptroller Gibson stated six were pending compliance and it was currently being pursued. Alderman Markham questioned what departments performed the inspections. Ms. Gibson explained the building, fire and police departments.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Mayor announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony; December 08, 2014; 6:00 p.m.

Belated Birthday

The Mayor acknowledged Alderman Evans' birthday the prior Saturday and wished him many more.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

He comically stated had wished Alderman Evans a happy 75th birthday. He reported that his Aunt Gloria Carr was re-covering. In honor of Darren Hanna; cake would be provided at the Foss Park Clubhouse; Saturday, from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 03, 2014

MINUTES

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II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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IV. ROLL CALL

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

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Absent: January

4-1 Proclamation – “Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award” to Irene Charcut

City Clerk Lori L. Collins read the Proclamation to honor 90-year resident, Senior Citizen Hall of Famer Irene Charcut. Ms. Charcut was gracious for all the honor of her entire family/friends for their support “near and far.” Mayor Rockingham recognized Ms. Charcut and thanked her for many years of service to the community and wished her many more.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Proclamation for Senior Citizen Hall Of Fame awarded to Ms. Irene Charcut.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

4-2 Award Presentation to Police Officer Deven Tolver

The City Clerk read the award letter. Police Chief Jackson presented Police Officer Deven Tolver with a plaque of appreciation including a “life-saving ribbon” for his participation in preventing an assumed suicide attempt.

Alderman January was absent.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, October 20, 2014; 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 Evans that Regular Council Meeting, October 20, 2014; 7:49 p.m. be passed as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ORDINANCE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Compensation of Elected Officials Ordinance as previously discussed and presented.

Mayor Rockingham read the salaries of the elected officials and explained the compensation would not be effective until year 2017.

Mayor - \$65,000 + \$5,000 Liquor Commission

City Clerk - \$55,000

Treasurer - \$18,000

Aldermen - \$11,000

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Allen, Runnels, Mayor Rockingham

Nays: Mayfield, Evans, Markham

Absent: January

The Mayor broke the tie by voting aye.

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 RELOCATION OF LIBRARY ACCOUNT FROM FIRST MIDWEST BANK TO NORTH CHICAGO COMMUNITY BANK

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the relocation of the Library Account from First Midwest Bank to North Chicago Community Bank.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 GREAT LAKES METRA STATION SUBLEASE AMENDMENT

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to table item 7-3 until the next Council Meeting, November 17, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

7-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE AT 1245 NEIL LANE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Petition/Ordinance Variance at 1245 Neil Lane.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 PETITION/ORDINANCE – TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE
(BODY ARTS ESTABLISHMENT)

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: None

Abstain: Markham

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 2314 GREEN BAY RD. (BODY ARTS
ESTABLISHMENT)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Petition/Ordinance Special Use Permit at 2314 Green Bay Rd. (Body Arts Establishment).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: None

Abstain: Fisher, Markham

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10; CHAPTER 5; SECTION 8; PARKING REGULATIONS
TIME LIMITS – KENNEDY DR.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 10; Chapter 5; Section 8; Parking Regulation Time Limits for Kennedy Dr.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 FAT CAT CONTRACT RENEWAL

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to table item 7-8; Fat Cat Contract Renewal until November 17, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 11/03/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 11/03/14 in the amount of \$254,287.56 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Safety Fair

Alderman Mayfield thanked everyone for their participation in the Public Safety Fair.

Day Cares

Alderman Markham requested an update of paid Day Care applicants and compliance. Mayor Rockingham explained that the City received notice from the State agency which was going to be utilized to cross-reference those filed with the City. A notification would be submitted prior to 7-day compliance reminder from the City to the day care providers.

3rd Ward Meeting

Alderman Evans announced 3rd Ward Meeting, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. November 8, 2014.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mary Kay Olloway – President of Fat Cat

Mrs. Olloway explained the contract provisions stipulated that she supplied the services to trap, neuter and return as agreed. Mrs. Olloway clarified that she was not able to accept a 3-month contract as per Councilmen discussion; they only provided 1-year programs. Alderman Evans expressed concern about the cats being fed and not removed; feeding them didn't rectify the problem of becoming a nuisance. Alderman Markham suggested the aldermen presented their complaints.

Alderman Allen left the Council Chambers at 7:48 p.m.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Avenue

Mr. Brooks stated that the citizens of North Chicago were not financially feasible sustaining compensation increases of the elected officials. He gave information of state monies given to other communities and questioned the city grants. There was no financial support to sustain the DRD school provided by Daisy Brooks.

Alderman Allen returned to the Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m.

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

Mr. Peterson explained that Darrin Hanna was not to be forgotten. He would provide more information at a later time.

Frank Walker

Mr. Walker was concerned with suspected drug activity near one of his rental properties on Kristan Avenue. He questioned if there were "suggestions for a solution." Police Chief Jackson explained there was "a roundup" of 21 people and several were located on Kristan Avenue.

Ted Wilder

Mr. Wilder had concerns with a recent fire death. He stated the four points of safety and suggested the City's use of technique preventing any other deaths.

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 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 20, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, October 20, 2014 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

Alderman January left the Council Chambers at 7:49 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Alderman January returned to the Council Chambers at 7:51 p.m.

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 the Resolution Honoring Robert May of the Library Board. On behalf of the family Mr. May's daughter thanked the City of North Chicago for the resolution.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to accept the Resolution and passed as presented.

Mayor Rockingham stated that the City was appreciative for the service of Mr. May to the community. Mr. May's daughter was gracious for the City honoring her father.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

4-1 Presentation/Recognition of Lieutenant Kurt Nash

Mayor Rockingham administered the Oath to Lieutenant Kurt Nash. Lieutenant Nash accepted the oath and gave honor to God, the citizens and Council for his tenure with the City of North Chicago.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to suspend the Regular Order of Business at 8:01 p.m. to resume Committee Meetings.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to resume the Regular Order of Business at 9:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Mayor Rockingham asked the City Clerk to read the Ordinance 2-2-6 pertaining to Decorum and Civility of the City Council Meeting. He elaborated that there needed to be respect given to the Chair regardless of the person in office. Disruptiveness would not be acceptable. He would allow the last two people from the preceding meeting to speak first.

Terri Olian – Project Manager for Enroll Lake County

Ms. Olian gave information about the Affordable Care Act and explained that the program “Enroll Lake County” had assisted over 18,000 people. Services provided were free. She announced an enrollment fair October 25, 2014, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1801 Sheridan Road for eligible candidates; ages 19-64 years old (with low incomes) and provided a phone number (Enroll Lake County) for those needing to schedule an appointment.

Mayor Rockingham encouraged citizens to inform those in need about the event.

Charles January

Mr. January recognized two individuals that had passed; Al Clark and Joe Walls. He acknowledged that the hiring of Deb Waszak as Chief of Staff was an attribute for the City. He clarified that the consultant wasn't considered the Police Chief and suggested that the City researched the laws. He stated that Officer Perrin of the Police Department was hired illegally; he was not hired through the Police & Fire Board and was a liability to the City. Mr. January questioned the hours of Lieutenants; according to the union contract, their working hours were to be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bette Harris

Ms. Harris suggested the Council attend the School Board meetings because the State was the overseers of the Board and had no vested interest in the children.

Wadell Brooks

He felt that the Councilmen were uninformed and it was due to the lack of communication by the Mayor. Information was pivotal to the development of the City.

Ralph Peterson

He sensed sympathy for the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. Darrin Hanna would not be forgotten and Mrs. Carr should be recognized for her strength in defusing crime.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to suspend the Regular Order of Business at 9:43 p.m. to resume Committee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to resume the Regular Order of Business at 10:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, October 06, 2014; 8:00 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, October 06, 2014; 8:00 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 – September 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – September 2014

6-1C Engineer Monthly Report – October 2014

6-2 Breast Cancer Awareness Walk; Friday, October 24, 2014; 2:30 p.m.

6-3 Resolution Honoring Rob May – Library Board

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented with the exception of item 6-3 previously voted.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL ORDINANCE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to table the Compensation of Elected Official Ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 APPOINTMENT OF DEB WASZAK AS CHIEF OF STAFF

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Deb Waszak as Chief of Staff.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 GREAT LAKES METRA STATION SUBLEASE AMENDMENT

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to remove Great Lakes Metra Station Sublease Amendment; item 7-3 from the Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 10/20/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 10/20/14 in the amount of \$314,747.15 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned pg. 28; Illinois State Seized Funds Transfer State in the amount of \$469.27 and its use. Treasurer Kenneth Robinson explained the funds were

transferred to the State Police. Deputy Chief elaborated further that the forfeiture funds were submitted to the State and a percentage was returned to the City.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when would the checks be issued. Treasurer Robinson explained the checks would be issued once the funds were verified.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

SCHEDULED MEETING

Alderman Markham inquired if the meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2014; Tax Levy could be rescheduled to Monday, October 27, 2014.

PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

Alderman Mayfield announced the "Public Safety Fair" from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. She encouraged attendance and fliers were available.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The Mayor announced that the City was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" in partnering with SWALCO. It marked their tenth anniversary and the City was recognized for participating in the calendar year of 2013-2014 "Re-use a Shoe Program."

OPEN HOUSE

The Mayor announced Open House, Wednesday, October 22, 2014, held at the City of Waukegan, City Hall 2nd floor. The Lake County Coordinated Transportation Service Committee, Lake County Division of Transportation, PACE Bus, Regional Transportation Authority and other related available services would be available.

EARLY VOTING/VOTER'S REGISTRATION

The Mayor announced that early voting was available in the West Conference Room of City Hall including non-registered voters provided in the former Aldermanic Office.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

COMMENTED IN BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

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 10:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 06, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, October 06, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alderman January was absent until Roll Call

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 Proclamation – "Fire Prevention Week"

4-2 Resolution Honoring Cora Cunningham

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve both items 4-1 and 4-2 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, September 15, 2014; 7:06 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, September 15, 2014; 7:06 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ORDINANCE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Compensation of Elected Officials Ordinance as previously discussed and presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Runnels

Nays: Allen, Markham, Evans, January

Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

7-2 LAKE COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS LEASE AGREEMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the amount of \$600 monthly for Lake County Boys & Girls Lease Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY JONES TO THE BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to table any further appointments for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners until such term is up.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Mayfield questioned the motion. Mayor Rockingham stated that her term was up and the motion wasn't relevant. Alderman Mayfield asked if the motion should be reflective of what was presented on the agenda. Attorney Smith explained that there couldn't be a new subject to be voted on. Alderman Markham stated that the item was placed on the agenda, online and posted in City Hall therefore the motion could be voted on.

Mayor Rockingham said that the motion didn't reflect what was on the agenda and discussed in Committee; he stated his request to remove from the agenda.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that the appointment be removed from the agenda.

Alderman Evans stated that the motion should be clarified as to whose term was up. Mayor Rockingham said that Velma Dicker was the only person with an expired term which expired 17 years ago and was never reappointed.

Alderman Markham said there was a motion on the floor to table any further appointments. Mayor Rockingham clarified the original motion was to table any further appointments of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners until such term is up.

ROLL CALL TO TABLE ANY FURTHER APPOINTMENTS:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 2014 A&B BOND ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2014 A&B Bond Ordinance Adoption as presented.

Alderman January asked for brief explanation of the adoption. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained there was an executive summary that detailed the refunding of \$450,000 from the bonds.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 RESOLUTION AS SWALCO ALTERNATE DIRECTOR – NIMROD WARDA

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution naming Nimrod Warda as the SWALCO Alternate Director as presented

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 2014 HALLOWEEN PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 26, 2014; 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the 2014 Halloween Proclamation for October 26.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: January

Abstain: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 RESOLUTION EXTENDING AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES – MIDWEST FAMILY HOUSING

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Resolution Extending Agreement for Police Services – Midwest Family Housing; extending contract for 6 months.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 10/06/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 10/06/14 in the amount of \$795,541.54 when funds become available.

QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned if refunds were issued to individuals from Adjudication Court on pages 1&2; Comptroller Gibson agreed they were. Alderman Markham questioned page 13; JB Glass and questioned clarification that the board-ups were to alternate between the two companies. Mayor Rockingham clarified that the other company was utilized if JB Glass wasn't available.

Attorney Smith elaborated that no one specific bill amount exceeded \$20,000, therefore a bid was not necessary. He provided the option of bidding the contract annually.

Alderman Markham questioned page 8; Northwestern University 10-day training in the amount of \$13,450. He inquired to the Chief if it was mandatory and which individuals were selected. Police Chief Jackson explained that it was necessary in the preparation of future supervisors.

Alderman January questioned pg. 1; Revenue Accounts Office of the Illinois Reimbursement Grant Fund and what specific one wasn't utilized. Fire Chief Dell Urban explained the City was successfully awarded two (2) grants; FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in the amount of \$195,000 and State of Illinois; \$26,000. The city cost share amount was 10% of the FEMA grant (\$19,500) which was paid through the State of Illinois Grant.

Alderman January directed question if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Ms. Gibson explained the checks would be issued the following day.

Alderman Evans questioned the process of selecting the officers; page 8 and procedure of its rotation. Police Chief Jackson explained that it was contingent upon their work history, disciplinary and potential leadership capabilities.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Alderman Kathy January announced former Alderman Charles January was appointed as a Shields Township Trustee.

VARIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Mayfield announced the open house at Fat Cat/Animal Control Facility, Monday, October 13, 2014 and fliers would be provided. The Public Safety Fair would be scheduled, October 25, 2014; 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. In addition, an introduction to the new public safety staff would be provided with tours and booths. She encouraged community participation.

VARIOUS

Alderman Evans announced the Bubble Soccer Game; October 18, 2014; 12:00 until 4:00 p.m., held at Neal Junior High School. He received complaints from individuals concerning employees not abiding by guidelines and requested that quality employees performed their positions properly.

HONOR FLIGHT

Alderman Allen explained it was a great presentation from the Honor Flight.

The Mayor stated he was on the Honor Flight; it was an unforgettable experience, a privilege and was very humbling. The veterans were also honored by other's acknowledgment including small children.

BROOK'S RECOGNITION

Alderman Allen announced Mr. and Mrs. Brook's recognition ceremony October 4th.

CDBG PLAQUE

The Mayor explained and read the plaque received from the U.S. Dept. of Housing for the City's 9-year participation. He recognized the Economic & Community Development Department and former CDBG Administrator Pamela Jeffries who was very instrumental.

PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION

The Mayor apologized for the rear parking inconvenience to the residents. The construction was for the purpose of increased accessibility and spaciousness. The following week was the projected week of its completion.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Avenue

He extended his appreciation for the opportunity to do the invocation. He clarified that he extended the honor the clergymen. He voiced concern with the economic downturn of North Chicago. He was gracious with the attendees at the commemoration acknowledging his family's community service.

Alderman Runnels, Mayfield and Markham left at 8:38 p.m.

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

He strongly stressed the mindset of racism resurfacing. His opinion pertained to the wrongful police officers involved in previous misconduct issues.

Alderman Markham and Runnels returned at 8:41 p.m.

The officers he referenced were congregating in support of a candidate that demonstrated a poor reputation from clergy and residents. It appeared that the atmosphere was changing and he was attempting to prevent publicizing it.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She announced the invitation for the quarterly PTO meeting held Tuesday, October 07, 2014; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the North Chicago Community High School in the cafeteria. Parental and elected official support was encouraged for the "children".

Janet Manzella – North Chicago

She stated she filed a report to Internal Affairs two years ago. Ms. Manzella was informed by police staff that the City Attorney was aware of the transcript. It was necessary to sign the transcript as it was nearing the statute of limitations deadline. The Mayor elected to adjourn the meeting due to violation of the Civility Decorum Ordinance.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Evans, January

Absent: Markham

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, September 15, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:06 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, Runnels

Absent: Markham, January

4-1 Resolution Honoring Retirement of Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Shearer

City Clerk read the Resolution.

Fire Chief Urban presented a plaque to Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Shearer

Firefighter Chris Shearer was grateful for the opportunity to work in the City of North Chicago. Mr. Shearer acknowledged his firefighter brothers. He explained he was moving to Australia and would be employed part-time.

The Mayor appreciated his years of service as a Firefighter of North Chicago.

He requested that the Citizen Comments and Questions category was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Alderman January returned to the Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Avenue

He explained that the residents had strong concerns with their property taxes and cost of water bills. There was no justification of taxes from the any of the taxing bodies. There wasn't a tax base collected from the properties in North Chicago due to many foreclosures and demolitions. He clarified that Marion Jones apartments were to be demolished.

Mary Ollaway- Larsen – 2523 24th Place

She had strong concerns with taxing the residents and their departure from the City. Her parents expended over \$17,000/year on taxes. There wasn't an option with increasing the tax. She disagreed with the salary increases for the elected officials.

Jacqueline Harris – 2331 Sherman Avenue

She explained was a graduate and alumni of North Chicago Community High School. She and other colleagues were in the process of raising funds for retiring Mr. Presley, Music Teacher for 35 years at North Chicago High School. In closing, she suggested providing information in the newsletter concerning a float for the Alumni of years 1954 and continuing; at the homecoming weekend, October 11, 2014.

The Mayor explained the City could provide the support of an “e-blast” communication for the homecoming parade. He clarified that funding would be provided from the City Council. He, the Mayor questioned where the funding was applicable and the deadline.

Ms. Harris explained the funding was currently in the planning stage although would assist in the celebration of Mr. Presley Retirement; the due date was September 29, 2014. The following alumni’s meeting was scheduled; September 23, 2014; 4:00 p.m., located in the band room. The time and energy provided by individuals were important.

Susan Dixon - 1620 Kemble Ave.

She had concerns with the elevated water bills but was previously informed that the bills were to be lowered. There was a \$125,000 incentive provided for new development or assistance to fund a grocery store. She didn’t receive compensation for her position at Foss Park District.

The Mayor explained that water rates had not been increased the past year and the City was in the process of re-calculating of water usage. He clarified the amount of \$125,000 was granted for the purposes to assist generating a grocery store including a pharmacy. Funds had not been received as of yet.

Mrs. Dixon announced Foss Park board meeting, September 17, 2014; 7:00 p.m.

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

He stated when Darren Hanna was killed, the atmosphere of Police Department was poor; he was hopeful of it changing. He reported that a new police officer Delonte Greer threw a water bottle at a bank employee’s vehicle on Sheridan Rd. Deputy Chief Wilson returned to the bank with the new officer who provided an insincere apology to the employee. Mr. Peterson clarified that the officer was a new probationary hire who could and should be fired immediately.

Charles January – 2364A Delaware, Ave, Great Lakes, IL

Mr. January strongly stressed there was no strategic or comprehensive plan for the City and recommended no salary increases. He questioned salaries of \$75K or more should be provided on the web-site. It was the responsibility of the aldermen to ensure the city operations. The Mayor was the Executive. The Police Chief was earning a high salary with no plan for the City. He suggested that the legislative body request assistance from the residents.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, September 02, 2014; 7:20 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 02, 2014; 7:20 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Markham was absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report – August 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – August 2014

6-2 Homecoming Bonfire, October 10, 2014; Approximately 7:30 p.m. – NCCHS Softball Field (North of Football Stadium, Lewis Avenue)/Homecoming Parade, October 11, 2014; 10:00 a.m. (Route to end of NCCHS Parking Lot)

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

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned proper notification of Parade/Bonfire request and requested that she was allowed to preview the event applications before Council approval. There weren't signatures from the Police or Fire Chief. She requested that she was contacted for review prior to approval. She noted that 4 officers presence was requested at the events.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Evans, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 APPOINTMENT OF LARRY BRIDGES TO EAST SKOKIE DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Mayor explained the wording should reflect re-appointment.

Alderman January amended agenda wording to reflect re-appointment, seconded by Alderman Allen.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the re-appointment of Larry Bridges to the East Skokie Drainage District Board.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 2619 MLK DR. WATER MAIN ESTENSION RESOLUTION

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution of 2619 MLK Dr. for the Water Main Extension.

ROLL CALL:

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

7-3 SWALCO MEMBER ACCEPTANCE ORDINANCE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Ordinance for SWALCO Member Acceptance with Village of Volo and Bannockburn.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 KATTEN MUCHIN LAW FIRM SERVICES FEE - \$26,000

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Katten Muchin Law Firm Services fee refinancing of the bonds in the amount of \$26,000.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 2014 A&B BOND ORDINANCE (1ST Reading/Adoption October 06, 2014)

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the 2014 A&B Bond Ordinance for the 1st reading and adopted, October 06, 2014.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith clarified the 1st reading of the ordinance was being approved and the adoption of October 06, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: None
Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 MESIROW ENGAGEMENT LETTER

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

City Clerk explained the wording should reflect Mesirow Proposal Letter.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to reflect agenda wording of Mesirow Proposal Letter.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Mesirow Proposal Letter.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 CHAPMAN & CUTLER ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Chapman & Cutler Engagement Letter.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 LAKE COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS LEASE AGREEMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to hold item 7-8; Lake County Boys & Girls Lease Agreement until the next Council Meeting, October 06, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Markham was absent.

7-9 COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ORDINANCE

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to table item 7-9 until the next Council Meeting, October 06, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Markham was absent.

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 09/15/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 09/15/14 in the amount of \$283,246.22 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

ANNOUNCEMENT

Alderman Allen announced that "Top Dots Food Express would have an array of food provided at the library, Wednesday, September 17, 2014; 3:00-5:00 p.m. There were fliers available. North Shore Gas Company provided a presentation at his previous ward meeting and discussed methods of gas efficiencies. Additionally, there was provided information.

PRESENTATION/PROPOSAL

The Mayor stated/requested a demonstration from North Shore Gas, October 06, 2014. He also requested an Information Technology Proposal scheduled at the following Committee Meeting, October 06, 2014.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

COMMENTED IN BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

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

Alderman Markham was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 02, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, September 02, 2014 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

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 Recognition of Gloria Rice Retirement from the North Chicago Library Board.

The Mayor acknowledged and extended his appreciation with Ms. Rice's service as a Library Board member of 10 years.

Mrs. Etta Robinson, Library Board member read the plaque/resolution to Ms. Rice for her outstanding leadership and service.

Ms. Rice stated she didn't elect to retire from the library board although it was necessary. She enjoyed her tenure with the board.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, August 18, 2014; 7:37 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, August 25, 2014; 6:05 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

The City Clerk noted corrections with the minutes of August 18, 2014, "Alderman Markham was not absent and the 5th Ward Meeting was Saturday, September 6, 2014" and the addition of the wording **"called for personal privilege"** August 25, 2014.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, August 18, 2014; 7:37 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, August 25, 2014; 6:05 p.m. be passed as presented with the proper corrections.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Waukegan Township 5K Walk for Seniors – Saturday, September 13, 2014

6-2 Annual Girl Scout Fall Product, October 1-30, 2014/Cookie Program, January 1-25, 2015

The City Clerk noted corrections to item 6-2 application and clarified should read January 2015.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ARDEN SHORES WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

Deferred to next Council Meeting, September 15, 2014

7-2 DESIGNATED RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE BROKER

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve The Owens Group as the designated Risk Management Insurance Broker.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Pass: Fisher

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor welcomed The Owens Group as the Risk Management Insurance Broker.

7-3 MUTUAL AID BOX AGREEMENT CONTRACT

Fire Chief Dell Urban explained the Mutual Aid Box Agreement Addendum. Following eight (8) hours of assistance the City would be allowed reimbursement for services rendered and vice versa.

Attorney Smith explained that the mutual aid was utilized when necessary and provided support for cities in need.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Authorizing Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement Contract.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None
Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 09/02/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 09/02/14 in the amount of \$516,473.49 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

REMINDER

Alderman Markham announced the 5th Ward Meeting, Saturday, 9/06/14; 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. at 1730 Lewis Avenue, Foss Park District.

MOTORIZED BICYCLES

Alderman Mayfield asked for policy of motorized bicycles. Deputy Chief Wilson explained that per the Secretary of State Jesse White's office, requirements for motorized bicycles were acceptable as long as "Rules of the Road" were followed. The rules of bicyclers applied to the motorized riders but could not be ridden on the sidewalk.

Alderman Markham questioned if the City could establish rules. Attorney Smith explained that through an ordinance, motorized bicycles could be banned.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Brad Skof and Donna King – Foss Park District Board Commissioners

Donna King acknowledged Alderman Markham for his graciousness to Foss Park. Brad Skof clarified that at a previous council meeting, it was misstated that Foss Park District was operating with a deficit. In fact, \$1.8 million was in various banks.

Susan Dixon – Foss Park District Board Commissioner

She explained that the audit report for the Foss Park District would be available Wednesday, September 03, 2014. The audit would also be publicized at the North Chicago Library for review.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Special Meeting, Monday, August 25, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:05 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

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 NORTH SHORE SANITARY DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve North Shore Sanitary District Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of North Chicago.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

3-2 CITY SALARY ORDINANCE (CSO)/RE-ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENTS

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the City Salary Ordinance (CSO) re-organization of departments; Option 1.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned why option #1 and what position wasn't included. Alderman Mayfield explained it would allow the department to be properly staffed. Economic Development Director/Building Department Director Ron Lanz explained that option #3 would reflect the Building Department needs with primary focus of a Supervisory Inspector. Option #1 would include the additional planning staff support for economic development that was currently more critical.

Alderman Markham questioned quantity of liens and fines collected. Mr. Lanz explained there were more liens and less collected.

Alderman Allen questioned difference with Option #2. Mr. Lanz explained it omitted the Assistant Planner.

City Planner Nimrod Warda explained that Option #3 excluded the Assistant Planner and Data Technician position.

Alderman January questioned clarification of why the agenda was combined. The Mayor explained all of the created positions were a portion of the City Salary Ordinance. The question was what positions would be funded. She strongly defined that re-organization was a structural issue and suggested separating them.

Alderman Fisher called for a question on the motion.

Alderman Markham specified had "**called for personal privilege.**" He had posed a question to Ms. Gibson and was awaiting her response.

Attorney Smith explained that additional enforcement would improve the collectibles.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Nays: Allen, Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no comments.

V. 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 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 18, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:37 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 was absent during the prayer.

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, August 04, 2014; 7:38 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that Regular Council Meeting, August 04, 2014; 7:38 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 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – July 2014

6-2 Lake County Health Department – "Patient Appreciation Day," Saturday, September 13, 2014; 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

Fisher Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to move 6-2 from Omnibus Vote to Regular Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: January

Pass: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor requested to change order of the Citizen Comments following Omnibus Vote Agenda.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 811 10TH ST. (LIQUOR STORE/PACKAGE GOODS)

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Special Use Permit for the former Handy Liquor Store.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: Evans, Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CURB APPEAL – MUSTARD SEED PROPOSAL

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the CURB Appeal – Mustard Seed Proposal.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-3 DEBBIE RICHARDS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the contract renewal for real estate brokerage services at the Grant Place Center; 18th & Sheridan Rd for a period of one year effected August 18, 2014. In additional condition that Debbie Richards Realty Group will report to the City no less that quarterly contacts and showings of the premises.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

7-4 JOCELYN JIMMERSON SETTLEMENT - \$13,500

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evan to approve the Jocelyn Jimmerson Settlement in the amount of \$13,500.

Attorney Smith clarified that the demand was \$15,000 and settled for \$13,500.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014 PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS – (CITY HALL/WATER PLANT PARKING LOTS)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Resolution Approving the 2014 Parking Lot Improvement for the North Chicago City Hall and Water Plant Parking Lots in the amount of \$109,492.

Attorney Smith explained the previous amount of \$114,692 and the current amount of 109,492.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 08/18/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 08/18/14 in the amount of \$209,035.52 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and would the checks be issued and submitted. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

ANNOUNCEMENT

Alderman Markham announced the 5th Ward Meeting, Saturday, September 06, 2014.

Alderman Runnels left at 7:53 p.m.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

He reflected of his Aunt Mrs. Carr compared to the St Louis incidents. She was hospitalized the previous week. He clarified that the officer responsible for the incident was relieved immediately. False reports were substantial in relieving the officers of their duties.

The Mayor was content that Mrs. Carr encouraged individuals to "ride right."

Michael Walton

He stated that it was an affluent community while he resided in North Chicago. It was such a small town compared to the number of shootings that occurred. There wouldn't be economic development growth/commercial success until the gunfire had ceased. He strongly stressed the need of community partnering.

The Mayor stated was proud of his City. The department had a black police chief and officers.

Betty Olaway Harris - North Chicago

She explained that ½ of the North Chicago graduates didn't have substantial credits inclusive of enough financial support. She suggested that the City offered scholarships.

Susan Dixon - 1620 Kemble Ave.

She enjoyed in volunteering with Community Days. Ms. Dixon had concerns with the street cleaning and was informed it was privatized.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 04, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, August 04, 2014 at 7:38 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

Alderman January returned to the Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m.

4-1 "Senior Citizen Hall of Fame" Presentation/Recognition – Marian L. Irby

The Deputy City Clerk read the Proclamation for Ms. Marian L. Irby which was presented by the Mayor.

4-2 "Senior Citizen Hall of Fame" Presentation/Recognition – Mary R. Coleman

The Deputy City Clerk read the Proclamation for Ms. Mary R. Coleman which was presented by the Mayor.

Both Ms. Marian L. Irby and Ms. Marian R. Coleman were very appreciative for the recognition.

The Mayor explained that both of the recipients were recognized and received a plaque at Community Day for "Senior Citizen Hall of Fame."

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, July 21, 2014; 8:22 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, July 21, 2014; 8:22 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 "National Nite Out," Tuesday, August 05, 2014; 12-8:00 p.m.

The Mayor requested that the event; "National Nite Out" was explained. Detective Rollins, member participant elaborated that it reflected crime prevention collectively among citizens and police. Ms. Shawna Huley elaborated further that it involved interacting with the police staff and information for safety awareness. There would be vendors available, free food and a great opportunity for the residents. Mr. Rollins added there was a march scheduled at 5 p.m. with available transportation. There was also fingerprinting provided for the children.

The Mayor stated turning on the resident's outside lights if attending to demonstrate their support and communicative effort.

Alderman Mayfield 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 ATKINSON RD. DE-ANNEXATION ORDINANCE BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO/VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF INCLUDING LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Atkinson Rd. De-annexation Ordinance between City of North Chicago and Village of Lake Bluff including the legal description.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ARDEN SHORES WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT – NORTH CHICAGO/LAKE COUNTY

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to remove 7-2 and 7-3.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-3 2014 CSO (CITY SALARY ORDINANCE) REORGANIZATION/RECLASSIFICATION

REMOVED PER MAYOR'S REQUEST

7-4 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10; CHAPTER 5; SECTION 8; PARKING REGULATIONS
(SHERMAN AVE./MLK

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 10; Chapter 5; Section 8; Parking Regulations.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 APPOINTMENT OF RONALD E. LANZ, AICP AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the appointment of Ronald E. Lanz, AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) as Director of Economic Development.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor introduced the Economic Development Director in joining the City of North Chicago. He welcomed Mr. Lanz; there would be challenges although it could be faced together.

7-6 LEASING OF (4) PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to reflect the wording financing vs. leasing of the four (4) Public Works Vehicles.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Allen

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to amend motion to finance (4) Public Works Vehicles through First Midwest Bank; not to exceed \$120,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels

Nays: Allen, January
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 08/04/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 08/04/14 in the amount of \$611,502.45 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned clarification with pg. 7; Police Consultant costs. The Deputy Police Chief explained it was relating to the testing/interview for the sergeant's exam from the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners. She questioned pg. 8; Communications Revolving. The Deputy Police Chief explained was concerning data services. She inquired the amount for the promotion testing; Mayor Rockingham clarified there wasn't a final decision.

Alderman January inquired if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the funds would be available the following day upon the wire transfer to prospective funds.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS

Alderman Mayfield expressed the success of Community Day events. She acknowledged the Aldermen that participated in the parade especially Alderman Evans and Markham. State Representative Rita Mayfield assisted with acquiring \$125,000 state donation to the City of North Chicago to assist with new development of a grocery store. She, Alderman Mayfield announced the 2nd Ward Meeting, August 16, 2014; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

STATEMENT

Alderman January publicly read the statement impacting her integrity.

The Mayor clarified there was concern appearing inappropriate that was addressed to him in the early morning. He would expect an investigation to research the issue and explained. It was attempted to allow it remain internally. He was unaware of the communication between Alderman January and Detective Wade and unable to view the report. There were substantial printers in city hall and he hadn't received any information from the I.T. Department concerning problems experienced with the printer in the aldermanic office. It should have been routed to a printer that could manage a large

amount of copies. The Mayor currently was awaiting results from the report. He emphasized that removal of city owned property wasn't condoned and it was applicable to both Elected Officials and city employees.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Gloria Carr – North Chicago

Mrs. Carr stated it was a great start for Community Day success. She explained her visit to "Operation Push" in the City of Chicago and received suggestions for North Chicago concerning police misconduct. She strongly stressed that her son was unarmed and beaten by six (6) officers; her son's civil rights were violated and it occurred in the current administration.

Ralph Peterson Jr. – Waukegan

He thoroughly enjoyed the Community Day events. He was able to meet with an aldermanic official and clergymen. Reverend Jackson had noted a newspaper article that involved police repeated offenders. Chicago and North Chicago needed to collaborate to hold them accountable attaching to the policemen's record allowing it publicly known.

Audrey Nixon – 1925 Winter Ave.

She commended the City for their Community Day events inclusive of the Elected Officials, all departments/staff and other entities. She specifically acknowledged State Representative Rita Mayfield for her monetary assistance to the City.

The Mayor added that he hosted the 9th Annual Community Day allowing it continued growth. He explained the chain of events that took place starting with "United for Peace" and closed on Sunday with a prayer. He echoed Ms. Audrey Nixon; the State Representative had presented a check to the City in the amount of \$125,000 for expansion or rebuild of a grocery store establishment. He explained there was a bountiful of entertainment. In closing, he acknowledged every staff member and was "looking forward" to the 10th Anniversary.

Attorney Smith comically stated he was informed that he won the "geezer" division of the 5K run.

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

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, July 21, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:25 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 was absent during the prayer.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Absent: January

4-1 Recognition/Presentation of Minnie Cross; Library Board member of 10 years

The Mayor presented a plaque of recognition to Ms. Minnie Cross for her 10 years of service as a member on the Library Board.

4-2 Cora Cunningham; Library Board member of 10+ years

The Mayor presented a plaque of recognition to Ms. Cora Cunningham for her 13 years of service as a member on the Library Board.

Alderman January returned at 7:32 p.m.

Library Board member Etta Robinson recognized both Cora Cunningham and Minnie Cross. She read and presented resolutions to both members.

Mr. Monty Beckwith recognized Ms. Minnie Cross for her service at Foss Park District including the Library Board.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, July 07, 2014; 8:22 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, July 07, 2014; 8:22 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 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – June 2014

6-2 Community Days Event, August 1-3, 2014

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

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January requested to hold/move item 6-2 from Omnibus Vote to Regular Agenda for continued discussion in Committee.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to move 6-2 from Omnibus Vote to Regular Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Pass: Fisher

Absent: None

Mayor Rockingham voted Nay.

MOTION FAILED

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: January

Pass: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor requested to change order of the Citizen Comments following Omnibus Vote Agenda.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Robert Harris – 1310 Adams

He explained was a North Chicago homeowner of 21 years. He traveled frequently with his spouse in his employment as a taxi driver and didn't receive many calls from his company. Currently there were only three (3) companies that were available in the

City. He expressed it should be allowed to select a taxi service. He was a taxi driver of five (5) years and knew the consumer had their preference of what person/taxi company.

Alderman January heard his complaint and would research surrounding communities with their feedback.

Announcement

Alderman January announced the Moor House Recovery Homes annual raffle and family outing, Saturday, July 26, 2014; 1:00-7:00 p.m. located at 1800 Green Bay Rd., near the cemetery. Any additional questions she would address.

Monty Beckwith – North Chicago

He explained he contacted a North Chicago taxi while at Wal-Mart in Waukegan and was informed they didn't pick up in the City of Waukegan. He announced a golf outing and acknowledged the Mayor with his participation. A raffle would be scheduled for an autographed basketball from Shawn Marion and football from J. Cutler that would support the PTO Booster Club Scholarship Fund for High School students and flyers would be available. He elaborated further that the fee for dinner tickets was \$35 and Mr. Beckwith also offered option of donations.

Cora Cunningham – 1400 Argonne Dr., North Chicago

She had strong concern with loose dogs and questioned a resolution. She contacted the Alderman and was directed to the Animal Warden. The Mayor directed her to contact the Police Department. He stated would review the issue.

Josiah Lillard – “Men of Valor” Organization - Waukegan

He explained the created “Mustard Seed Foundation”; citizens would need to donate supplies and tools to the youth. They would provide the volunteer service to the community. Its significance was to instill values in youth. He strongly advised the need of conforming the youth. More information would be provided upon request and he was available for any questions.

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

He explained it was a “sad day”. He felt under attack by one (1) alderman in particular. There was alleged drinking and selling of prescription drugs by an alderman. Mr. Peterson clarified the he would present verification upon evidence provided the following meeting. There was a city council member that was distributing his personal documentation and their actions reflected year of “2011”.

Patricia Axelrod – Zion

She questioned clarification if the meetings were televised. It was the most blatant censorship in refusing to “cover up wrong doing.”

The Mayor clarified that the videotaping continued on the web-site and television.

Orlando Foster - Zion

He emphasized how Mr. Peterson contradicted what he strongly discussed concerning violence. Mr. Foster stated he was assaulted by Mr. Peterson and he, (Mr. Foster) questioned the process needed. The Mayor advised him to follow a police report with the location of where it occurred.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

Alderman Mayfield requested changing order of item 7-3 preceding suspension of Council to Committee Meeting. The Mayor acknowledged her inquiry.

APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINE HARRINGTON TO NORTH CHICAGO LIBRARY BOARD

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Mayor explained that Ms. Harrington would be replacing Ms. Cora Cunningham. Her resume was provided to the council members. The Mayor clarified he was expecting commitment and recommended her to the North Chicago Library Board.

Ms. Harrington stated she would be following a legacy of the preceding members. She highly respected her elders which was a common practice.

Alderman Mayfield explained that Ms. Harrington was a resident (originally from the City of North Chicago) and very familiar with her. Ms. Harrington would be a fine member; excellent in performing her tasks/duties at the library.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Caroline Harrington to North Chicago Library Board.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Harrington.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Council Meeting be suspend at 8:11 p.m. to Committee and following to resume Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to resume Regular Order of Business at 10:43 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-1 RESOLUTION APPROVING FEMA ASSISTANCE - FIRE GRANT PROPOSAL (195,000)

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution for FEMA Assistance Fire Grant Proposal in the amount of \$195,000.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 RESOLUTION APPROVING HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Resolution for the Home Investment Partnerships Consortium Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINE HARRINGTON TO NORTH CHICAGO LIBRARY BOARD

The order was changed to beginning of the meeting.

7-4 2013 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2014 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO EXECUTE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Resolution Authorizing to execute the Inter-governmental Agreement with Lake County.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 AFFIDAVIT/ADDENDUM – IDOT GRANT EXTENSION FOR SHERIDAN RD. STREETSCAPE PROJECT

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Affidavit & Addendum for the IDOT Grant Extension of Sheridan Rd. Streetscape Project.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 SEIU CONTRACT RATIFICATION

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the SEIU Contract Ratification.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 07/21/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to pay the bills of Council Run 07/121/14 in the amount of \$452,740.67 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned the treasurer if funds were available and would the checks be issued and submitted. Treasurer Kenneth Robinson explained the checks would be issued the following day provided there were sufficient funds.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE UPDATE – VARIOUS

Alderman Allen stated the need of scheduling a meeting with the Police Chief and Animal Warden concerning issues to be managed. Alderman Evans clarified the matter of Cora Cunningham complaint was during the current Chief's tenor.

PERSONNAL ATTACK

Alderman Evans emphasized that he refused any personal attacks.

ENTITIES RECOGNIZED

Alderman Mayfield publicly recognized the companies and non-profit organizations that supported South and Green Bay Schools.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The Mayor requested that the order was changed to beginning of the meeting.

XI. 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 10:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, July 07, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, July 07, 2014 at 8:22 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 Swearing in of North Chicago Police Officers; Michael Kane, Timothy Malak, Keith Farrell, Corey Friel, Gunnar Gudmundson

The City Clerk read the new police officer's names.

The Mayor welcomed the new officers and they were sworn in.

Deputy Chief presented certificates of completion to the following named officers.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, June 16, 2014; 8:22 p.m., Special Council Meeting, June 19, 2014; 6:00 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, June 26, 2014; 6:00 p.m. were 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 16, 2013; 8:22 p.m., Special Council Meeting, June 19, 2014; 6:00 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, June 26, 2014; 6:00 p.m. be passed as presented.

The City Clerk read noted corrections in Roll Call for July 16 and Special Council Meeting, June 26, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN SERVICES LICENSE AGREEMENT EXTENSION – 1801 SHERIDAN RD. SUITE 200

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Alliance for Human Services License Agreement Extension located at 1801 Sheridan Rd., Suite 200.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Mayor explained it was a two-month extension.

Alderman Allen amended motion, seconded by Alderman Evans to include the wording of two months in the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 DR. FIELD'S USDA SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR USE OF SPACE AT GRANT PLACE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve Dr. Field's USDA Summer Food Service Program for use of space at Grant Place.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 VISTA NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP AS HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Vista National Insurance Group as the Health Insurance Broker.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 ATKINSON RD. DE-ANNEXATION ORDINANCE BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO/VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF INCLUDING LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Attorney Smith explained the legal description wasn't added to the ordinance and requested that it was deferred until July 21, 2014.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January to defer item 7-4 until July 21, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-5 AWARD PIPE LINING CONTRACT IN AMOUNT OF \$102,666.14 TO HOERR
CONSTRUCTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Award Pipe Lining Contract in amount of \$110,298.80 to Hoerr Construction waiving competitive bidding.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Mayor explained the bid was waived due to the collaboration with several communities of Highland Park, Lake Forest and Glencoe, IL.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) PURCHASE

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) purchase in the amount of \$95,895.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Allen directed Fire Chief Urban to explain the purpose of the breathing apparatus.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 2015 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2015 Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$36,129,950.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD WILSON TO E911 BOARD

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the appointment of Richard Wilson to the E911 Board.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL HARTMAN TO NORTH CHICAGO LIBRARY BOARD

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the appointment of Daniel Hartman to the North Chicago Library Board.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Hartman to the North Chicago Library Board.

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 07/07/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 07/07/14 in the amount of \$399,655.94 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when would the checks be issued. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the checks would be issued upon the funds availability the following day.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Allen and Evans left at 8:41 p.m.

Alderman Allen returned at 8:43 p.m.

Ralph Peterson Jr. – Waukegan

He clarified there wouldn't be any more "2011." He explained there was negative activity of elected officials who displayed unethical conduct and reflected poorly upon the current administration. It was time to "move forward" and he wouldn't allow the "atmosphere of 2011 to resurface." Darrin Hanna "didn't die in vain, he did die for change."

Betty Harris

She apologized to the Mayor with respect to the office. She was hopeful of the city budget that established more value with the children/youth activities and their development in the workforce vs. potholes. The schools were suffering and she provided the e-mail of greatschool.com.

The Mayor accepted her apology.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Evans was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Special Meeting, Thursday, June 26, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 6:00 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: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, January

Absent: Fisher, Markham, Runnels

The Mayor explained that the Special Council Meeting pertained to the Foss Park 2014 Concert, July 12, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. that the Police and Fire Department had ensured no security issues and emergency planning would be "as needed." He had met with Foss Park and interacted with park/school board. Their liability insurance was also provided for them.

Alderman January explained had contacted Foss Park, Police/Fire Department and was satisfied.

Foss Park Commissioner Donna King explained that their property would be fenced appropriately due to rapid gunfire and heavy artillery drills.

Alderman Allen questioned security needed. Ms. King explained their twenty (20) officers were on command. She requested utilizing the City's Fire Department. The Mayor added that the City would be utilizing the same security company for Community Day as Foss Park District.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 2014 FOSS PARK CONCERT, JULY 26, 2014; 10:30 AM – 9:00 PM

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve 2014 Foss Park Concert, July 12, 2014, from 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, January

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, Markham, Runnels

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no comments.

V. 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 Fisher, Markham and Runnels were absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Special Meeting, Thursday, June 19, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Alderman Fisher presiding.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to nominate Alderman Fisher serving as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Rockingham, Jr.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield and Evans were absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Fisher, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: Mayfield, Evans

III. REGULAR AGENDA

Alderman Mayfield and Evans entered the council chambers at 6:07 p.m.

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson questioned if the backhoe equipment was state issued. Public Works Foreman Gabby Albarran explained.

Alderman Runnels stated it was a reasonable price of \$87,975.

Attorney Smith questioned clarification if the purchase amount was for a new backhoe and the City would receive additional revenue from used parts of the existing tractor. Mr. Albarran acknowledged and explained that Burriss Company was willing to purchase the used equipment.

Alderman Evans had concerns with its necessity, questioned the required three (3) bids and if it was an emergency purchase. Mr. Albarran explained originally there were three bids received, recalling the estimated amount of \$120,000. Mr. Albarran clarified it was a combination tractor with two functions.

Alderman Fisher agreed with the price and its necessity; Alderman Runnels echoed Alderman Fisher's sentiment.

Alderman Evans had concern of the City's expenditures.

Alderman Mayfield questioned the necessity of the purchase and its age. Mr. Albarran explained occurrence of a previous water break and the difficulty experienced with the

current tractor that resulted in many hours of manual labor. The current equipment was 19 years old. He clarified that John Deere Equipment Company's distance was further and the difficulty in obtaining the parts that were more expensive. Burris Equipment dealer was local and the parts were easily accessible.

3-1 BACKHOE PROPOSAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve backhoe proposal award to Burris Equipment in the amount of \$87,975.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Allen

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no public comments.

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson explained that Burris Equipment Company was a favorable price of \$87,975 vs. the others of \$120,000 and the parts were easily available. He suggested a Capital Asset Budget to replace the equipment as needed. The other option was to reserve appropriated funding for repairs.

Alderman Evans had high expectations of the public works employees.

V. 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.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, June 16, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, June 16, 2014 at 8:22 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, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Absent: Evans, January

4-1 North Chicago Employee Tutoring Program – Plaque Presentation

Alderman Evans returned at 8:25 p.m.

Detective Harold Rollins explained there was a total of 192 hours donated to the Tutoring Program. He acknowledged the following individuals who contributed hours:

Retired Detective George McClary
Former Public Works Director/Engineer Josh Wheeler
Former Mayor Betty Thomas
Detective Carl Sturt
Deputy Chief Richard Wilson
Officer Oscar Gallarzo

He read and presented a “Plaque of Appreciation” to the entire Fire Department including Fire Chief Urban and Secretary Sonia Arty. They had contributed a total of 152 hours as a unit and all firefighters participated. He clarified that the remaining tutors would also receive a certificate of appreciation.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Patricia Axelrod – People’s Advocate, Libertyville
She was surprised at the Mayor’s prayer. A literacy program was offered by the Waukegan Library and encouraged individuals to utilize the services.

Alderman January returned at 8:31 p.m.

She alleged that former Police Chief Newsome began stealing in 2007. His trial is forthcoming June 2014. Former Police Chief Jackson was currently acting as a consultant

questioning the legality and city liability. He currently faced litigation in Chicago due to his retaliation against police officers who revealed wrongdoing in the police department. She suggested revisiting the decision of James Jackson as Police Chief Consultant.

Ralph Peterson Jr. - Waukegan

He explained that Mrs. Carr was shaking at the prior meeting. He stated he was informed by the Attorney General and strongly urged the City Council to research the legality of an independent contractor. The current independent contractor was an administrative position and lacked the authority to arrest or discipline police officers. Officer James Perrin, that was rehired, failed the police exam and there were no signatures that justified his return. He informed that Laura Yost (spouse of former officer) had also filed a lawsuit. He questioned why Darrin Hanna was yelling for his life and should not have been beaten to his demise.

John Garcia – 924 Broadway Ave.

He explained that he and Alderman Evans were present at the 3rd ward cleaning, Saturday, June 14, 2014. He acknowledged Alderman Evans upon his volunteerism. The Building Department has been notified of issues on several occasions and emphasized enforcing the building codes. He ended with a prayer.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She extended appreciation to the Police and Fire Department for assisting with the tutoring. The educational system impacted the city's reputation. There were 149 students accepted to college although they haven't graduated and she encouraged the residents to research the statistics. She strongly urged attracting the student's families.

APPOINTMENT OF LEISA MITCHELL TO NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING BOARD

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve Leisa Mitchell to North Chicago Housing Board.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to suspend the Regular Order of Business at 8:45 p.m. to Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to resume Regular Order of Business at 9:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, June 02, 2014; 7:17 p.m. was 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, June 02, 2014; 7:17 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 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – May 2014

6-2 Proclamation – July as "Park and Recreation Month"

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – TOTAL PARKING SOLUTIONS

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Service and Maintenance Agreement with Total Parking Solutions.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 SUMMER FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL LOCATED AT FOSS PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY; JUNE 26-29, 2014

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the amendment for the Summer Family Fun Festival Carnival located on North Chicago School District 187 grounds. June 26-29, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the permit for the Summer Family fun Festival Carnival event located on North Chicago School District 187 grounds, June 26-29 2014.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO/VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF – ATKINSON RD. DE-ANNEXATION

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between City of North Chicago/Village of Lake Bluff for the de-annexation of Atkinson Rd. and the Sanctuary Subdivision outlay.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Markham, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 Item discussed at beginning of Agenda.

7-5 ANNUAL PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 2421/2425 GREEN BAY RD.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Zoning Map Amendment at 2421/2425 Green Bay Rd.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 EHLERS PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Ehlers Proposal for the Financial Advisory in the amount of \$12,500.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith explained the Ehlers advisors would seek to refinance bonds at a lower rate.

Alderman Allen questioned the fees. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained there would be no charge if the company couldn't sell the bonds.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 RESOLUTION - JOINING LAKE COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Resolution Joining Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 LAKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM – 2014 PAVEMENT MARKING

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Allen to approve the Lake County Municipal League Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2014 Pavement Marking in the amount of \$11,834.50.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 ORDINANCE APPROVING DE-ANNEXATION OF ATKINSON RD. – CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO/VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF

Attorney Smith requested deferring to next meeting, July 07, 2014, due to the needed legal description provided by Lake Bluff.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January to defer until the next Council Meeting, July 07, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Markham opposed.

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 06/16/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 06/16/14 in the amount of \$514,390.96 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

There was nothing for discussion.

X. Citizens Comments and Questions were discussed following the Tutoring Program Plaque Presentation.

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 9:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, June 02, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, June 02, 2014 at 7:17 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, May 19, 2014; 7:10 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, May 19, 2013; 7:10 p.m. be passed as presented.

Alderman Markham noted error pg. 7; should read Quinn vs. Guinn.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Fort2Base Race; August 24; 6:00 a.m.

6-2 "Welcome Home Ceremony: - Lake County Honor Flight Trip, Veteran's Memorial Park; Sunday, June 22, 2014; 9:00 a.m.

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

Alderman January was concerned with both of the events requesting police security. Secondly, the copy of insurance needed for item 6-2; "Welcome Home Ceremony". Mayor Rockingham stated copies of insurance would be provided to the council members.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 SUMMER FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL LOCATED AT FOSS PARK DISTRICT GROUNDS, June 26-29, 2014

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Summer Family Fun Festival Carnival located at Foss Park District Grounds, June 26-29, 2014.

Alderman Mayfield questioned police security. Alderman January explained she was informed that the carnival coordinator hired private security and suggested the possible need of North Chicago police officers following the event. A portion of the Foss Park District grounds that belonged to the School District was also approved. She was informed that requestor, Troy Smith was to meet with the Mayor, Police Chief and Alderman January.

Alderman Evans suggested removing 7-1 from the agenda until June 16, 2014.

Alderman Evans moved to remove 7-1 from agenda, seconded by Alderman Fisher.

The Mayor explained he would arrange for his staff to contact Mr. Smith and scheduling a meeting with Alderman January. This item would be held and returned to Committee/Council, June 16, 2014.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to remove/hold item 7-1 returning to Committee/Council Meeting, June 16, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 AMERICAN TAXI SERVICE COLOR/LETTERING

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the American Taxi color/lettering as presented in Committee Meeting discussion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 2015 BUDGET

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the 2015 Budget.

ROLL CALL:

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

7-4 RHMG ENGINEERING CONTACT – IN-HOUSE PROJECTS

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the RHMG Engineering Contract for in-house projects.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 ELECTRIC AGGREGATION AGREEMENT

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the electric aggregation agreement with First Energy Solutions Corp.

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

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 05/19/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 05/19/14 in the amount of \$797,523.13 when funds become available.
Alderman Markham questioned pg. 1; partial refund for fines and if the officers were present at the court hearing. Attorney Smith explained at times their presence wasn't required.

The Mayor explained the problem would be addressed to the responsible party. Alderman Evans inquired overtime compensation for the police officers and possibly scheduling shifts according to the court times/dates. Attorney Smith explained when they were off duty.

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

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

5TH WARD MEETING

Alderman Markham announced the 5th Ward Meeting; Saturday, June 07, 2014 at the North Chicago Public Library. There would be representation from the Police Department, Public Works, Shield's Township Supervisor and highlighting the 5th ward businesses.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Alderman Evans announced the 3rd Ward Community Appreciation Day; 11:00-2:00 p.m., located at Foss Park District. He explained that the residents could attend both; the 5th Ward Meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the "3rd Ward Community Appreciation Day" Saturday, June 07, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The City was demonstrating acknowledgment for the 8th Grade student graduates and senior citizens; 65 years or older.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Alderman Markham appreciated Attorney Smith, the police officers and the cooperative resident in addressing the nuisance issue that was resolved. Attorney Smith acknowledged Alderman Markham's concern and professionalism.

The Mayor directed the Police Chief to explain the police officer's encounter and arrest.

ANONYMOUS CALLER

Police Chief Jackson explained that Saturday, May 31, 2014 the Police Department received an anonymous tip of suspicious individuals at the 1000 block of Glenn Dr. Upon arrival, there were four (4) offenders of which three (3) were apprehended and the fourth identified. Observance of the area revealed drugs and weapons. A search warrant was issued and the Assistant States Attorney remained at the location. Further investigation revealed additional drugs, weapons and three adult terrier mixed canines in the backyard that were confiscated and returned to the animal warden. Total of (15) weapons were recovered and the apartment owner was apprehended and charged. Currently, the police department was collaborating with the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) concerning the investigation and additional charges would be applied.

The Mayor was very proud of the officers and how the incident was managed properly. The State's Attorney's Office involvement ensured that succeeding the search the individuals would be held accountable for their actions.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Gloria Carr

She was troubled by visions of her son "beaten to death" by six (6) officers. The audio recording of him shouting was constantly recalled. It has greatly affected her and no individual should/or deserved this type of treatment. There was never a beating of an individual in any other administration. The six (6) wrongful officers were a poor reflection of others. She emphasized that he was her child and would continue speaking until it was resolved.

Judi Wentz

In behalf of the Strawberry Condominiums, she extended her appreciation to the Mayor and others that were present at the meeting concerning the flooding problem and water damage. The Mayor explained he was in the process of resolving the issue.

Ralph Peterson Jr. – Waukegan

He questioned why no police reports were recorded as why Mr. Hanna was yelling while on the ground. It has been three (3) years and he hasn't received a response. Per Attorney General Lisa Madigan, an independent contractor shouldn't require reporting to the Mayor and didn't acquire jurisdiction of any other personnel.

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

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:10 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, Runnels, January

Absent: None

4-1 North Chicago Exchange Club Presentation – “Youth of the Month” Award Recipients; AnJelline Toledo, Donta Rowell, Dejah Cooper, Shanice Lassiter and Brenda Martinez

Kim Woods, Exchange Club Board Member/Excel Youth Chairperson announced the following award recipients:

AnJelline Toledo received a 3.56 GPA at North Chicago Community High School, VP of the National Honor Society, featured in the Lake County News Sun for volunteering; she was employed while attending school and volunteered for “Bilingual Parent Parental Advisory Board. Her Mother was the role model and her goals were majoring in accounting or marketing.

Danta Rowell received a 3.4 GPA at North Chicago Community High School, volunteered community service, inclusive of feeding those in need, donating clothing and fundraising, an athlete of varsity track, volleyball/football and was employed as a lifeguard at Six Flags, Great America. Dion Sanders was his role model, he excelled in every aspect of his life and his goals was majoring in criminal justice.

Dejah Cooper received a 4.0 GPA at North Chicago Community High School, ranked fourth in her class at North Chicago Community High School, 200+ community service hours, volunteering and Team Manager for North Chicago wrestling and football team. She was employed 20+ hours at the Naval Exchange, an outstanding role model of her classmates and siblings, and accepted to several colleges.

Shanice Lassiter (Absent), received a 4.0 GPA at North Chicago Community High School, the first in her family to attend college, her Mother was the role model, her goal was to become a surgeon, she was employed, enjoyed cheerleading, member of “students against violence everywhere,” part of educational talent search, senior student spokesperson, delivers to Seniors for National Food Banks and volunteering.

Brenda Martinez received a 3.5 GPA at North Chicago Community High School, the first in her family to attend college; she applied and was accepted in seven (7) of them. Her goal

was to major in the medical field, a member of "students against violence everywhere," attended ROTC, community service at Greenbelt Cultural Center and recently became a vegetarian and promoted quality eating habits.

North Chicago Exchange Club Member Kenneth Smith, a 30-year local photographer in behalf of his company; Kenneth Smith Photography presented the recipients with a free photo shoot valued at \$100. His advisement was to remain focused and avoid distractions.

Exchange Club President Paula Carballido announced presentation with "youth of the year award" and the available tickets; Tuesday, July 01, 2014.

Mr. Smith explained that he was mentored by his biology teacher Mr. Dave Curtis. He "kept his legacy alive" by pursuing photography. A certificate was provided to the following photography graduates:

Janet Vasquez
Kimberly Marcano
Fibi Marcano
Debra Black
Sandy Marcano

The Mayor highly recognized the youth reflecting positivity with their education and grade scores. He strongly urged their continual support. The City would be moving forward in our community. He acknowledged the North Chicago Exchange Club.

4-2 Presentation – "Peace Officer Memorial Day"/"Police Week" Proclamation

Deputy City Clerk read the proclamation.

PRESENTATION – "PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY"/"POLICE WEEK" PROCLAMATION

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve "Peace Officer Memorial Day"/"Police Week" Proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Police Chief Jackson extended his appreciation to the Mayor, Elected Officials, family/friends and North Chicago residents. It was an honor to present the "officers of the Year" to the police department. He read each of the three awards and presented it to the following officers:

Kevin Balinovic
Richard Theis
Luis Rivera (Absent)

The Mayor commended the police officers upon receiving their awards. Elaborating, clarified that it wasn't an easy task as a police officer. They ensured the safety of the community. He offered refreshments to the family and guests of the officers.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, May 05, 2014; 7:14 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, May 05, 2014; 7:14 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 – April 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – April 2014

6-2 "Be Well Community Garden Dig Day," located at North Chicago Community Health Center Grounds

6-3 Father's Day 3K and Car Show, located at Marion Jones Apartments, June 14, 2014; 10:00 a.m.

6-4 "Field Day" – South Elementary School, located at 1812 Morrow Avenue; May 21, 2014; Rain Date: May 22, 2014; 6:30 a.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 AMENDING #25; TITLE 5; CHAPTER 25; ARTICLE B – PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Ordinance Amendment of 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

7-2 SUMMER FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL LOCATED AT FOSS PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY; JUNE 26-29, 2014

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Summer Family Fun Festival Carnival located at Foss Park District property; June 26-29, 2014.

Alderman January questioned liability insurance. The Mayor acknowledged it was.

Alderman January clarified that she wasn't notified of the event.

Troy Smith, requestor explained that the carnival company had inquired additional space provided in the back entrance of the police parking lot. He would be meeting with the Police

Chief for necessary security.

Alderman January questioned if he was seeking some assistance. She requested that the Finance Chairman was included in the discussion.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to withdraw motion.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to remove item 7-2 from agenda and held until June 02, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-3 WATER PLANT PIPE PAINTING AWARD TO BILL'S PAINTING - \$25,100

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Water Plant Pipe Painting Award to Bill's Painting in the amount of \$25,100.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE – NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE VARIANCE AT 1401 GREENFIELD AVE.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Nonconforming Structure Variance at 1401 Greenfield Ave.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 AJ'S LLC EATERY – GRANT PLACE LEASE AGREEMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Grant Place Lease Agreement for AJ's LLC Eatery.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS;

Alderman January clarified that she welcomed new city businesses although had disagreed with gambling and alcohol use at the establishment.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 2014 PARKING LOT RESURFACING PROJECT BID AWARD TO TOTAL PAVING - \$114,692

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the 2014 Parking Lot Resurfacing Project Bid Award to Total Paving in the amount of \$114,692.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 GREAT LAKES METRA STATION VENDOR SUBLEASE AMENDMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Great Lakes Metra Station Vendor Sublease Amendment from \$1000 reduced to \$600 per month.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

City Planner Nimrod Warda explained that the vendor had longevity of 10 years.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 AMERICAN TAXI SERVICE COLOR/LETTERING

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to hold item 7-8 until June 02, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 05/19/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 05/19/14 in the amount of \$313,524.64 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned pg. 11; JB Glass; according to the city ordinance it should be bid. He understood were several boarded up residential properties. He questioned documentation with reimbursement and clarified it wasn't evenly divided. Attorney Smith explained the process that the building department submitted the bill. He stated was willing to review the figures. Continuing, explained that the City relayed upon the liens and the comptroller resumed position of collecting them.

The Mayor echoed that the bills were submitted although suggested a retainer fee.

Alderman Markham requested to seek alternative company. There wasn't a proposal amount to validate the costs.

The Mayor offered utilizing a selected company for 2-3 months and then opted to seeking alternative bids. He had concerns with the company properly responding.

Attorney Smith suggested scheduling a Committee Meeting, June 02, 2014. He stated in the interim could compare their proposal amounts with other communities.

Alderman January questioned Account Manager Wendy Swopes when would the funds be available and the checks provided. Ms. Swopes explained when the checks were received.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

5th WARD MEETING

Alderman Markham announced the 5th Ward Meeting scheduled; Saturday, June 07, 2014 located at the North Chicago Library.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Alderman Allen explained that he had discussed location site for Community Gardens with Ms. Odessa Williams and it was decided the location behind Mt. Sinai Church parking lot.

CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY

Alderman Mayfield encouraged participation with the Citizen Fire Academy graduate ceremony, held at Fire Station #2, Thursday, June 7, 2014; 6:00 p.m.

3RD WARD MEETING

Alderman Evans announced the 3rd Ward Meeting scheduled; Saturday, May 31, 2014; 12-3:00 p.m., located at the North Chicago Library. There would be several topics of discussion and he encouraged participation and punctuality.

FLOOD CONCERNS

Alderman January inquired of the road status that had "washed out" leading to the water department. A portion of the road was the property of Foss Park. She suggested cost partnering with Foss Park.

VARIOUS

The Mayor explained was in the process of partnering with Foss Park. The road had washed out preventing the semi-trucks from unloading the chemicals. There was an emergency road repair with Peter Baker & Son and its cost of \$6,500. He would contact the current engineer company in gathering bid proposals to pave the road. He also clarified fallacies received that the North Chicago Water Plant was affected by the storm weren't valid.

Alderman January questioned if the city sewer lines were antiquated and the diameter of the pipes couldn't manage the abundance of rainwater. The Mayor explained the pipes couldn't manage the heavy rain had overflowed the storm and sanitary sewers.

The Mayor elaborated further that legislative representatives were alerted; Congressman Schneider, Senator Terry Link and Governor Quinn's Representative. FEMA (U.S. Federal

Emergency Management Agency)/IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency) was also addressed and the City didn't meet the needed cost amount. He encouraged the residents afflicted by the flood damage to take photos and retaining any related documentation. He suggested a detention pond. In the interim, has instructed the public works department to collect any damaged items if capably bagged and placed at resident's curb. The Mayor questioned Governor Quinn's Representative, Mr. Bryant Coke, Deputy Chief if there was some assistance for the Strawberry Condominiums. It was necessary for the homeowners to obtain insurance.

Alderman January questioned how frequent were the catch basins maintained. Tommy Johnson, Water Distribution employee explained the catch basins were maintained the prior two weeks and 3-4 months for the entire city.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Alderman Evans explained it was unfortunate that the 3rd ward was severely affected. There was a limitation of street personnel. He commended the public works department.

The Mayor explained that the Fire Department had offered "clean up kits" which could be acquired in the Fire Department. Fire Chief Urban clarified it could be obtained in the building department. She also provided flood prevention information.

Alderman Runnels invited the Mayor to attend a Special Meeting held at the Strawberry Condominium Clubhouse; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Allen commended the fire department upon their efforts and assistance to a resident.

Alderman Markham questioned if CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding could assist with the flooding damage etc. The Mayor explained not to its magnitude.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Nate Simmons – Strawberry Condominiums

She explained that her entire unit was damaged. The Building employee Tom Quist had considered it a disaster area. She questioned why the residents didn't qualify for FEMA requirements.

The Mayor explained that FEMA had specific dollar amounts. He has addressed the issue to Congressman Schneider, Senator and State Representative. There were many stipulations from FEMA.

Azzie Abrams – North Chicago

She experienced flood in the basement and was an asthmatic. The insurance didn't cover flooding due to the City wasn't considered a flood area. She questioned dollar amount for the loss.

Rev. Torrance Abrams - North Chicago

He announced that North Chicago Parent's Alliance was sponsoring a safety conference held at Greater St. James Church; May 31, 10:00-12:00 p.m. The goal was acquiring 150 parents. There were flyers provided. It was "our" problem. There would be several organizations that were willing to partner with the City. His main concern was the North Chicago youth. "Let's work together."

Gloria Carr – North Chicago

She commended the youth that received their awards and was well deserved. Her son was killed prior three years. She emphasized her son was unrecognizable and his constitutional rights were removed from him. Continuing, she would be a spokesperson for her son and urged others to “Be your own leader.”

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She commended the youth. Being intelligent wasn't enough. She commended Fire Chief Urban upon and the firefighters for their commitment with tutoring at Greater St. James Church. It was provided to all youths in and other communities. She clarified there were no occupations for the youth and overtime compensation with the North Chicago Police Department. The property values were decreasing. She strongly implored school involvement and attending the school board meeting, Thursday; 6:30 p.m.

Ralph Peterson Jr. - Waukegan

He suggested “christian courtesy” of allowing an ordained minister from the City Council to pray. Directed to the citizen that his family demanded justice and clarified wasn't a feud or egos involved.

The tapes of the incident were uncovered by him. There were officers that tased Darrin Hanna several times and nothing currently was resolved. The Mayor had stated at the press conference that a “perfect storm” killed Darrin Hanna. The truth was his actions were compared to “Pontious Pilate.”

Marian McElroy – North Chicago

She claimed that flood insurance was difficult and costly in acquiring it. She questioned if FEMA has observed the flood damage to determine coverage requirement. The surrounding Mayors should partner as a region and presenting the data and costs to FEMA. She commended Alderman Evans and January. There was strong concern of Hervey Avenue with its heavy flooding when it rained.

The Mayor provided options of primarily enlarging the storm water sewer lines throughout the City and there was funding; secondly, acquiring a grant for detention ponds at the intersection of 20th St./Lewis Avenue and a larger one placed at the Strawberry Condominiums. There weren't sufficient resources with either option. He reiterated the storm water sewer line issue wouldn't be resolved until assistance received from state or federal received. He would attempt to arrange for a representative from Congressman Brad Schneider's office, has contacted Senator Link and State Representative Rita Mayfield to participate in the meeting to explain a possible resolution with FEMA.

Marshia Hobson – Strawberry Condominiums

She questioned if the Mayor was able to contact the neighboring communities. Mayor Rockingham said he had not and that his contact had been with Lake County because it concerned storm water. He anticipated Lake County to declare disaster.

Christine Clark – Strawberry Condominiums

She was owner of three (3) properties at Strawberry Condominiums that was impacted by the rain storm and flooding. Her insurance didn't cover the damage. Approximately prior 2 years ago IDOT purchased the property; the trees and berm were removed and currently was a flooding problem. She questioned if the City had influence over IDOT to replace the berm. Mayor Rockingham explained wasn't aware of the berm being removed and IDOT was not the most cooperative on those wetlands.

Debbie Martin – Strawberry Condominiums

Ms. Martin gave the demographics and height comparisons. She stated wanted to be "part of the solution." She questioned what was the guarantee that the situation would be resolved. The back-up was swamp and pond water vs. storm water. Photos were taken of the flood.

The Mayor questioned if the former berm was west of the property line. He stated would address the issue of the berm removal to the representatives.

Rob Janda – North Chicago

Echoed berm removal; the main drains should have a detention ponds. The lowest elevation was located at the Strawberry Condominiums and should be a priority with cleaning the sewers. It was built on wetland areas. He questioned the value of condemned property. The President provided IDOT funding with the road infrastructure.

Judy Wentz – Strawberry Condominiums

She was tired of negative discussions. There were 54 units ruined. The mold was the main concern. There was 3-5 vehicles damaged. She was disappointed of the City not assessing the property damage including the alderman.

Grace Ragsdale – Strawberry Condominiums

She explained was a board member. The compensity of the damage could potentially condemn the property. She invested \$100,000 in the community. She was awaiting the decision of the Mayor.

The Mayor requested continual support of the residents. It wasn't an "overnight situation."

Lawrence Ferguson – North Chicago

He contacted the police and water department. He suggested that the Mayor borrowed the funding. The community should be claimed a disaster. He also complained of the water/sewer bill.

The Mayor explained was in the process of assessing the water rate fees and currently were held this year until a water rate study.

He explained would be meeting with the Strawberry Unit; Wednesday; 6:00 p.m. He would request attendance of IDOT, Lake County Storm Water Association, Congressman Brad Schneider and Senator at the meeting. He has attempted to contact the representatives and didn't expect the response received.

It had impacted everyone.

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 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 05, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, May 05, 2014 at 7:13 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

There was no Roll call taken.

The following elected officials were present at the beginning of the Council Meeting:

Mayor Rockingham, Alderman Fisher, Alderman Mayfield, Alderman Evans, Alderman Allen, Alderman Runnels

Alderman Markham and Alderman January were absent.

4-1 North Chicago "Senior Citizen Hall of Fame" Award – Mildred Rouse

The Deputy City Clerk read the Proclamation.

The Mayor recognized/commended Ms. Mildred Rouse as the "Senior Citizen Hall of Fame." She was the "pillar of the community" for many years.

Ms. Rouse was very appreciative for the award and read her poem named "divined and blessed."

4-2 Presentation from Pace Suburban Bus

Mr. Tim Dilsaver, Pace Community Relations, presented a check to the Mayor of North Chicago for the bus shelters in the amount of \$10,269.06. The Mayor delegated it to the Comptroller.

4-3 "Firefighter of the Year" Recognition; Thomas Deinken and Reid Mammoser

Fire Chief Dell Urban presented awards commending both Thomas Deinken and Reid Mammoser. Mr. Deinken was a 10-year veteran with an unwavering positive attitude etc. Mr. Mammoser was a former award recipient and a 10-year veteran; he and Mr. Deinken were integral in every aspect of the fire department. Mr. Mammoser had implemented procedures in recouping \$150,000+ the former year. The firefighters received much support from the other firefighters.

The Mayor recognized both of recipients; he was appreciative with the men and women who served in the City of North Chicago as paramedic/ firefighters.

The Mayor announced Alderman Markham and January's absence due to prior obligations.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, April 21, 2014; 7:42 p.m. was modified and Special Council Meeting, April 26, 2014; 11:11 a.m. presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, April 21, 2014; 7:42 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, April 26, 2014; 11:11 a.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Markham and January were absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Marion Jones Reunion at Cole Park; Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5, 2014

6-2 Proclamation – Pastor Eugene Roberson's 20th Year Anniversary

6-3 Proclamation – Motor Awareness Month

6-4 North Chicago Exchange Club Memorial Day Service; May 26, 2014

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Markham, January

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 AMENDING #25; TITLE 5; CHAPTER 25; ARTICLE B – PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE

HELD UNTIL MAY 19, 2014

7-2 SMITH LALUZERNE AND HARTMAN FEE INCREASE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the fee increase of Smith LaLuzerne and Hartman from \$150 to \$175.00

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Nays: Allen

Absent: Markham, January

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

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

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Allen explained the address was located at Kemble Ave. The zoning was amended from M-2 to M-3.

The Mayor stated that it would be included in the minutes once it was received.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Markham, January

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 05/05/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 05/05/14 in the amount of \$1,056,568.76 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: None

Absent: Markham, January

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

CHIEF OF STAFF STATUS

Alderman Allen questioned if there were candidates for the Chief of Staff position. The Mayor explained it currently wasn't funded although could initiate a search in the interim.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ralph Peterson Jr. - Waukegan

He explained had recalled a bible verse with the comparison of a "Pharisee High Priest and Pontious Pilate." The Mayor was privy to the incident with Darren Hanna. From the year of 2011, the prayers have consisted for the Mayor and excluded the victims and those of police brutality. He was informed that former police officer Yost who beat Darrin Hanna would be reviewed bi-annually for disability and was strongly concerned with the capability of his return to active duty. Mr. Peterson also apologized for his demeanor.

The Mayor explained that the City had exhausted all sources including the State, County and internal investigation. He strongly clarified that Mr. Peterson would be removed if there were any future outbreaks.

Wadell Brooks Sr. - 1932 Sherman Ave.

He explained that the Mayor and Alderman Mayfield had personally greeted him upon his

return. It was admirable of Ms. Betty Harris in strongly stressing the need of "saving our youths" and unfortunately, two individuals were slain. He declared that School Superintendent Mr. Martindale decided to terminate the contract of Daisy Brooks Resource Center. Continuing, he explained the history of the organization that was initiated the year of 1993. The students have experienced numerous exceptional results from their center and urged the needed city support.

In closing, the Mayor announced that it was unbecoming of him to shout. The meetings should be orderly and operated professionally. He apologized for his actions to the Citizens/City Council/Staff and emphasized wouldn't allow anyone disrespecting another individual.

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

Alderman Markham and January were absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Special Meeting, Saturday, April 26, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special Meeting Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 11:11 a.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, Markham, Runnels,
Absent: January

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to allow Alderman Allen by remote participation.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Markham, Runnels

Nays: None

Not Voting: Allen

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 LEASING OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES

Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained that she was directed by the Mayor and City Council to review a proposal with Municipal Funding Solutions in acquiring eight (8) police vehicles. Following review, she stated she stated her confidence. The revenue proposal for the police department in year 2015 was the following:

Truck Weighing Program
Parking Ticket Amnesty Program
Collection Agency

Ms. Gibson clarified that the boots for delinquent ticketed vehicles were ordered.

Alderman Markham questioned clarification of only four (4) actual vehicles that were budgeted and if possible the expenses/revenue could be fluctuated following the fiscal year. Ms. Gibson explained the continued payments the following year.

Alderman Evans questioned the number of boots that were ordered. The Mayor stated there were three additional.

Alderman Allen suggested consolidating the loans with North Chicago Community Bank.

Alderman January entered the council chambers at 11:17 a.m.

Ms. Gibson explained that the City currently had two leased agreements; Lake Forest Bank One was due to expire in (18) months and Ford Motor Credit; (22) months. The City was in line to lease (4) vehicles in year 2014 that were combined with year 2015. The vehicles were replaced every three years. She was informed that Municipal Funding Solutions offered a lower interest rate.

Lieutenant Theis elaborated further that Ford Motor Credit wouldn't warrantee for year 2015. Municipal Funding Solutions offered a firm price with the cost and would waive the differences.

Alderman Allen questioned why the City couldn't purchase the actual (4) vehicles currently in the budget vs. leasing.

Ms. Gibson reiterated what she had discussed.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the leasing of the (8) eight new police vehicles in the monthly amount of \$9,359.04.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Allen

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

3-2 POLICE CHIEF JACKSON CONTRACT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the adoption of a Resolution permitting the hiring for independent contractor long-term fulfilling the duties as Chief of Police; including a contract extended between the City of North Chicago and James Jackson to serve as Chief of Police.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels,

Nays: Allen, January

Abstain: Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor congratulated Police Chief Jackson.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

He strongly stated that "the house divided can't stand". He clarified that the Fire and Police Board didn't agree with the choice of Police Chief Jackson. He would continue exclusively focusing on Darrin Hanna issue.

The Mayor explained that States Attorney Mike Nerheim had directed it federally and the matter "was out of North Chicago's hands". It currently was at the highest level possible and would move forward with the final ruling.

David Hood – North Chicago

He agreed with Mr. Peterson concerning Darrin Hanna. He was hopeful that Police Chief

remained within the City. He felt Chief Jackson would obtain the accountability and fulfill the responsibility. The new police officers would be trained properly. The new vehicles were also necessary.

Timothy Johnson

He was satisfied that Police Chief Jackson was remaining within the City. Chief took time to speak with the youth. "There was nothing but good". He suggested that the officers that spoke badly concerning the chief be removed from the police force. He suggested that the new officers weren't trained by the veterans.

Arthur DeVost

He suggested partnering with one another and the police. He explained when he approached the chief with several issues that were resolved. There were good and bad officers in other locations also.

Alderman Evans announced the job fair at Neal Math and Science Academy; 12:00-3:30 p.m. He encouraged communicating it with other individuals.

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.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins, City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 21, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:42 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, Runnels, January

Absent: None

4-1 Recognition of Street Department

The Mayor recognized the street department.

Public Works Director Josh Wheeler acknowledged and distributed certificates to the following street department employees:

Forman Gabbey Albarran

Victor Fisher

Tommy Johnson

Dean Johnson

Delmore Harris

Anthony Mitchell

He announced the following employees unable to attend:

Manny Opisera

Geo Torrez

Charlie Gaiter

Roger Hacke

Robert Freemon

Gail Young Jr.

Woodroe Reed

Public Works Administrative Assistant Toni Moreino

Mr. Wheeler read the certificate. The Mayor congratulated the street employees.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, April 07, 2014; 7:23 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, April 07, 2014; 7:23 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 – March 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – March 2014

6-2 Proclamation – Breathe North Shore Day

6-3 Proclamation – Comcast Cares Day

6-4 Proclamation – National Telecommunicator's Week

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

Alderman Allen requested that the Proclamations and Treasurer's Report were read.

The City Clerk read the Proclamations.

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson honored Alderman Allen's request.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 AMENDING #25; Title 5; Chapter 25; Article B – Public Passenger Vehicle

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to remove 7-2; Ordinance Amending #25; Title 5; Chapter 25; Article B – Public Passenger Vehicle.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-3 APPOINTMENT OF LAMONT HANNA; DAVID STONER; MYRNA LEAL; DONNA KALINOSKI; NINA HAMPTON STOKES; ANTHONY JONES AND JOHN GLEICH TO POLICE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Police Citizen's Advisory Committee.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor commended the Police Citizen's Advisory Committee members.

7-4 JANITORIAL CONTRACT

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the bid proposal of SCC Cleaning Company for janitorial services to the City of North Chicago in the amount of \$7,041.84 per month.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 LEASING OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES

Alderman January amended motion, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to table item 7-5; Leasing of New Police Vehicles until Special Council Meeting Thursday, April 24, 2014; 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 SURPLUS VEHICLES

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the surplus vehicles.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 RESOLUTION – 2014 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Resolution in the amount of \$226,455 for the 2014 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 04/21/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 04/21/14 in the amount of \$713,977.28 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Evans questioned when would the funds be available and the checks be provided. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained when the Treasurer transferred the funds.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

ADDITIONAL THREE

Public Works Director Josh Wheeler explained there were three additional street department employees that were included in the "snow team;" Thomas Tachovich; "Tommo," Donald Johnson; "Bo" and Marcus George.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Works Director Josh Wheeler explained were provided flyers. Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale from Lake County and SWALCO; May 10, 2014, Public Works currently accepted recycling for clothing and textiles and May 17, 2014; "City Beautification Day." It would involve planting flowers and landscaping clean-up.

APPRECIATION

Lamont Hanna extended his appreciation to serve and looked forward as team member.

COMMUNITY DAY

Alderman Evans encouraged citizens in assisting with the floats needed for Community Day. He would also be included with the process.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Mayor explained there was positive feedback at the Legislative Breakfast with the attendees. He stated had discussed aiming towards stronger partnership with the Great Lakes Navy. He provided city concerns, reduction in funding with the commissaries; this could impact increased prices or its closure. A military liaison was suggested where both the City and the navy would have the capability of utilizing the commissary and also partnering with the sale of water to the Navy.

TRAGIC INCIDENT

The Mayor announced a tragic incident of a 15-year youth; Trayvon Beech lost his life due to a shooting. He provided his condolences to the family. The City needed to unionize and the support of the clergy and community in enforcing with curfew. He was informed a possible retaliation and was thankful of rally hopefuls. He commended the officers in the North Chicago Criminal Investigation and Lake County MEG (Metropolitan Enforcement Group) Unit upon two (2) arrests.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Raynell McGee – North Chicago

She expressed empathy for the servicemen. Several times he claimed had contacted the police department and received no response following hearing gun shots. She strongly pleaded the need of sufficient infrastructures for emergencies and if not handled properly, "our lives were on the line."

The Mayor stated would investigate the resulted cause.

Torrance Abrams –North Chicago

He encouraged communicating to others concerning the curfew hours. Urging citizens to parent their children and assist others. He refused to be a prisoner in the City.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She emphasized need of children advocates. It was pertinent in becoming a parent and their involvement. "An empowered people were an informed people." Everyone needed partnering and "our children was the future."

Ralph Peterson Jr. – Waukegan

He clarified had attempted to contact the police department and received no response. He was informed that the aldermen agreed to maintain the police chief. He emphasized had terminated others due to residency and they were entitled to return if Mr. Jackson remained in the City. He strongly clarified that Officer James Perrin was undertrained, failed the test, wasn't issued a commission card and was reinstated. Individuals have been slain within the prior 4-5 years and he questioned clarification with the sudden urgency of measures needed.

Angela Smith –

He was thankful for the police and fire department with their assistance at Foss Park District. She extended her appreciation to Alderman Evans for his invitation to the third ward meeting. She announced a "kite flying event," located at Foss Park; May 24, 2014; from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and encouraged participation.

Anthony Jones

He was appreciative for the appointment to Police Citizen Advisory Committee and explained his history in the City since year of 1992. He retired twenty-five+ years as a State Police Officer; was verse with the police department and explained his experience in various capacities. "One bad apple didn't spoil the bunch." He was hopeful in obtaining more information relating to citizen and police officer's standpoint.

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 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 07, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, April 07, 2014 at 7:23 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 Recognition Presentation of Water Department for Magazine Feature and Maintaining Perfect Compliance – Twelve Consecutive Months.

The Mayor recognized/commended the water department employees for magazine feature who individually received a certificate for maintaining perfect compliance of twelve consecutive months. He also acknowledged Public Works Director Josh Wheeler and Water Foreman Dave Soto. The following council meeting would be presenting certificates to the street department employees.

Mr. Wheeler announced the following names of employees who were absent:

Kenneth Edmonds; Water Operator
Quinton Hampton; Head Mechanic
Emmanuel Henry; Senior Water Operator
Jerry Gray; Senior Water Operator
Dwayne Roberson; Water Operator
Tim Coleman; Water Operator
Clifford Young; Water Operator

Mr. Wheeler presented the Mayor with a picture display of the magazine article that was recognized nationally. He was very proud of the city accomplishment.

The Mayor explained that the street and water department was consolidated due to budget constraints. Within the former years, the departments have benefited the City of North Chicago. He extended his appreciation for their service.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, March 17, 2014; 7:25 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, March 17, 2013; 7:25 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROPOSAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the groundwater monitoring proposal.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned who would propose the groundwater monitoring. The Mayor explained from Weston Solutions.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 NETWORK AUDIT

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the network audit awarded to Dell in the amount of \$16,328.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 VERIZON PROPOSAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Verizon Proposal in the amount of \$2,165.83/monthly.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Network Administrator Consultant Maurice Brown explained that the amount with Sprint currently was \$2,681.00.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 729 14TH ST.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Zoning Map Amendment at 729 14th St.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 PETITION/ORDINANCE FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 729 14TH St. – CHURCH PURPOSES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Special Use Permit at 729 14th St.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 ORDINANCE AMENDING #686; TITLE 8; CHAPTER 19 – CURFEW

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Markham to approve the Ordinance Amending #686; Title 8; Chapter 19 – Curfew.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 04/07/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 04/07/14 in the amount of \$704,089.76 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when would the checks be provided. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the checks would be issued upon the funds availability.

Alderman January expressed her decision of dissatisfaction upon the Comptroller remaining indecisive.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

2ND WARD MEETING

Alderman Mayfield announced the 2nd ward meeting held at the Kukla Towers; April 12, 2014; 10:00-1:00 p.m. She encouraged participation.

She expressed her disappointment of a staff member that was assaulted on the council floor. She had strong concerns with non-tolerance of wrongful conduct. The staff members should be supported emphasizing that the Comptroller was a capable individual; she proceeded to read a portion of her accomplishments when hired the end of November 2013. Alderman Mayfield invited anyone who had questions or concerns to be discussed with the comptroller. Copies were provided to the council members.

Alderman January disagreed due to the needed actuarial or government accounting experience from previous and current comptroller. Continuing, clarified it wasn't a sound leadership decision in allowing the City to move forward and requested her dismissal.

The Mayor emphasized that it wasn't acceptable in an open format and personnel matters should be discussed in Executive Session.

Alderman Evans explained he expected a few disturbances and wouldn't allow criticism. There was needed unionization among each other. He encouraged discussing any concerns or issues. There shouldn't be any problems conducted on the council floor.

Alderman Runnels clarified that Ms. Gibson "hit the ground running" the day she arrived.

SHOOTINGS

Alderman Markham was strongly concerned with the increase of shootings primarily in the fifth ward. He experienced shooting in front of his home with several gunshots which injured two individuals and requested a statement if it was resolved.

Police Chief Jackson explained has manned the needed patrol officers in the area. He stated had discussed occurrences with the citizens, encouraged phone trees and provided assistance from Lake County MEG (Metropolitan Enforcement Group) and Sherriff. This would assist with the gang initiatives.

Alderman Markham questioned the garage fire incident. Police Jackson explained was investigating if it was related to arson or the gang shootings.

DEPARTURES

The Mayor announced both departures of two department heads; Police Chief James Jackson and Building/CD/COS Steve McInnis. Police Chief Jackson offered his resignation and Mr. McInnis; his retirement. He stated that the Police Chief applied extensive efforts in complying with the allotted residency requirement although was currently incapable; his last day would be May 01, 2014. The Mayor explained Mr. McInnis's experience during his tenor and commended him. His last day would be April 17, 2014; he extended his appreciation for his services and wished him well upon his retirement.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Allen and Runnels left at 7:51 p.m.

Charles January – 2364A Delaware Ave., Great Lakes, IL

He strongly disagreed with chastising another Alderman on the council floor; there was no plan for the Marion and Jones Complex. The Police Chief was hired for two (2) years and had no intention of moving in with residency compliance. There wasn't a "chain of command" in the police department and it was in disarray. The former Network Administrator Maurice Brown resigned from his position. Title positions should be approved by City Council. The City would have problems without the needed Chief of Staff position.

Alderman Allen and Runnels left at 7:51 p.m.

Susan Dixon – 1620 Kemble Ave.

She explained that Foss Park was chosen for a grant that would allow revitalization and a possible park developed in potential areas. This year would be additional sports. She stated had met with Governor Quinn and Congressman Kirk. Increased attendance was encouraged as Foss Park board meetings. It was strongly needed to unionize in moving the City forward.

Ralph Peterson - Waukegan

He announced Darrin Hanna's birthday.

Secondly, strongly clarified that Mr. Yost had resigned and wasn't terminated. Mr. Peterson presented legal documents and requested clarity. The pension board wouldn't have accepted Mr. Yost's disability application if he was dismissed.

Kevin O'Connor

He expressed that the reality was "those left behind were the ones that suffered" and questionable if there were changes in the City. Currently the City was searching for another police chief and would have to start over. He encouraged placing an additional cellular tower which would be a minimal cost of \$140. This would resolve the problem of certain dead zones in the City.

The Mayor disagreed with Mr. O'Connor and clarified were changes for the betterment of the City.

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 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 17, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:25 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, Runnels

Absent: Markham, January

The Mayor announced that Alderman Markham had prior obligations.

Alderman January entered the Council Chambers at 7:27 p.m.

4-1 Swearing in of (10) New Police Officers

The Mayor introduced the ten (10) new officers individually. He was proud in welcoming the officers to the city family and they were sworn in. There were six (6) additional officers that were entering the police academy, April 07, 2014.

The Police Chief appreciated the opportunity of the new officers. He extended his appreciation to the officers in behalf of their families.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, March 03, 2014; 7:19 p.m. was 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, March 03, 2013; 7:19 p.m. be passed as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays None

Absent: Markham

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report – February 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – February 2014

6-2 Eternal Flame A.M.E. Church – Easter Parade, April 20, 2014

6-3 Salvation Army – Donut Days and Red Kettle Campaign

6-4 Proclamation – Mayor’s Day of Recognition for National Service

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

Alderman Allen requested that the Treasurer’s Report and Proclamation was read. The Treasurer honored his request.

Alderman January questioned the liability insurance for the Easter Parade and if the Police Chief signed the request form. The Mayor explained it would be circulated and police escort would be provided.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO/FOSS PARK DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (WEEDS/POTHOLES)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Weeds and Potholes between the City of North Chicago and Foss Park District.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO/SWALCO FOR CLOTHING /TEXTILE RECYCLING

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Clothing and Textile Recycling between the City of North Chicago and SWALCO.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PLANNING STAFF ASSISTANCE SERVICES DELIVERED BY CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP).

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Resolution accepting planning staff assistance services delivered by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT; TITLES 3 AND 8 – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Amending Titles 3 and 8 for the Fire Department.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 VERIZON PROPOSAL

The Mayor clarified correct agenda was (NEC) vs. Verizon Proposal.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to amend agenda to reflect NEC vs. Verizon Proposal.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Markham was absent.

Maurice Brown, IT explained the proposal.

The Mayor clarified there weren't any replacements remaining for the current PBX system. He explained the NEC Representative was also present.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the NEC Proposal in the amount of \$48,983.69.

Attorney Smith offered an additional \$10,000 lease option that was available in the 2014 Fiscal Year budget.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13; SECTION 8; - LIQUOR CONTROL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance

Amending Chapter 13; Section 8; - Liquor Control.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if the ordinance could be read. The Mayor explained and that it was discussed in Committee Meeting. He elaborated that it was due to not being able to verify the 21 age requirement. Alderman January requested that it was read for the public. Deputy City Clerk read the Ordinance amending the Liquor Control.

Attorney Smith noted a type-o in Section 1 of the ordinance; the wording was incorrect; package vs. purchase. He would submit the corrected ordinance the consecutive day.

Alderman Fisher amended motion, seconded by Alderman Runnels to reflect ordinance correction accordingly.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 03/17/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 03/17/14 in the amount of \$325,830.63 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned specifically what was revised in the city bills received. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained there was duplicate payment for membership dues.

Alderman January questioned pg. 1, \$1,900 in Adjudication Fine Reimbursements and if there was a city ordinance to reflect this authority. Attorney Smith elaborated that there were fines upon vehicle is impoundment and there was an opportunity to appeal. In that appeal, it could be established that there were fines to be reimbursed by the Adjudication Hearing Officer. Further explanation would have to be provided by Hearing Officer.

Alderman January questioned Office Team Pg. 15/16; "week end". Ms. Gibson explained it was temporary services provided to assist in the IT Department the week ended on the dates indicated.

The Fat Cat Rescue payment was questioned why it wasn't provided in the city bills. It was due, March 15, 2014. Ms. Gibson stated the invoice was submitted to the police department. The Mayor directed her to follow up with it.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the funds were available upon wire transferred to the General Fund.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Markham

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

FAT CAT RESCUE

Alderman Evans questioned a possible presentation from Fat Cat Rescue preceding their payment. The Mayor indicated it reflected in the contract the amount to be paid.

COMPLIANCE OF RESIDENCY

Alderman January requested the listed residency audit status with compliance and directed question to H.R. Chairman, Bonny Mayfield. She explained would follow up with the Director. She also questioned status of residency for the Police Chief. The Mayor explained he had additional time to become compliant and within ordinance stipulations.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Alderman January stated received several distressing calls. Upon her investigation, she clarified that the Comptroller had terminated several competent employees more than two years with the City. She was informed that the Comptroller stated was "going in a different direction." The Mayor responded that the Comptroller was very capable and directed her to issue the changes in the department.

Alderman January clarified according to other issues investigated, she demanded that the comptroller was terminated.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Mayor announced the Legislative Breakfast; April 15, 2014; that included the State and Federal Legislators, Lake County Board members and the Great Lakes Naval Center. It was pertinent for the economic growth of the City. He encouraged council participation; additional details would be provided.

NAVAL PARTNERING

The government was discussing to reduce the funding for the naval exchange and commissary. The Mayor suggested partnering more closely with the Great Lakes Naval Center. He proposed a hybrid with the naval exchange and commissary. This would grant the citizens and service personnel the capability of utilizing the facility. Secondly, the Navy didn't finalize their decision with the water issue and surplus property could also be available. An invitation was provided to Senator Kirk, Durban and Congressman Schneider. Municipal communities with military installation were also discussed with city involvement.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ralph Peterson Jr. – Waukegan

He stated that Attorney Smith had filed a motion against former officer Yost. The Pension Board had finalized their decision. It would impact the taxpayers. It was a city pattern with disability filed from other police officers. He emphasized that Mr. Yost was a racist, wasn't disciplined for the assault against Darrin Hanna and was allowed to retire.

The Mayor would pursue the pension board's decision. Mr. Yost didn't warrant a disability pension that would impact the city taxpayers.

Brother Blanks – Black Abolition Movement for the Mind

He stated currently there wasn't a law against tattoos and suggested they were questioned upon hiring new police officers. It would reflect the mindset and direct psychological

approach upon their duties. It was symbol of hatred/racism and not in the "best interest" and protection of the City.

The Mayor agreed to review the issue.

Denise Rotheimer – North Chicago

She clarified there wasn't any self-defense in the Darrin Hanna case if the officer was suspended. Continuing, questioned why the family wasn't in criminal courts, if there was a charge reviewed by the States Attorney's office and assistance provided to the family. She had explained had experienced a traumatic crime concerning her daughter and empathized with the Hanna Family. She offered a brochure named "crime victim rights;" an important law that was established the year of 2013. An enforcement mechanism was also included that she pursued since year of 2003. Categories were explained reflecting reimbursement allotment for the victims.

Gloria Hanna/Carr – North Chicago

She extended appreciation with the supporters and non-supporters. She emphasized that the Mayor was aware of Mr. Yost's tattoo on his arm and ample time to remove it. He also was on disability and returned; was taking medication at the time of the incident with her son. She will continually pursue the issue. The ten officers she was hoping the proper training would be provided with them. She will be present at the Legislative Breakfast.

Kevin O'Connor – Hanna Family Attorney

He explained St. Patrick's Day and his history. It was comparative to Martin Luther King. He encouraged others outside of the City had perceived it objectively. He clarified not to judge other victims of crimes and that "we," involved the community.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She was present in behalf of the children of North Chicago and education. There was a 50% drop out rate. She strongly urged attendance of the school board meeting. The Public Hearing; Thursday, March 20, 2014. It was concerning the reduction of 40-60 teachers and the closure of additional elementary schools. There was a 14,000,000 deficit and Lake County was building a 100,000,000 court justice system. She emphasized the children were the "present and future."

Audrey Nixon – Lake County Commissioner

Her presence was to reinforce the announcement with the Community Convention held March 22, 2014 from 10:00-12:00 p.m. at Foss Park Community Center. She had provided many flyers. She acknowledged the presence of other organizations. It was reported from a staff member at the prior PTO meeting that 149 students would graduate; 140 were accepted in colleges. All of the citizen should be collaborating together.

The Mayor echoed Mrs. Nixon's sentiments. NCCHS Principal Ms. Thomas quoted that 90% of the students would be accepted in colleges. He encouraged application assistance forms. In closing, he cheered the Warhawk's basketball team.

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

Alderman Markham was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 03, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, March 03, 2014 at 7:19 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

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Special Council Meeting, February 20, 2014; 7:54 p.m. was modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that Special Council Meeting, February 20, 2014; 7:54 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ORDINANCE AMENDING # 686, TILE 8; CHAPTER 19; CURFEW

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to remove item 7-1 and returned to Committee.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

7-2 APPOINTMENT OF YVONNE EVANS TO NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING BOARD

ITEM 7-2 WAS HELD BY THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR AND RETURNED TO COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

Alderman January was absent.

7-3 ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Zoning Text

Amendment.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith explained that the property was located west side of Rte 41 and south of HD Water.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent January

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT AT 29774 - 29930 SKOKIE HWY

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment at 29774 - 29930 Skokie Hwy.

Alderman Allen requested the ordinance was explained to the public.

Attorney Smith explained that the Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment would allow the property to be rezoned from R1 to Commercial.

Alderman January returned at 7:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Pass: January

Absent: None

7-5 SPECIAL USE ORDINANCE PERMIT AT 29870 SKOKIE HWY

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Special Use Ordinance Permit at 29870 Skokie Hwy.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Attorney Smith elaborated further.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH GADAWG LLC – MARSHALL PROPERTIES

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Development Agreement with GaDawg LLC – Marshall Properties.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Following roll call; Attorney Smith explained that Lake Bluff was the third party connected with the agreement. Mr. Marshall requested a light at his properties to improve safety for the trucks exiting.

7-7 NORTH CHICAGO SCHOOL DISTRICT RIGHT OF WAY VACATIONS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Vacations of three schools: Neal Math and Science Academy; North & South Elementary.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 03/03/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 03/03/14 in the amount of \$365,693.89 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained the checks would be issued upon the funds availability.

Alderman January expressed her disapproval with its uncertainty.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

5TH WARD MEETING

Alderman Markham announced the 5th ward meeting; March 08, 2014; 10:00-1:00 p.m.

3RD WARD MEETING

Alderman Evans announced the 3rd ward meeting; March 29, 2014; 12:00 p.m.

FASFA (FEDERAL STUDENT AID)

The Mayor was informed by the North Chicago High School Principal Ms. Thomas concerning FASFA (Federal Student Aid) applications to assist the students with the scholarship program. There was approximately 75% of High School Seniors that would be attending college. He would be placing the information on the North Chicago web-site and community newsletter.

WARHAWK TOURNAMENTS

The Mayor encouraged the North Chicago High School Warhawks Boys Basketball team with their tournaments.

COMMUNITY CONVENTION

The Mayor announced the District 14 Community Convention; Saturday, March 22, 2014; 10:00 a.m. that would be held at 1730 Lewis, Foss Park Community Center. He strongly encouraged participation.

Alderman Allen left at 7:32 p.m.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Gloria Carr – North Chicago

Complained about being harassed and said she filed a report as someone was photographing her vehicle. She emphasized that her deceased son was “beaten to death” by six (6) officers and emphasized the harassment was unfair. This needed to be resolved and she addressed the main responsibility of the Mayor.

The Mayor responded had that the “egging” incident was investigated. He was unaware of the issue until receiving the information from Mrs. Carr of someone taking photos.

Chandler Walker – North Chicago

He commended the Street & Water Department Chairman considering the extreme weather conditions and witnessed employees attempting to patch the potholes.

Betty Harris

She strongly urged the aldermen to attend District 187 school board meetings. She acknowledged Alderman Evans, Mayfield and Markham upon their attendance at the previous meeting. There were two (2) schools closing and future layoffs of approximately 40-60 teachers. The following meeting would be scheduled; March 20, 2014.

Ralph Peterson

He was informed of an eight year old being stricken by a vehicle on videotape. Nothing was rectified. The officer stated there wasn't adequate evidence.

Secondly, there was a press release indicating that Mr. Yost was terminated immediately due to striking Darrin Hanna in his face with his fist and falsifying documents. He questioned clarification and directed it to Attorney Smith if former officer Yost was terminated or resigned. Mr. Peterson presented legal documents and requested clarity.

Attorney Smith clarified that former officer Yost was terminated by Police Chief Jackson May 08, 2012 for falsification of his residence. Mr. Yost filed a grievance with his union and received disability. He received payment until July 12, 2014 vs. retroactive pay.

Mr. Peterson questioned if Mr. Yost received a penalty for striking Darrin Hanna in his face. Attorney Smith explained that he was suspended thirty (30) days for unbecoming conduct of a police officer. Arbitration documents were filed and Mr. Yost suspension was reduced to ten (10) days. Attorney Smith clarified his advisement was to remove Mr. Yost from the City.

The Mayor clarified that prior to Mr. Yost's termination he filed an application for disability and strongly disagreed with the Pension Board's approval decision. It would be challenged.

Attorney Smith explained that the Mayor objected Mr. Yost as the recipient of disability and

was directed by the Mayor to pursue the issue. Attorney Smith clarified there was an 11-page memorandum in opposition. The Pension Board had agreed with one of three doctors stating that Mr. Yost was disabled.

Mr. Peterson expressed the Hanna family's disappointment of being misinformed with Officer Yost's termination.

The Mayor added that it was more feasible/legal method for his termination.

Kevin O'Connor

He stated was alleged transparency. There was poor communication with the City and Hanna Family. The Hispanic Community was disturbed how the police department handled the case of the 8-year old child that was videotaped. This was addressed to Police Chief and Deputy which would be further investigated.

Attorney Smith cited another pension disability case and explained the procedures. He clarified that Mr. Yost filed a disability application March 14, 2012; prior to the Police Chief rendering a decision of termination. He strongly disagreed with Mr. Yost receiving disability with no justification of evidence; emphasizing that the City wasn't responsible for the outcome.

Mr. O'Connor disputed that Mr. Yost was allowed the opportunity from November –February to file for a disability pension.

Audrey Nixon

She echoed the Mayor's announcement with the Community Convention of the 14th District; March 22, 2014, strongly encouraging participation for education and enjoyment purposes; which included the Foss Park District staff; Lake County Forest Preserve staff; and the City of North Chicago.

Michael Hayes

Mr. Hayes explained he was a music promoter and announced "Mother's Day Celebration;" event May 10, 2014, held at the "Harold Washington Center" in Chicago and he provided ticket information.

Heidi Sales Representative - American Taxi

She requested several medallions permitting drivers to pick up customers at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and provided the history of American Taxi service. It would be desired becoming a part of the "taxi team".

The Mayor questioned clarification if Heidi the Sales Representative was referring to the ability of driving taxis throughout the City. She acknowledged it was for those purposes. The Mayor explained the procedures.

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

Alderman Allen was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Special Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:54 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, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: Mayfield

The Mayor announced was informed by Alderman Mayfield of her absence.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, February 03, 2014; 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, February 03, 2014; 7:01 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports

6-1A Treasurer's Report – January 2014

6-1B Water Department Report – January 2014

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 2014 MFT PROJECT BID AWARD

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve 2014 Project Bid award to Johnson Paving in the amount of \$1,23,448.55.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Evans questioned payment plan for the amount. Public Works Director, Josh Wheeler explained it was usually upon a monthly basis.

Attorney Smith added there was also a retainer fee.

Alderman Markham questioned clarification of the separate funding. Mr. Wheeler explained that it could be three funding.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER REQUEST FOR SALE OF NSP PROPERTY – 1021 WADSWORTH AVE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the conflict of Interest waiver request for sale of NSP Property at 1021 Wadsworth Avenue.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Fisher removed himself from the council chambers.

Attorney Smith clarified item 7-2 was for the Resolution approving the conflict of Interest waiver request for the sale of NSP Property.

CDBG Administrator Pamela Jeffries informed the Mayor she would delete the resolution date of March 03, 2014.

Alderman Runnels amended motion, seconded by Alderman Evans to reflect date of February 20, 2014 vs. March 03, 2014

Alderman Markham clarified to amend the date to reflect Resolution date of February 20 vs. February 17, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Recused: Fisher

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – TITLE 10; CHAPTER 5; PARKING REGULATIONS

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Amendment; Title 10; Chapter 5; Parking Regulations of the Great Lakes Train Station.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None
Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 RESOLUTION HONORING LEROY WILLIAMS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Resolution Honoring Leroy Williams.

The Mayor explained that the Resolution would be presented officially to Mr. Williams at a later date.

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

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS - 02/20/14

MOTION:
Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 02/20/14 in the amount of \$1,358,272.15 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:
Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller Gloria Gibson acknowledged its availability and the checks would be provided the following day.

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

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

CAT CONCERN
Alderman Evans stressed strong concern of repetitive problem with the cats located on Grove Avenue. There still remained a situation with Fat Cat not retrieving cats after the city donated funds. He suggested possibly hiring two (2) animal wardens if needed.

ALDERMANIC REQUEST
Alderman Evans clarified there wasn't a personal attack toward anyone. When aldermen request department head to do a task, they shouldn't have a problem with it. There was a task to be completed and the aldermen should be respected accordingly. The aldermen represented the citizens for the advancement of the City. He announced the 3rd Ward Meeting, March 29, 2014 including the Neighborhood Watch, Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Alderman Allen questioned if Alderman Evans had discussed the issue with Mary Kay Larsen concerning the cat situation on Grove Avenue. Alderman Evans stated he had not.

The Mayor would arrange for the updated report from Mrs. Larsen within the following one-two committee meetings.

Alderman Markham stated he discussed the issue with Mrs. Larsen and there were concerns with the cats at the center.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Alderman Markham announced the quarterly meeting scheduled for the fifth ward; Saturday, March 08, 2014; 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Yeager School.

Alderman Fisher explained that the cats from Orphan of the Storm were previously provided to other individuals. The Mayor clarified it was a "kill shelter".

ANIMAL SHELTER REMODELING

Alderman January questioned clarification with the remodeling of the animal shelter. She recalled there were appropriated funds for its modernization to have a facility to house cats also. Building/CD/COS, Steve McInnis explained that funds were appropriated. Approximately \$20,000 was expended in upgrading the plumbing, electrical and installation of the air conditioning etc. to seek designs to replace the doors which were expensive. Alderman January questioned available grants; Mr. McInnis wasn't aware of any for remodeling.

The Mayor would direct the animal warden Dana.

POSTED SIGN STATUS

Alderman Markham questioned status of posted signs on private property.

Mr. McInnis explained was in process of obtaining and gathering other entities. The first of the week, the signs would be removed.

Alderman Evans clarified was an ordinance.

Alderman Fisher stated was an ordinance in conjunction to the noted issue. The Mayor stressed needed to adhere to it.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor provided the following announcements: Citizen Fire Academy; April 03 – May 22, 2014, Neighborhood Watch, which he strongly encourage participation; Saturday, February 22, 2014 and Citizen Police Academy; February 27, 2014.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Runnels left at 7:41 p.m.

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan, IL

He emphasized that his presence was a "community reminder" there was a tragedy that occurred with wrongful officers unpunished. They killed Darrin Hanna and shouldn't be active on the police force.

Charles January– 2364A Delaware, Great Lakes, IL

Ordinance Amendments should be provided to the community. The city development was currently idle and he disagreed with the current developers; Weston Solutions. He alerted the City Council of fighting at the High School no punishment of arrests for "breaking the

law.” He suggested amending the sign in establishing fines for non-removal.

Alderman Allen explained the amendment was discussed to the citizens. Mr. January reiterated.

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

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 03, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, February 03, 2014 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

Absent: January

The Mayor announced the absence of Alderman January.

Mayor Rockingham requested a change in order with item 4-2 preceding 4-1.

The City Clerk read the Resolution.

4-2 Resolution Honoring George McClary.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that City Council approve the Resolution Honoring George McClary.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

The Mayor expressed that Lieutenant McClary would be sadly missed and extended appreciation of his dedication and support. He then presented the resolution.

Police Chief Jackson stated that Lieutenant McClary was a role model and mentor to the other officers and expressed his gratitude. He read/presented the plaque.

Lieutenant McClary expressed his gratitude of his wife; former Police Chief Fisher and the City of North Chicago in allowing him the opportunity.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, January 21, 2014; 7:25 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, January 21, 2013; 7:25 p.m., be passed as presented.

Alderman Markham noted errors in the minutes.

Alderman Allen amended motion, seconded amendment by Alderman Evans

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Ragnar Relay Event, LLC; June 07, 2014

6-2 Greater St. James Temple request for Wright Avenue – Community Outing, July 19, 2014; Annual Tent Outing, July 20th thru July 25, 2014

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

Alderman Markham explained would abstain due to his affiliation from one of the omnibus agenda items.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Runnels

Nays: None

Abstain: Markham

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 DEMOLITION BID APPROVAL FOR 2220 SEYMOUR AVENUE AND 1910 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR. BY LAKE COUNTY GRADING; \$32,150

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the demolition bid for 2220 Seymour Ave. and 1910 Martin Luther King Dr. by Lake County Grading; \$32,150.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN APPROVAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Consolidated Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$221,247.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 02/03/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 02/03/14 in the amount of \$236,334.36 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham questioned correction to city bills; pg.10. Comptroller Gloria Gibson explained it was inputted incorrectly.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

The City Clerk read the Proclamation.

4-1 NORTH CHICAGO "SENIOR CITIZEN HALL OF FAME AWARD" – REVEREND RALEIGH FLOYD

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Markham that City Council approve Reverend Raleigh Floyd as the recipient of "Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award."

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

Reverend Raleigh Floyd extended his gratitude to everyone. He had the fondest memories in the City although had strong concerns of restoring the schools and neighborhoods.

3RD WARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Alderman Evans announced the 3rd Ward Meeting; March 29, 2014. February 19, 2014; 3rd Ward discussion on a radio talk show; 98.3 and Neighborhood Watch Program held in the City Council Chambers; February 22, 2014; 12:00-2:00 p.m.

RE-APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor announced the re-appointments to the Strategic Planning Committee; Alderman Evans, Chairman, Vice Chairman; Alderman Mayfield and Alderman Allen; member. He was hopeful this change would "move the city forward."

VARIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor commented extending his appreciation to everyone including his staff members who attended the City-Wide Ward Meeting; Saturday, February 01, 2014. It included a press conference for the Citizens Advisory Committee. He elaborated encouraging residents if interested in submitting their names for the seven-member advisory committee and explained the needed qualifications. The City-Wide Ward Meetings would hopefully be introduced again in the fall.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He announced that the United States and former Presidents issued an executive order

honoring "Black History Month." There had been 1,000 contributions by black people in our country not provided in the history books. He named pioneers in the City and Lake County. He suggested a section in the quarterly city newsletter honoring "Black History Month." "Our own" should be honored including nationally.

Ralph Peterson

He agreed that the Citizen Advisory Committee was needed. He questioned why Lieutenant Kurt Nash wasn't recognized. Lieutenant Brame was also currently punished for the truth. He clarified had filed a complaint concerning officer Greyor and didn't receive a response. He questioned how was the "City moving forward with the same officers that beat "Darrin Hanna." In closing, stated that individuals have been fooled in believing the City was progressing and shortly it would be exposed in the "mass media."

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:25 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 Mayfield that City Council approves Alderman Fisher as temporary Mayor Pro-tem due to the absence of the Mayor.

ROLL CALL:

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

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, January 06, 2014; 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 Evans that Regular Council Meeting, January 06, 2013; 7:79 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 – December 2013

6-1B Water Department Report – 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 PETITION/ORDINANCE APPROVAL – SIGN TEXT AMENDMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Sign Ordinance Text Amendment.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 PETITION/ORDINANCE APPROVAL – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT APPROVAL – COMPTROLLER'S LOCAL DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING #23. TITLE 8; CHAPTER 13; ESTABLISHING THREE (3) GAMING LICENSES

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Amending #23; Title 8; Chapter 13; Establishing Three additional (3) Gaming Licenses.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Runnels, January

Nays: Allen, Markham

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 CITY SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – RESIDENCY STIPULATIONS

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve City Salary Ordinance Amendment with 25-mile Residency Stipulations.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 PETITION/ORDINANCE APPROVAL – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (PHIL DAHL)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Zoning Text Amendment for Phil Dahl to allow a living facility for the caretaker on the former Hines Lumber property.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 RESOLUTION – COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution for the complete streets policy.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC – WATER PLANT; STREET; RESIDENTIAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution authorizing Mayor to sign purchase of Electric for the Water Plant; Street and Residential.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**7-9 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ACCEPT ELECTRICITY BIDS – NIMEC
(NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY COOPERATIVE**

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Authorizing Mayor to accept Electricity Bids from NIMEC (Northern Illinois Municipal Electricity Cooperative).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 01/21/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 01/21/14 in the amount of \$340,104.63 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available. Comptroller Gloria Gibson acknowledged its availability and that the checks would be provided the following day.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

MLK CELEBRATION

Alderman Mayfield congratulated/honored Alderman Markham for Martin Luther King holiday. It was the first church donating \$33,000+ to pads location.

WARD MEETING

Alderman Evans announced 3rd Ward Meeting; March 29, 2014; 12:00-2:00 p.m. It would be announced throughout the month.

CITYWIDE WARD MEETING

Alderman Markham announced the "Citywide Ward Meeting; Saturday, February 01, 2014; 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Foss Park.

Alderman Allen requested copies for distribution.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Runnels left at 7:41 p.m.

Patricia Axelrod – People’s Advocate, Libertyville, IL

She angrily clarified that the City had violated “open meetings act” due to the Council meeting wasn’t posted on the website at 9:00 a.m. She also suggested advertising it in the newspaper. The Department of Justice requested individuals present at the meeting to discuss the police brutality.

Alderman Runnels returned at 7:44 p.m.

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan, IL

He congratulated Alderman Markham upon his endeavors. The City of North Chicago had a news article concerning Officer Yost. He questioned clarification if the officer should be receiving benefits upon his termination. He pondered the question of how the States Attorney would handle this issue.

Tom Rudd – Lake County Coroner

He distributed CD’s of Martin Luther King. He had spoken to the press across the country and encouraged listening to it at the “comfort of your homes.”

Charles January– 2364A Delaware, Great Lakes, IL

He displayed disappointment with the legislative body. He stressed that all ordinance should be read.

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 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, January 06, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, January 06, 2014 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, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January
Absent: None

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, December 16, 2013; 8:06 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 16, 2013; 8:06 p.m., be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Retirement Letter from George A. McClary Jr.

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

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned an open position for a Lieutenant; and why weren't Lt. Brame and Nash acting as their positions.

The Mayor explained that the Police Chief assigned duties accordingly.

Alderman Markham requested that the letter was read and The Mayor directed the City Clerk.

The Mayor wished him well and would honor/recognize him properly preceding his retirement.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ORDINANCE APPROVAL AMENDING TITLE 11 – WATER AND SEWER

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 11 – Water and Sewer.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Markham explained it was discussed a 6-month vs. 3-month window and requested that the motion reflected accordingly.

Alderman Markham amended motion not to exceed six months, seconded by Alderman January.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Evans, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Evans questioned clarification from Comptroller Gloria Gibson. She explained it was a financial burden of \$400,000 outstanding balance of 120-day payment and currently less than fifty (50) individuals had a payment plan.

Alderman Markham stated that the Local Debt Recovery program would be able to collect payment from the responsible party once the agreement was aligned. Ms. Gibson explained that there were many transient residents whom would relocate etc. There wasn't clarity in the ordinance with the collection process. She clarified the property owner was responsible for the debt.

Alderman Evans questioned time period for city shutting off the water service following six (6) months. Ms. Gibson explained a notice would be submitted to the owner following three (3) months. The remaining three (3) months would be deferred to the State.

Alderman Markham moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the 6-month amendment.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Allen, Markham, January

Nays: Fisher, Evans, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 #3271 IAFF (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS) CONTRACT APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve #3271 IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) Contract.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PETITION ORDINANCE – TEXT AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE

REMOVED UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2014

7-4 PETITION ORDINANCE – TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

REMOVED UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2014

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 01/06/14

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 01/06/14 in the amount of \$457,994.99 when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned pg. 1; Alley; lease payment; The Mayor explained it was pertaining to his car lease; pg.5; Northwestern University Training; \$3,400. Ms. Gibson stated it was concerning one individual for police training. Pope's Florist; pg. 11. The Mayor explained it was the purpose for a loss and "get well."

Alderman Markham questioned duplication from pg. 7/11; Mike Miller. Ms. Gibson explained it was reimbursement purposes; He questioned if Jim's Glass; pg. 7 was rental properties; pg. 2; AT&T. pg.4. Cost Advance bill and requested an itemized bill; \$7,422.50; Attorney Smith explained it was for demolition purposes. The Mayor explained it pertained to the various lines of the departments; pg. 1; Lake County Transportation Alliance; The Mayor explained they were associated with Lake County Partners and various projects.

Alderman January questioned Comptroller Gloria Gibson if funds were available and when the checks would be issued. She referred to the Treasurer Kenneth Robinson. He explained the process that the checks were prepared by the Comptroller, invoices were submitted to the Treasurer and he released authorization of all funds.

Ms. Gibson further explained to Alderman January that she was providing the treasure his "due respect."

Alderman Markham clarified that Ms. Gibson provided respect to the Treasurer; an elected official. It incorporated everyone involved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

WINTER HEATING CENTER

Alderman Mayfield questioned if there was heating center available. The Mayor acknowledged the availability of police/fire department including the Red Cross.

SALTING STREETS

Alderman January questioned why there wasn't salt provided to melt the snow. Public Works Director Josh Wheeler explained it didn't fare well with the colder temperatures;

preferably with the teen temperatures.

3RD WARD MEETING

Alderman Evans announced a 3rd ward meeting scheduled January 18, 2014; 12:00-3:30 p.m.

LIBERTY BOWL

The Mayor stated was a chaperone with the North Chicago Band members in Memphis Tennessee. He commended Mr. Presley and the students. He recommended honoring them accordingly. There would be a possible CD of the event.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Charles January – 2364A Delaware Ave., Great Lakes, IL

He was concerned of no policy/procedures in the Comptroller's Office. The process of Officer Perrin's return wasn't proper. He emphasized the ordinance wasn't followed properly for the Lieutenants. They should be placed on the first shift; Monday-Friday. He was also strongly concerned of the officers that were training.

Ralph Peterson Jr. – Waukegan, IL

He presented himself in behalf of Darrin Hanna and emphasized the six officers involved in his death were being promoted. Sergeant Cecala was allegedly utilizing personal use for business purposes of the "Dare" fund. He would provide additional information to the City Council. He, Sergeant Cecala was involved in 80% of the complaints. Darrin wouldn't be forgotten and he shouldn't "be in his grave." Officer Greyor, (one of the six officers) was currently in charge of training.

Betty Harris – North Chicago, IL

She acknowledged God and wished a "happy new year." She stressed the need of harmonizing with one another for the City. She indicated that North Chicago was a low income primarily minority community with the State of Illinois governing the School Board. "Education was power." She encouraged stronger involvement with the school board meetings. The "children were our future."

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 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk