

**MONDAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

**City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL
60064**

Following City Council Meeting



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

7:04 p.m.

Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: Coleman

1. DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Engineer
- Finance Budget Report
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Police
- Public Works
- Treasurer – **January**

Alderman Allen emphasized that there was revenue was being collected for Home Rule Sales Tax and Casino proceeds. Treasurer Vance Wyatt explained that the Home Rule Sales Tax collected for December 2025 was \$1.85 million and the casino was \$617,000. Attorney Adam Simon explained that those monies were being collected so that taxes didn't have to increase; the funds were earmarked for pensions.

2. DISCUSSION OF AN OPERATIONAL POLICY FOR CITIZENS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Chief of Staff Greg explained the Citizens Recognition was to replace the honorary street naming program. Chief of Staff would present for approval at the following regular Council meeting

3. DISCUSSION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS

Chief of Staff Greg explained there was funds from an Illinois DECCO grant, **\$113,000** and the proposed use install card access on City Hall, Police Department, Public Works and Water Department. The purpose was for detailed reporting on building access for Department Heads. The next set was to obtain bids

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Wray that Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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7:09 p.m.**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: Coleman

1. DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSAL FROM LAKELAND ELECTRIC & CONTROLS IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$7,210 TO FURNISH & INSTALL A NEW EATON PUMP CONTROLLER FOR ABBVIE PUMP NO. 4

Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller explained that in previous years the pumps failed but had been repaired and currently another pump failed. Awaiting the motor to be delivered but the controller is beyond repair. Lakeland was the lowest bidder at the time; however, the cost was \$500 more than last year to replace the controller. The plan is to have by next year all four pumps repaired and fully operational and rebuilt.

Alderman Jackson asked for clarification on the number of pumps that needed to be repaired. Mr. Miller explained.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. questioned if Lakeland was still the lowest bidder. Bob confirmed that all pricing was from 2 years prior and did not go back to the other companies because time was of the essence. Lakeland had been the vendor of choice for work at the Water Plant.

2. DISCUSSION OF TO EXTEND THE 2024 WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) PAINTING PROJECT TO FY2026 IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR BP & T CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Miller explained in 2024 there were bids for painting the interior of the Water Treatment Plant and offered to extend the contract for same contract with the same price-agreed of \$100,000. Alderman Jackson asked is there a limitation of time or statutory requirement that indicates deadline of a bid.

Attorney Simon explained that since the scope of work was different the job required new bids.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Public Works Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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7:19 p.m.**

Alderman Brooks called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: Coleman

**1. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION REALLOCATING 2026 VOLUME CAP TO THE
VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE**

Economic and Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained that the state allocated money for private activity bonds based on the population of the community. It allowed for home-rule communities ability to resign their cap to another home-rule community so that those caps could be combined for higher bonds.

Reassigned allocations went to the Village of Buffalo Grove and funds would have to be obtained from Village of Buffalo Grove. The funds had to be used or re-allocated to remain in Lake County. Mr. Wegrzyn noted he was working with Lake County Partners to leverage for future projects. With the amount allocated there is much that can be done, the staff recommendation is to continue to allocate the funds to the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Economic Development / Planning / Zoning Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

