

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon the Roll Call being taken, the following members were present:

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

Absent: Coleman

Mayor Rockingham Jr. announced that Alderman Coleman would be absent due to work and would like to join the meeting via Zoom. Mayor Rockingham Jr. asked if a motion could be entertained to allow Alderman Coleman to join virtually.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to allow Alderman Coleman to participate via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

V. **OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **April 20, 2026**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **April 20, 2026**

5-3 Approval of the Treasurer's Report- **March 2026**

5-4 Approval of An Ordinance Amending the Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County.

5-5 Approval of the Intent to Continue Joint Recipient Agreement for CDBG Funds with Lake County.

5-6 Approval of the FY 2027 Public Works and Facilities Management Vendor List(s) – Facilities Management, Streets, and Water

5-7 Approval of the TAI Work Order for Construction Services for Lewis Avenue Detention Basin Project – Phase 1 in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$80,000

5-8 Approval of a Change Order to Contract with Pipe View America for the FY 2026 Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program, Increasing Contract by \$17,568.40 for a new total of \$150,000

5-9 Approval of the Application for Special Events for Matthew Homes Family Connect Block Party, 1714 Grove Ave

5-10 Approval of the Revised City Salary Ordinance (CSO) and Pay Schedule.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

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Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn

Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn wished all mothers a Happy Mother’s Day

- Youth Financial Literacy Program “Learn It, Us It, Build Your Future” Sat. May 9, 2026, from 11am-12noon, no fee
- Sneaker Ball on May 9, 206 at 6pm at Foss Park District*
- Juneteenth Freedom Celebration on June 13, 2026, from 2pm-6pm at Foss Park District

Call Foss Park for questions

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	411,060.29
Federal Forfeiture Fund	\$	2,100.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$	82,201.12
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	\$	231,244.93
Retiree Premium Fund	\$	15,864.26
Library Fund	\$	8,926.44
TOTAL	\$	751,397.04

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 05/04/26 in the amount of \$751,397.04 when funds become available.

Alderman Allen asked the \$3000 on page 5, that was paid to Ray Edwards. Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained that it was funds provided to the City from Workforce Lake County for outreach work that Rayon Edwards was performing for the State’s Attorney’s Office and throughout the community.

Alderman Allen asked why it was not presented to the City. Mr. Jackson confirmed that it had been discussed previously. It was documented on in the Council Minutes of Feb. 2, 2026, Item 7-3, unanimously approved by the City Council.

Alderman Allen questioned length of time. Mr. Jackson stated it was a six-month agreement. Confirming again that it was not the city’s money. The funding also included \$6000 to offset rent on 10th Street, for the six-month time of the grant.

Alderman Allen asked about funds received for Community Days. Mr. Jackson stated that the City of North Chicago had received \$15,500 to date. Expecting another \$30k and confirmed another \$20k from T-Mobile.

Alderman Allen asked if there would be a monthly report provided. Mr. Jackson indicated that he would be pleased to provide a report.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Brooks offered Condolences and Prayers to Theresa Flowers and her family regarding the accident she witnessed later to be informed it was her brother.
- Alderman Evans announced the 3rd Ward Meeting, May 16, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at City Hall Asking that attendees wear Red & White. Pictures would be taken and information provided.
- Mayor Rockingham Jr. mentioned the Food Truck & Car Show on Lewis Ave. May 28th from 12pm-7pm.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 EXECUTIVE SESSION- 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) LITIGATION, WHEN AN ACTION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICULAR PUBLIC BODY HAS BEEN FILED AND IS PENDING BEFORE A COURT OR ADMINSTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Alderman Brooks moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to Suspend the Regular Order of Business and enter Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Attorney Adam Simon asked Alderman Coleman to disconnect from the Zoom while the Executive Session was in session.

Alderman Coleman agreed and disconnected.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to Resume the Regular Order of Business at 6:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk