

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:03 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, Wray, Murphy

Absent: Coleman, Allen, Brooks

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Coleman and Brooks requested Remote Participation via Zoom. Alderman Allen was out of town and could not attend due to weather.

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to allow Remote Participation (RP) via Zoom for Alderman Brooks.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Wray, Murphy

Nays: None

No Vote: Coleman, Brooks

Absent: Allen

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Alderman Coleman and Brooks were present at 6:07 p.m.**

4-1 Presentation to North Chicago Flames Football Superbowl Championship

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Resolutions Honoring the Players of the North Chicago Flames Football Superbowl Championships.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Wray, Murphy, Brooks (RP)

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. asked the City Clerk to read the Resolution. City Clerk Lori L. Collins read the Resolution of honoring the players. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. said the youth should be recognized for lifting the City of North Chicago with pride and supporting our community. He congratulated the Flames and said there needed to be donations for the players to compete in Detroit, Michigan. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. and Coach Reggie Lewis distributed the 31 individual resolutions to each player.

Coach Lewis announced December 14<sup>th</sup> was the Flames banquet at the Foss Park Community Center, there as going to be a ring ceremony (to be announced later), and expressed the need for donations

(\$5,000) for travel and lodging to compete in Detroit, Michigan. Mayor Rockingham also recommended contacting local businesses for support.

**V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **November 17, 2025**
- 5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **November 17, 2025**
- 5-3 Approval of Treasurer’s Report – **October 2025**
- 5-4 Approval of A Revision to City Salary Ordinance (CSO) for an Additional Management Analyst – City Clerk’s Office – Grade A15
- 5-5 Approval of Authorization to Advertise for Bid – Water Distribution System Leak Detection Services
- 5-6 Approval of Authorization to Advertise for Bid – Valve Exercising and Hydrant Flushing Services
- 5-7 Approval of An Ordinance Approving a Petition by AC Power 50 LLC for Special Use Permit and Variation at 0 Casimir Pulaski Drive (PZC Cases 2025-21 and 22)
- 5-8 Approval of An Ordinance Approving a Petition by AC Power 49 LLC for Special Use Permit and Variation at 0 13<sup>th</sup> Street (PZC Cases 2025-19 and 20)
- 5-9 Approval of An Ordinance Approving a Petition by the City of North Chicago for Zoning Map Amendment at 712 Broadway Avenue (PZC 2025-23)

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Wray, Murphy, Brooks (RP)

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Atlas

He thanked the Mayor and Chief for attending veterans event hosted by Congressman Schneider. Was excited for the North Chicago Flames Football team and reflected on his great experiences and important meaning of youth sports.

Kenneth Smith

Said that he recently returned from Africa representing North Chicago. There were 14 open heart surgeries performed with the mission. He wished all had a Happy Thanksgiving; he hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for seniors. Mr. Smith announced he was hosting a Christmas party on December 13 at Lakehurst; Paint the Town Red theme.

Rayon Edwards

Thanked Council for supporting the youth. He had a senior event/dinner planned at the banquet hall of Kenenth Smith; he was under the impression that it was still open. He received a call from a City of North Chicago attorney that said he couldn’t have the event. Professional he should not have been contacted; the business owner should have. The landlord also called him. He asked the attorney who he worked for;

Attorney Silverman said Ancel Glink. He felt the issue was retaliatory and there were other establishments with more issues with no repercussions. Mayor Rockingham suggested he get both sides of the issue.

Carmecia Hawthorne

**Announced:**

- Lake County Peace Makers for me transitions back to society, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Cookies & Cocoa with Santa, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Toy drive hosted by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Library – Managing Non-profits (Robert Montgomery), December 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Christmas at the Library, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Spice Kick Grab and Nutmeg – starting December 8<sup>th</sup> available until supplies last

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

<b>General Grants Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,496.20</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,291.79</b>
<b>Federal Forfeiture Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,329.25</b>
<b>Water, Sewer &amp; Refuse Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>271,246.83</b>
<b>Library Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36.54</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>633,455.42</b>
<b>American Police Work Dog</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,694.38</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>636,149.80</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 12/01/25 in the amount of \$636,149.80 when funds become available.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Wray, Murphy, Brooks (RP)

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Brooks explained that he was on his way to attend the meeting, announced that Neal Middle School had 10 wins 1 lose. The team was eligible for the playoffs. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. congratulated them
- Mayor Rockingham announced the tree lighting ceremony the following day at 6 p.m. and to meet at the Fire station

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**