

These minutes were approved at the 2/7/11 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2011

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Pineda led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman James Smith was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and West Chicago Police Department Sergeants William Hall and Steve Laub.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during public participation.

A. Proclamation: Radon Action Month. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation in which the Mayor proclaimed January 2011, as Official Radon Action Month in West Chicago. The Mayor then urged everyone to have the test done for the health and safety of their families.

City Treasurer Earley presented a grant on behalf of **4 the People**, to John Kruser of CableCom, Channel 17, in thanks for all the work CableCom has done for them. The Mayor also thanked Mr. Kruser and expressed appreciation on behalf of the City of West Chicago for all that CableCom does for the City.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - January 18, 2011 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - January 24, 2011 | Public Affairs Committee |
| - January 25, 2011 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - January 27, 2011 | Finance Committee (cancelled) |
| - February 1, 2011 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - February 3, 2011 | Infrastructure Committee |

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the January 17, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,364,355.95. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. **Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.**

* **Development Committee:** No report.

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following item:

A. Resolution 11-R-0001 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for Prairie Center Unit B – 440 and 450 E. Roosevelt Road

B. Resolution 11-R-0002 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. for Professional Services Related to FY 2011 Forestry Maintenance Program

C. Resolution 11-R-0003 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Layne-Western Company, Inc. for Professional Service Related to Installation of Casing and Liner at the City's Well Station No. 3

D. Resolution 11-R-0004 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for the North Industrial Park Subdivision

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt the items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report.

* **Finance Committee:** No report

* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

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F. Ordinance 11-O-0002 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 2, Section 2-43 – Stipend Payment Switched to Monthly

G. Ordinance 11-O-0003 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending the Code of Ordinances to Require that City Water and Sewer Accounts be Held in the Name of the Property Owner

H. Resolution 11-R-0005 – A Resolution Making a Determination Relative to the Release of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

I. Resolution 11-R-0006 – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

J. Resolution 11-R-0007 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Watermain and Sanitary Sewer – 110 E. Roosevelt Road

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor spoke of Martin Luther King, Jr. who advocated social change through non-violent means. He was a powerful speaker and a man of great spiritual strength who shaped the American civil rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's. He became the spokesman of peace. He was an unequalled orator, yet some tried to silence him. He brought people together, but some tried to split those people up. He preached the rules of god that all men are created equal, yet some thought that not so. We have come far since Dr. King, but the question still lingers, did we come far enough? It was just last week that people's lives were disrupted by another crazed human being with ideas that people did not have the right to pursue life and speak with their Government leaders. And again, Americans died because of an assassin's bullets. The Mayor asked if Americans could ever settle their differences without the name calling, without the arm bands of a mad dictator, or be able to rally for change without hate of one's political party. Dr. King did teach people to be tolerant, be thoughtful, and most of all, to not judge until they have walked in someone else's footsteps. The Mayor said Americans should tone it down and react peacefully to those that want change. This is a young country and there would be many more like Martin Luther King if given a chance. The Mayor thanked Dr. King for the foundation and said that we will see to it that others finish the building he started.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

14. Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session. Not applicable.

15. Adjournment. At 7:15 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk