

These minutes were approved at the February 2, 2009, City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 19, 2009

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 Stout 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, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. 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 Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. **Public Participation.** The following person spoke during public participation:

1) Dan Bovey, 143 Conde Street, West Chicago, spoke regarding the proposed annexation (Item 8.B. Ordinance 09-O-0003). He said he is the pastor of the church in the area. The church owns six lots that will be annexed and rezoned to ER-1, which does not permit churches. Mr. Bovey asked for some sort of amendment to the annexation to bring the lots into R-5 zoning which is what it is now. He asked that this item be tabled until the zoning could be brought into a manner consistent with current usage.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Pineda announced the Fifth Annual Bowling for diabetes on February 27, 2009, from 9:00 pm to close. The cost is still \$20.00 for pizza, appetizers, and unlimited bowling. The event is for a great cause. There will be a lot of raffle prizes. Over the past five years they have raised over \$30,000 to fight this deadly disease. Lines can be reserved by calling him at home or contacting the Sons of the American Legion, which are helping to sponsor the event along with Len Mahony. Mayor Kwasman said this is a great cause and a great time, and he asked anyone to join in on this event.

**Upcoming Meetings.** The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - January 20, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)             |
| - January 22, 2009 | Finance Committee (rescheduled to February 3, 2009, at 6:30 pm) |
| - January 26, 2009 | Public Safety Committee   |
| - January 27, 2009 | Historical Preservation Commission                              |

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch, to approve the January 19, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,226,934.60. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Bunch, 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:** Alderman Pineda read and explained the following items:

**A. Ordinance 08-O-0080** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Article XIII of the Zoning Code

**B. Ordinance 09-O-0003** – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Providing for Annexation of Certain Territory Located on Blair and Stimmel Streets Between Lyman Avenue and Sherman Street (removed and voted upon separately)

**C. Ordinance 09-O-0004** – An Ordinance Granting a Sign Variance for the West Chicago Park District at Reed-Kepler Park

**D. Ordinance 09-O-0009** – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Church 134 Main Street – Apostolic Assembly Church (removed and voted upon separately)

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

- \* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
- \* **Public Safety Committee:** No report.
- \* **Community Affairs Committee:** No report
- \* **Finance Committee:** No report
- \* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

**E. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2009

**F. Resolution 08-R-0128** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant of Easement for Watermain – 490 and 540 Topsoil Drive

**G. Resolution 09-R-0002** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Lease Agreement for 314 High Street, Unit C – Scott Norris

**H. Resolution 09-R-0005** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Lease Agreement for 124 Fremont Street – Clifford Targalia

**I. Waive** – The Letter of Credit Requirement for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County – Timber Ridge West Enhancement Project

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

## **9. Reports by Committees.**

From Item 8.B: **Ordinance 09-O-0003** – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Providing for Annexation of Certain Territory Located on Blair and Stimmel Streets Between Lyman Avenue and Sherman Street

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-0003. During discussion, Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee to table the motion to allow staff time to research actions to bring this to an R-5 zoning. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

From Item 8.D: **Ordinance 09-O-0009** – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Church 134 Main Street – Apostolic Assembly Church

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-0009. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: Aldermen Chassee, Dimas, and Dzierzanowski. Motion carried.

**10. Unfinished Business.** Alderman Murphy said there were two articles in the Daily Herald about Canadian National Railway. One of their trains derailed in Buffalo Grove. There were 72 cars, and two contained molten sulfur, which is highly toxic. This is something our community will face. On the opposite page was an article on the move to halt the rail merger. West Chicago is going to continue to fight it. TRAC asked for \$7,500, which is a small price for our future, and it is something we should do. The derailment also shut down METRA for the rest of the day. Alderman Murphy asked how such an event would affect West Chicago. He said the molten sulfur was reason alone to continue to fight. Alderman Beifuss said on January 16<sup>th</sup>, in the US Court of Appeals, the City of West Chicago and others filed an emergency motion to stay the effective date of the STB's decision. It is currently pending in the courts. Alderman Pineda said the same motion was filed by Barrington, Bartlett, and Will County itself. West Chicago joined in with TRAC.

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said history is in plain sight – it was just last week that we witnessed the plane crash of flight of US Air 1549 where all on board walked off the flight safely.

We have been witnesses to history being made before our eyes in the last century: a man walking on the moon, the Berlin Wall coming down, the discovery of a vaccine to fight polio or the medical breakthrough of heart transplant surgery. We have seen more history made with the discovery of matching DNA, laser surgery, computer technology and the internet – providing a virtual library of unlimited research capabilities and forever changing the way we do business.

We have seen the end of apartheid in South Africa and the end of segregation.

Of course, we will never forget the attack on the twin towers as we watched on TV as planes declared war on our country.

It is fitting that we honor the Reverend Martin Luther King tonight, because tomorrow history once again will be witnessed with the swearing in of our 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Barack Obama, a man of color.

Look how far we have come as a country. Was it yesterday that we were marching in major cities; or watching young children walking into a school in Selma?

Reverend King should be very proud of this major accomplishment. Our country has finally turned a corner.

We have come far. We have a ways to go. Let us patiently resolve to continue to strive for a world where our accomplishments are measured by our treatment of our fellow man; and let us not forget the words of the great man we honor today: "We have flown the air like birds and swim the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers."

**13. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:18 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk