

These minutes were approved at the 2/21/12 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 6, 2012

**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 Connelly 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, H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

**5. Public Participation.** The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Dave Tornga, Winfield Township Trustee, announced two events coming up: On Thursday, 6:30-9:00 pm, there will be a candidates' forum at St. Andrews Country Club sponsored by the Wayne Township and Winfield Township Republicans. Chamber Director Dave Sabathne will be there. There is no charge. On February 19, 2012, the Winfield Republications will have their annual brunch from 10:30-1:00 pm.

2) Sue Hempe, WeGo Wildcats Special Olympics Club, came to express appreciation to Mayor Kwasman and the City for their support. Ms. Hempe read a letter from her husband, David Hempe. Her daughter, Amanda Hempe, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mayor and Kerry Doremis presented him with a photograph of the student/police team basketball players. The Mayor thanked the group for being a great organization. He said he has been involved with Special Olympics for many years and was pleased to bring them to West Chicago. He hopes it will be one of his legacies.

The Mayor said the agenda order has been revised to speed things up and to show the community that everything is out into the open.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2012.** Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to approve the minutes of January 16, 2012, with no changes. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Resolution No. 12-R-0006** – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

**Resolution No. 12-R-0018** – A Resolution Making a Determination Relative to the Release of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the February 6, 2012, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,137,872.71. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, 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 items:

**A. Resolution 12-R-0011** – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for Ball Horticultural Company - 622 Town Road

**B. Ordinance 12-O-0002** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment Owned by the City of West Chicago

**C. Resolution 12-R-0013** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company Related to the North Avenue Utility Relocation Project

**D. Resolution 12-R-0012** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company Related to the North Avenue Utility Relocation Project

**E. Resolution 12-R-0015** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with CH2M HILL OMI for Professional Services Related to the Reconditioning of Primary Clarifier Tank #2 at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$120,639.00)

**F. Resolution 12-R-0016** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Cark Dietz, Inc. for Professional Engineering services Related to the Digester #2 Improvement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$58,600.00)

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

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following item:

**G. Resolution 12-R-0017** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce for the 2012 Railroad Days Festival

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

\* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley read and explained the following items:

**H. Ordinance 12-O-0003** – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hereto Levied for the Years 2011 through 2020 to Pay the Principal of an Interest on \$21,220,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002, of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois

**I. Resolution 12-R-0009** – A Resolution Creating a Policy Regarding Local Preference for Purchasing Goods and Services

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt the items on the consent agenda. During discussion, the Mayor said the policy (Resolution 12-R-0009) is more than just giving someone a break. It is thinking outside the box by Alderman Fuesting and he would like to thank him for coming up with a way that gives people who work in West Chicago a way to bid on contracts within a 3% level. The Mayor said the people are the heart of the community, but it is the business community that is the backbone. This policy has been a long time coming, and came about by working together with the Chamber. The Mayor thanked Chamber Director David Sabathne for giving his input and making this policy work. This is a monumental resolution that really puts the City ahead of the game. With regard to the new City Hall, the Mayor said he does not know when it will happen. The City owns the land, but more information is needed. He said he is still looking for input from the people of West Chicago. He invited people to contract the City or come to Coffee with the Mayor. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees.** Alderman Dzierzanowski said the County Stormwater Committee has been discussing new regulations. He received a 400 page document on Saturday to be voted upon tomorrow. More time has been requested, and hopefully it will be deferred. These are regulations that will affect every resident in the County. Alderman Dzierzanowski said he will keep the Council up to date. The Mayor asked if there were any

downsides. Alderman Dzierzanowski said there will be a requirement to maintain stricter controls.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

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| - February 7, 2012  | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - February 13, 2012 | Development Committee                   |

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

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:24 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk