

These minutes were approved at the 3/2/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 16, 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 Murphy 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 Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, and Sandy Di9mas were 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 Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, and Deputy Chief of Police Mike Uplegger.

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

1) Don Earley said *4 the People* and the City of West Chicago have joined together to form a group to collect food for the food pantry. The Park District, Library, Fire Department, and the Township Office will also participate. Flood Brothers will provide green containers for the donations. The goal is to have this program up and running the first week of March. The Mayor thanked Mr. Earley for his help.

2) Alderman Pineda said the *Bowling for Diabetes* would be held on February 27, 2009, starting at 9:00 pm. Right now the lanes are full, but there will be food and entertainment. This is the fifth year for raising money for the American Diabetes Association, and they have raised over \$30,000, and hope to top last year, which was \$13,500.

3) Alderman Stout thanked everyone for coming out to the *First Annual Bowling for the Cure*. It was well attended.

4) Alderman Murphy said he represented West Chicago today in a ten minute shopping race event to raise money for the Northwest DuPage Walk-In Food Pantry and the Winfield's St. John's food pantry. The DuPage County Farm Bureau sponsored the event. He raced against the Mayor of Winfield. This year West Chicago won with 458 items for a total of \$1,486.03, against Winfield's 414 items for \$1,247.17. The Farm Bureau writes a check to the food pantry for the difference. Alderman Murphy said it was a pleasure representing West Chicago. It was great fun for a great cause. .

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - February 17, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - February 19, 2009 | Community Affairs Committee |
| - February 23, 2009 | Public Safety Committee |
| - February 24, 2009 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - February 26, 2009 | Finance Committee (cancelled) |

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the February 16, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 457,637.80. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

* **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following item:

A. Resolution 09-R-0006 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to a Recapture Agreement – DuPage Habitat for Humanity Sanitary Sewer Main Extension

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

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

B. Resolution 09-R-0007 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Kramer Tree Specialists, for Professional Services Related to the 2009-2011 Brush Collection Program, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$189,000.00 (removed and voted upon separately)

C. Resolution 09-R-0008 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Classic Landscape, Ltd., for Professional Services Related to the Right-of-Way Maintenance Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$130,718.70

D. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final with the Layne-Western Company, Inc., for Repairs to Well Station No. 9, for an Increase of \$4,022.51

E. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final with the M&A Cement Work, Inc., for the 2009 Sidewalk Maintenance Program, for an Increase of \$10,953.89

F. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final with the J.A. Johnson Paving for the 2008 Resurfacing Project, for an Increase of \$2,496.49

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

* **Public Safety Committee:** No report

* **Community Affairs Committee:** No report

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

G. Ordinance 09-O-0008 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2009, and Ending December 31, 2009, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 08-O-0091

H. Ordinance 09-O-0011 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hereto Levied for the Year 2008 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$2,290,000 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue) Refunding Bonds, Series 1998B, of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois. Treasurer Earley said the amount of the abatement is \$ 227,292.50.

I. Ordinance 09-O-0012 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hereto Levied for the Year 2008 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$21,220,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002, of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois. Treasurer Earley said the amount of the abatement is \$1,720,997.50.

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

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

J. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2009

K. Ordinance 09-O-0020 – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – Tronox LLC – Vacant Land on Stimmel & Pomeroy Streets and Pearl Road Adjacent to the EJ&E Railroad

L. Ordinance 09-O-0001 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of Parcels Commonly Known as the “Tronox Parcels”

M. Ordinance 09-O-0013 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending the Code to Add a Definition for a Banquet Facility, to Add

a New Class “H” Liquor License Category and to Allow Class “C” License Holders to Begin Sales at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday

N, Ordinance 09-O-0014 – An Ordinance Amending the code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 3, Section 3-12(c) to Increase the Number of Class H Liquor Licenses (Gold Rush)

O. Resolution 09-R-0009 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Lease Agreement for 305 Main Street – Keith Parks

P. Resolution 09-R-0010 – A Resolution to Adopt the Municipal Legislative Positions and Priorities for the 2009 Legislative Session

Q. Approve – The State of Illinois Bid for the Panasonic Arbitrator In-Car Video System for Six (6) Vehicles from CDS Office Technologies (for an amount not to exceed \$36,564.00)

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

9. Reports by Committees.

From Item 8.B: Resolution 09-R-0007 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Kramer Tree Specialists, for Professional Services Related to the 2009-2011 Brush Collection Program, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$189,000.00

Alderman Bunch made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dzierzanowski, to approve Resolution 09-R-0007. During discussion, Alderman Bunch said it would be good to hear from staff as to why this contract did not go through the sealed bid process. Public Works Director Flatter explained that staff is asking the City to award a three year no bid contract to Kramer Tree Specialists in the amount of \$189,000. This amounts to \$63,000 per year. Kramer has received the contract 11 out of the past 14 years. Staff believes that no bid would be awarded for two reasons: The prices are competitive and firm for three years. Kramer performs the brush collection for many communities in the western suburbs. Staff believes they are the best in the business. They have the best equipment and they demonstrated that when they do brush collection, there is minimal disruption to the community, and callbacks are rare. They are very courteous and prompt. In the past, the contract asked for a 7 day pick up, but now we are asking for 5 working days, and Kramer will do it in three.

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor’s Comments. The Mayor said today we honor Presidents Day which brings together two great leaders of our nation: Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, Being from Illinois we all know the greatness of old Honest Abe and what he had to endure with a war that pitted brother against brother and the freeing of peoples from other lands, commonly known as slaves.

The federal holiday for Washington’s Birthday honors the accomplishments of the man who has been referred to, for over two centuries, as “The Father of his Country.” He is celebrated for his leadership in the founding of the nation. He was the Electoral College’s unanimous choice to become the first President; he was seen as a unifying force for the new republic and set an example for future holders of the office.

The holiday is also a tribute to the general who created the first military badge of merit for the common soldier, which was revived on Washington’s 200th birthday in 1932. The Purple Heart recognizes injuries received in battle. Like Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Washington’s Birthday weekend offers another opportunity to honor the country’s veterans.

Mayor Kwasman found a quote from President Washington that is relevant for today’s times:

“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:25 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