

These minutes were approved at the 5/6/13 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 15, 2013

1. Call to Order. Acting Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Boy Scout Darrah Beebe, Boy Scout Troop 99, 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, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. The Acting 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, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

5. Public Participation.

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

Kate Dzierzanowski, Jack Dzierzanowski, and Robbie Dzierzanowski, 2456 Lehman Drive, West Chicago, read letters from people regarding the public service of Alderman Dzierzanowski. They thanked him for the excellent representation they received, his many accomplishments, and expressed their regrets at his leaving. In addition,

a) Robbie read the letter from Linda Scheuer, 2480 Bainbridge Boulevard, West Chicago, who also thanked Alderman Dzierzanowski for providing accurate information, and; he read the letter from Linda and Paul Kramer, Mansfield Court, West Chicago, who also were grateful for help with a building permit.

b) Kate read the letter from R. J. Wilkinson, 2379 Kidwell Drive, West Chicago, who noted that Alderman Dzierzanowski was instrumental in keeping a waste transfer station out of West Chicago and worked on the power outages, and; she read the letter from Ryan Kennedy, 2870 Culver Lane, West Chicago, who praised Alderman Dzierzanowski's ability to provide a link between the neighborhood and government.

c) Jack read the letter from Michaela Hull, 7th Ward, West Chicago, who cited Alderman Dzierzanowski's ability to keep the residents informed and aware, and; he read the letter from Linda Cecchini 3013 Braemore Drive, West Chicago, who stated that Alderman Dzierzanowski was the most active aldermen they ever had during their over 45 years of marriage and living in various places.

Ms. Dzierzanowski thanked Alderman Dzierzanowski for his service and for teaching their children about public service and doing the right thing even if it is unpopular or has other ramifications.

A. Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week. Acting Mayor Pineda read the proclamation (copy attached) in which the Acting Mayor recognized the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013, as Municipal Clerks Week and extended appreciation to City Clerk Nancy Smith and all Municipal Clerks for their services and dedication.

B. Proclamation: CASA of DuPage County 20th Anniversary. At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the proclamation in which Acting Mayor Pineda congratulated CASA of DuPage County for twenty years of service to the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court and encouraged citizens to recognize and reach out to those who may be affected by child abuse thereby helping ensure that all DuPage County children may live free of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. The Acting Mayor then presented a copy of the Proclamation to Karen Patton, Director. Acting Mayor Pineda said he attended a CASA event and committed his support then, and again now, to Ms. Patton.

C. Proclamation: Sister Cities – Jazz Band Return from Taufkirchen Trip. At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation Honoring West Chicago Sister Cities and Community High School Jazz Band (copy attached) in which the Acting Mayor proclaimed recognition, pride and gratitude to the West Chicago Sister Cities and the

Community High School Jazz Band for representing West Chicago and continuing to nurture the bond of friendship with Sister City Taufkirchen Vils, Germany. The Acting Mayor then presented a copy of the Proclamation to Mr. Steve Govertsen, Jazz Band director. Sandy Buckles, President of the West Chicago Sister Cities Organization, said it was a real privilege to send 21 Jazz Band students to Taufkirchen (Vils), where they lived with the residents and played jazz. It is a unique opportunity that other towns do not do. She thanked Mr. Govertsen for taking the band members and going to another continent. She said the trip is in line with President Dwight D. Eisenhower's reasons for establishing sister cities. Mr. Govertsen said he has been a teacher for nine years. This was a wonderful trip, and he was happy that Sister Cities provided this opportunity. It was his first time overseas. (His wife is a Spanish teacher and has been able to make a number of trips.) The students were able to play with the German Swing Orchestra whose members have already graduated from school, but they have continued playing as a group. The students saw the birthplace of Mozart (in Austria) and made friendships. The students made him proud to represent West Chicago. The Sister City flew the American flag in town the whole time they were there. The West Chicago flag was displayed at City Hall, which they saw when they went to meet the Mayor.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2013. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to approve the minutes of April 1, 2013, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, 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 April 15, 2013, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 667,982.29. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy and Acting Mayor Pineda 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. Approve – The Purchase of Four 2014 Chevrolet Caprice Police Pursuit Vehicles through the Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract from Miles Chevrolet, Inc, (for an amount not to exceed \$112,880.00)

B. Approve – The Purchase of One 2013 Stainless Steel Dual Auger V-Box Salt Spreader with Self-Storing Leg System from Henderson Truck Equipment (for an amount not to exceed \$21,126.00)

C. Ordinance 13-O-0016 – An Ordinance Amending Appendix G – Fee Schedule, Section 5.1 – Cemetery Fees and Charges, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago

D. Resolution 13-R-0030 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acting Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Cemetery Sexton Management, Inc., for Professional Services Related to Cemetery Sexton at the City's Glen Oak and Oakwood Cemeteries for FY 2013 (for an amount not to exceed \$71,250.00)

E. Resolution 13-R-0031 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acting Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Encap, Inc. for Professional Services Related to the 2013 Water Treatment Plant Native Landscape Improvement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$36,396.50)

F. Resolution 13-R-0032 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acting Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the State of Illinois, Acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, for Professional Services Related to the Upgrade of Traffic Signals on State Highways

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz,

Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting.
Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** No report

* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** None

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the following proclamations (copies attached) in which the Acting Mayor noted that the departing Aldermen have all been valuable members of the West Chicago City Council, served multiple terms, served and led on committees, and each uniquely contributed in some way to ensure the quality of life for all who live and work in West Chicago. He commended each Alderman for his/her efforts and dedication of time and energy for the betterment of West Chicago and proclaimed best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

A. Proclamation: Commendation of Alderman Nanette Connelly

B. Proclamation: Commendation of Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski

C. Proclamation: Commendation of Alderman H. Ronald Monroe

D. Proclamation: Commendation of Alderman Russell Radkiewicz

The Acting Mayor then presented framed copies of the proclamations to each Alderman. He said the Aldermen put in a lot of time and effort into their positions. It takes a lot to step up and do what they feel is right for this community. He said each has done this and he would like to thank them personally. The Acting Mayor wished them good luck in their future endeavors, and thanked them again for their service.

Alderman Connelly said she would like to thank all who serve on this City Council. She also praised the staff for meeting every request and she sincerely said they have been wonderful.

Alderman Fuesting said it is not easy doing public service. Two years ago he was asked by *The Daily Herald* what he thought of the City Council and he said if the Council could be replicated at the State and Federal level, our problems would be solved.

City Treasurer Earley said he talked Alderman Radkiewicz into running for office the first time. He has worked with him on the Finance Committee which did very good work. He also praised Alderman Monroe on their election race. The election was on issues and not personalities. He also remembered Alderman Connelly when she first ran...

Alderman Murphy said it has been an honor serving with all of the departing Aldermen. There have been some tough times, but they made good decisions. He said he does not always see eye to eye, but everyone had the good of the City in mind. He thanked the Aldermen for their time.

Acting Mayor Pineda again thanked all, and said he appreciated all the work that has been done.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 16, 2013	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- April 16, 2013	Historical Preservation Commission (special)
- April 22, 2013	Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)
- April 23, 2013	Historical Preservation Commission
- April 25, 2013	Finance Committee (cancelled)
- May 2, 2013	Infrastructure Committee (cancelled)

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:42 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