

These minutes were approved at the July 18, 2011, City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

July 5, 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. Former Mayor A. Eugene Rennels led all in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Invocation. The City Clerk gave the invocation in honor of former Mayor A. Eugene Rennels. There was a round of applause for Mayor Rennels.

4. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum. Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Sandy Dimas, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Ruben Pineda, Alan Murphy, and Nicholas Dzierzanowski were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. arrived at 7:10 pm.

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

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

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

1) Ms. Joanne Peace, 905 Ridgewood Court, West Chicago, spoke about a large water bill she received and no discrepancies found in her house by the City's inspector. The inspector had recommended the water meter be replaced, but Ms. Peace was unable to get the City to do the replacement. She was here this evening with that request. City Administrator Guttman said the readings on the inside meter and the outside meter were very close so it was unlikely that the meter needs to be replaced. The Mayor said he would look into the matter, but Ms. Peace may not like the answers.

2) Donald F. Earley, City Treasurer, spoke about the idea of naming the Wilson Street Bridge after former Mayor A. Eugene Rennels. He said Mayor Rennels went through many obstacles and overcame numerous challenges to get the bridge built. He was able to obtain funding from a variety of sources. Not only for the bridge, but Mayor Rennels also deserves recognition for his many years of public service, first as a board member of School District 33, as an alderman on the City Council, as City Treasurer, and as the longest serving Mayor in the City's history. Everything Mayor Rennels did was to enhance this City. There was a round of applause for Mayor Rennels.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - July 6, 2011 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - July 7, 2011 | Infrastructure Committee (cancelled) |
| - July 11, 2011 | Development Committee |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the July 5, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 347,338.50. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

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

A. Approve – IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code and the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs (for an amount not to exceed \$919,300.00)

B. Resolution 11-R-0053 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for Dunkin Donuts – 110 E. Roosevelt Road

C. Resolution 11-R-0057 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement between DuPage County and the City of West Chicago for Participation in the CDBG Grant Funding in the Maximum Amount of \$300,543.00 for Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements Associated with Project Number CD11-05 and Known as the Clayton Street Reconstruction Project

D. Resolution 11-R-0058 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with RJN Group, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services Related to the 2011 Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Program (for an amount not to exceed \$29,945.00)

E. Resolution 11-R-0059 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Water Resources, Inc. for Professional Services Related to the 2011 City Wide Water Meter Replacement and Advanced Metering Infrastructure Fixed Network Program (for an amount not to exceed \$3,798,793.00)

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

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

F. Resolution 11-R-0056 – A Resolution to Change the Name of the Wilson Street Bridge to the A. Eugene Rennels Bridge. Alderman Chassee said the resolution passed unanimously in the Public Affairs Committee with only complimentary discussion. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

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

* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

G. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2011

H. Ordinance 11-O-0029 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 3, Section 3-12(c) – Increasing the Number of Class E-1 Liquor License and Authorizing the Issuance of a Class E-1 Liquor License to Mexico City Restaurant, Under Certain Conditions

I. Resolution 11-R-0054 – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

J. Resolution 11-R-0060 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Easement Encroachment Agreement – 1387 Prairie Court

K. Resolution 11-R-0061 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Orange Crush, LLC for Professional Services Related to the 2011 Street Resurfacing Project (for an amount not to exceed \$218,000.00)

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, 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 said this week-end is very important in West Chicago with the celebration of Railroad Days. This is a time when people can gather together in a party like atmosphere, and West Chicago knows how to party. The Mayor invited everyone to

come out and support the not for profits and enjoy themselves. This is something that is still free. The festival winds up with the famous parade. Because West Chicago is the best kept secret in DuPage County, he would like people to come see what is here.

Because of the naming of the *A. Eugene Rennels Bridge*, the Mayor presented a bridge sign bearing, "A. Eugene Rennels Bridge" to Mayor Rennels. Mayor Kwasman said this is an honor for many reasons. He met Mayor Rennels almost 23 years ago. He did not know him, but Mayor Rennels told him all about the City of West Chicago. Mayor Kwasman said it gives him great pride to give Mayor Rennels a copy of the sign on behalf of the City Council and staff. There was a standing ovation. Mayor Rennels said Mr. Earley's remarks mentioned a lot of things, but for the past 13 years, he has been on the Fire Protection District board; however it has taken 38 years for Mr. Earley to see him humbled. Mayor Rennels said he feels humble and proud at the same time to be a member of this community, and he will be for a long time. He feels like the Don Quixote of the south side. He said this bridge will cement the north and south sides. Mayor Rennels said he will not put up a toll booth if the City maintains it.

The Mayor said the Council would adjourn and meet on Wilson Street for the dedication of the new ***A. Eugene Rennels Bridge***

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:30 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