

These minutes were approved at the 8/15/11 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 1, 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.** Alderman Dimas 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, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Alan Murphy and Nicholas Dzierzanowski 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, Chief of Police Laz Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. **Public Participation.** The following people spoke during public participation.

- 1) Dave Tornga, 28W340 Flanders Lane, Winfield Township, congratulated the City on its fiscal responsibility. He said he is very proud that this municipality is in Winfield Township.
- 2) Dirk Enger, District 6 DuPage Board representative, thanked the City for the outstanding job it did regarding the Aspen Ridge fire and said he was so proud to represent this community at the County. He then provided an update on grants made to the City. He praised the West Chicago Police Department and Fire District as outstanding organizations. The Mayor thanked Representative Enger for all his hard work on behalf of the City and the fire victims. It was very much appreciated.

Proclamation: At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the proclamation ***Honoring Ron Ackerman, Retiring Fire Chief, West Chicago Fire Protection District***, in which the Mayor proclaimed, on behalf of the City Council and the entire community, the admiration, esteem and gratitude to Chief Ackerman for his years of service to the West Chicago Fire Protection District and the entire community of West Chicago. The Mayor then presented a copy of the Proclamation to Chief Ackerman, praising his leadership. The Mayor said he sat on the Fire Protection Board when it was working on its referendum, and Chief Ackerman led in organizing the effort. The Mayor said Chief Ackerman would be missed as a Chief, but never as a friend. Chief Ackerman said he really appreciated the overwhelming support, and said the referendum was such a united effort by the entire Fire Department, City Council and other taxing bodies to provide better services. Chief Ackerman said he was happy to have Bob Hodge take over. He will take the Department to the next level.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Stout invited everyone to attend the National Night Out event tomorrow evening at Reed-Keppler Park.

City Clerk Smith announced that there would be an Open House to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Charter of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6791 on August 27, 2011, from noon to 4:00 pm at the Post on Route 59. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

City Clerk Smith announced that the 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Committee is taking nominations for the first annual Hometown Hero Award to be announced at the 9/11 Observance at Reed-Keppler Park at 6:15 pm on September 11, 2011. Nomination forms are available.

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

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| - August 2, 2011 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - August 4, 2011 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - August 8, 2011 | Development Committee |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the August 1, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 344,531.04. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Pineda abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report
* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 11-O-0031 – An Ordinance Modifying Chapter 4, Article I, Building Code of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago

B. Ordinance 11-O-0038 – An Ordinance Amending Section 9-167(c) of Article IX, Relating to Carnivals

C. Approve - Wheaton Academy's Request to Discharge Fireworks on October 7, 2011

D. Approve - The Use of City Right-of-Way, Traffic Control Assistance, Route and Time of the Procession for St. Mary's Walk for the Poor on September 24, 2011

E. Approve - The ABD Cycle Club Bike Races, Including the Street Closure of Enterprise Boulevard on September 24, 2011, and the Street Closures at Route 38 and Technology Boulevard and Fabyan Parkway and Technology Boulevard on October 1, 2011

F. Approve – The Revised Dates of August 5-7, 2011, for the Filming of Autumn Frost

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

* **Finance Committee:** Treasurer Earley said he would have comments under Agenda Item 9K.

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

G. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011

H. Ordinance 11-O-0037 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 – Liquor Licenses, Decreasing Class A-2 – Olympic Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Sandpiper Restaurant

I. Ordinance 11-O-0039 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel Commonly Known as "308-310 High Street" for Assemblage Purposes as Part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

J. Resolution 11-R-0068 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Wayne for the Storage and Loading of Road Deicing Salt

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. During discussion, Mayor Kwasman said he is pleased by Resolution 11-R-0068, regarding the deicing/salt program. This is a goal of West Chicago and other communities to work together for the common good. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. Alderman Meissner left the Council chambers at 7:20 pm. City Treasurer explained the following ordinance:

K. Ordinance 11-O-0040 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2011, and Ending December 31, 2011, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance 10-O-0107 and Amended by Ordinance 11-O-0014

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve Ordinance 11-O-0040. During discussion, Mayor Kwasman said Alderman Meissner left because he is an officer of one of the homeowner associations involved with this ordinance. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Absent: Alderman Meissner. Motion carried.

Alderman Meissner returned to the Council chambers at 7:25 pm.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor also wished to invite everyone and their children to National Night Out. He said the program is not only entertaining, but shows that West Chicago cares. The Police Department will be out there and they will answer questions. The Police do more than just write tickets. They are the ambassadors of West Chicago, and are here to help and they do a great job. The Mayor said the City should celebrate the 27% decrease in the crime rate. No other town has these numbers. The Mayor thanked the Police Department and community.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:27 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