

These minutes were approved at the 11/5/2012 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 15, 2012

1. Call to Order. Mayor *pro tem* Lori J. Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. City Clerk Smith 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., James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman H. Ronald Monroe and Acting Mayor Ruben Pineda were absent. The Mayor *pro tem* 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:

1) Dirk Enger, DuPage County Board District 6 Representative, provided an update on DuPage County's budget. It is \$8 million less than last year. He invited comments and concerns. He thanked Representative Michael Fortner and State Representative Randy Hultgren for obtaining State funds. Representative Enger said there is no major North/South route through DuPage County. He would like to see the study for that route completed. He said there is only \$160,000 for transportation, and West Chicago needs public transportation. He thanked everyone for his time as County Board Representative and was especially proud to represent West Chicago which is a debt-free municipality. He admired how everyone stepped up when the heavy storms hit this summer and when Mayor Kwasman passed away. He said the unemployment number is 7.1% in DuPage County and 6.8% in West Chicago. He commended the City on the improvements made. He thanked City Administrator Guttman and staff for their outstanding work for the Community Development Block Grant funding.

2) Shannon Burns, 1S726 Bender Lane, West Chicago, IL, introduced herself as running for the Forest Preserve District #6. She noted her experiences with a family business and her own business. Through the Morton Arboretum she is in Natural Resource Management. She said if she wins, partisan politics has no place in land management. She noted that her opponent is against the Fleet Maintenance Building as is she.

3) Ed Dieter, 1665 Whispering Oaks Court, West Chicago, spoke about the difficulty of traveling to his neighborhood and home due to the construction at Joliet and Wilson Street, and Joliet Street being one way. He said the police are ticketing many people. He suggested a plan to keep Joliet Street two ways to Wilson. Mayor *pro tem* Chassee suggested he speak with Public Works Director Flatter to address his concerns and see if his solution is workable.

4) Melissa Birch, 411 E. Grand Lake Boulevard, West Chicago, reminded everyone of the American Legion Halloween Party, October 27, 2012, starting at 5:00 pm.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2012. Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to approve the minutes of October 1, 2012, with no changes. The motion was carried by voice vote.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the October 15, 2012, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ \$ 2,996,439.04. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, 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 items:

A. Resolution 12-R-0058 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Isaac Chavez – 134 Main Street (for an amount not to exceed \$2,910.00)

B. Resolution 12-R-0090 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Old Jefferson Enterprises, LLC. – Robert Miller – 131 Main Street (for an amount not to exceed \$6,626.94)

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

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

C. Resolution 12-R-0091 – A Resolution Accepting Public Improvements – 1080 Commerce Drive – West Chicago Fire Protection District – Fire Station #3

D. Resolution 12-R-0092 – A Resolution Accepting Public Improvements – 1651 Atlantic Drive – West Chicago Fire Protection District – Fire Station #2

E. Resolution 12-R-0093 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Tree Tech Pros, Inc. For Tree Stump Removal and Lawn Area Restoration (for an amount not to exceed \$65,673.50)

F. Resolution 12-R-0094 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 and Final with Clark Dietz, Inc. for the Digester #2 Improvement Project (for a total contract amount not to exceed \$72,762.50)

G. Resolution 12-R-0095 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Thomas Engineering Group LLC for Construction Oversight for the North Factory Street Improvement Project

H. Ordinance 12-O-0042 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment Owned by the City of West Chicago

I. Approve – The Purchase of an Additional 500 Tons of Asphalt Materials from Allied Asphalt Paving Company (for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000)

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

* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** No report, but Treasurer Earley said he told District 6 Representative Enger about West Chicago needing public transportation.

* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** Mayor *pro tem* Chassee read the following item:

J. Approve – The Appointment of Sara Phalen to the Cultural Arts Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 30, 2013

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. Alderman Murphy said West Chicago does have some debt, a low interest loan for the water plant. He would like staff to investigate the pros and cons of paying off this loan early. Mayor *pro tem* Chassee agreed, but after the current audit process is completed. If warranted, the item should go to the Finance Committee.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Mayor *pro tem* Chassee announced that the Lion's Club would be having their Pancake Breakfast on November 4, 2013, at the Middle School.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - October 16, 2012 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - October 22, 2012 | Public Affairs Committee |
| - October 23, 2012 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - October 25, 2012 | Finance Committee |
| - November 1, 2012 | Infrastructure 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 7:23 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk