

These minutes were approved at the 11/16/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 2, 2009

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Stout led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** There was no invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Lori Chassee and James Smith were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Deputy City Clerk Jennette Siebens and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present. City Clerk Nancy Smith was absent.

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 person spoke during public participation:

1) John Kruser of CableCom spoke informing that he has uncovered lost tapes. Programs to be aired this week are 2005 Prayer breakfast and the 2007 Manville Bash. More to come.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

- A. **Update on DuPage Mayors and Mangers Conference Activities**

Alderman Beifuss announced that he attended the Mayor's Management Meeting on 10/21/09 and saw a presentation by the Census Bureau and Village of Westmont encouraging "Complete Count Committees." He encouraged citizens to complete census questionnaires while informing of Westmont's tips to get people motivated. Participation in the census is important due to revenue determination by population. Fill out questionnaire in March and remember that personal information will be kept confidential.

Deputy Clerk Siebens made an announcement on behalf of City Clerk Smith, that the Mayor, Aldermen, City Treasurer, all staff, and the community at large are invited to attend the Holiday Party for the Community on December 5, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm. There will be food, music, prizes, and raffles. The event is sponsored by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will be held at the VFW at 431 Neltner Boulevard. More details will follow.

Deputy Clerk Siebens announced on behalf of City Clerk Smith that the semi-annual review of closed session meeting minutes would be conducted at the next city council meeting.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- November 3, 2009 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals- Cancelled.
- November 5, 2009 Infrastructure Committee
- November 5, 2009 Cultural Arts Commission
- November 9, 2009 Development Committee- Cancelled

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the July 6, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 321,598.73. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

- * **Development Committee:** No report
- * **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
- * **Public Affairs Committee:** No report
- * **Finance Committee:** No report

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

I. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2009

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

9. Reports by Committees.

A. Ordinance No. 09-O-0055 – An Ordinance Granting a special Use for an Outdoor Storage Yard at 701 Church Street

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-0055. No discussion. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 09-O-0056 – An Ordinance Granting a Variance to Eliminate Park Lot Landscape Islands for 701 Church Street

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-0056. No discussion. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, 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 sent sympathy to Merle Burleigh and family, on behalf of the city, for the loss of her 10-year-old grandson, Shawn. The Mayor proposed that it might be God's way of calling an angel back. God Bless Merle, Laura, Mark, and family; may Shawn rest in peace and watch over us. West Chicago also mourns with Alderman Dimas whose father passed. The Mayor hopes he looks down and is as proud of her as West Chicago is.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:12pm, Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennette Siebens
Deputy City Clerk