

These minutes were approved at the 12/20/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 7, 2009

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 Chassee 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, 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. Alderman James Smith was absent. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. arrived at 7:12 pm. 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month Proclamation.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation 505, in which the Mayor proclaimed December 2009 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in West Chicago, and called upon all individuals and agencies to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs during the holiday season and throughout the year.

The following persons spoke during public participation:

- 1) John Kruser, CableCom, announced that last week he started playing the music from Railroad Days 2009, and it will be on again this week on Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 pm.
- 1) Brandi Ramundo and Matt Rubino, 4N171 Golf View Court, West Chicago, thanked the City, on behalf of the St. Andrews Estates homeowners who were recently annexed into the City, for looking into the matter of getting the roads completed. Ms. Ramundo said they appreciate being in the City.
- 3) City Treasurer Earley introduced Mike Konowko, Chairman of *4 the People*. Mr. Konowko recognized Wheaton Academy and its choir for their help and participation in the *Prayer Breakfast*, and presented a donation to the choir.

**6. Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Dimas said the Finance Committee meeting would be held tomorrow at 5:45 pm to review the budget.

City Clerk Smith thanked all those who supported the Holiday Celebration for the Community held at the VFW. She also said that Tom Fessler (retired West Chicago police officer) donated wooden toy soldiers (hand made by Garth Keck and painted by Tom Fessler) to the silent auction. They went to a six-year-old boy with leukemia.

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

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| - December 14, 2009 | Development Committee (cancelled)       |
| - December 15, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the December 7, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 846,002.15. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy 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. Resolution 09-R-0080** – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for Prestonfield Subdivision Units 1, 2, 3, and 4

**B. Resolution 09-R-0110** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Amendment No. 1/First Extension to the Well No. 7 Generator Project Broadway Electric, Inc.

**C. Resolution 09-R-0111** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services with Strand Associates, Inc., for the Phase II Design Engineering Services for the Wilson Street/Joliet Street Culvert Replacement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$125,843.29)

**D. Resolution 09-R-0112** – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for the Development Known as 444 Charles Court – Jel Sert Distribution Building Expansion Project

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

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

\* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley again reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:45 pm to discuss the budget.

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

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**F. Resolution 09-R-0109** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Parking Agreement with Naomi Apartments **324, 328, 332, 342, 346**, and **350** Wilson Street

**G. Resolution 09-R-0113** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Right-of-Way Dedication for a Portion of Prince Crossing Road Between Meadowview Crossing and the Illinois Prairie Path

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** City Treasurer Earley said he read in *Crain's* that the Water Commission for Lake Michigan water may be auctioned off to a company in Spain. He commented that in the 1980's, the Council rejected switching to Lake Michigan water, and the current Mayor (Mayor Kwasman) got the City out of the Water Commission. Rates for West Chicago water are lower than most municipalities and could possibly become one of the lowest in DuPage County because West Chicago controls its own water and its own rates.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said we all remember September 11<sup>th</sup> and what this country went through. The prior generation went through the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The Mayor said it is fitting that we remember the servicemen across the world protecting our rights. It gets lonely for them around Christmas without their families. The Mayor asked West Chicago to keep them in their prayers and support the USO, American Legion, and VFW to send packages to our servicemen at Christmas.

The Mayor said earlier he had a Proclamation about drunk driving. He urged everyone to be careful out there. It is a party time of year and people have to take responsibility – to know when to stop and when to drive. He would like West Chicago to be the safest community in the county.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:21 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] and conduct the semi-annual Review of Official Records [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)].

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

**15. Adjournment.** See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk