

These minutes were approved at the 5/5/14 City Council meeting without changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2014

- 1. Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Hallett 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 Donald F. Earley, James Smith, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. arrived at 7:12 pm. Alderman Lori J. Chassee was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present. .

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, and Chief of Police Laz Perez with the following officers: Deputy Chief Mike Uplegger, Commander Bill Hall, Commander Stephen Laub, and Sergeant Spencer Kroning.

5. Public Participation.

A Recognition: Top Traffic Performers. Chief Perez said during group meetings, the community has identified traffic as an area of concern in West Chicago. So there is an enhanced traffic unit of 2-4 officers. They have been recognized in three different categories: DUI Enforcement; Enforcement for Speeding; and Occupant Safety (seat belts). The top DUI officer is Jonathan Jones who had the most DUI arrests. Honorable mentions went to Mike Cuming and Rick Sauseda. For Occupant Safety, Jeff Moos tied with Don Landbo, with an honorable mention to Jonathan Jones. Enforcement for Speeding, Jeff Moos and Mario Fearon with an honorable mention to Jonathan Jones.

B. IDOT has recognized 24 officers for enforcement. There have been over 1,000 DUI arrests. More information on this honor will come in the future.

The Mayor thanked all the officers for their recognition. He said it is great to hear how wonderful our police officers are and wherever he goes, he speaks of our Police Department. The Mayor said West Chicago has become one of the top 100 safest communities in the nation with a 35% drop in the crime rate. The Mayor would like to have all 24 officers come to be recognized at City Hall.

C. Proclamation: Autism Awareness Month. The Mayor read the Proclamation in which he proclaimed April as Autism Awareness Month in West Chicago to promote awareness and early detection of autism. The Mayor said he wanted to make sure people understood how important this topic is. He has good friends who have autistic children, Juan Chavez from Jel-Sert and his son, Chris, were in the audience. Also attending was Peter DiCianni, District 2 DuPage County Board Representative. Representative DiCianni spoke about the early detection of autism in his daughter which has led to her now being a fourth grader mainstreamed into a regular classroom. He said the earlier autism is detected, the better the treatment chances. Families need to be aware of this condition. A Proclamation will be read tomorrow at DuPage County.

No one spoke during regular Public Participation:

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2014. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve the April 21, 2014, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 623,166.16. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, 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:**

A. Resolution No. 14-R-0017 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Engagement Letter with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Professional Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2014 Through 2017. (removed from the Consent Agenda and voted upon separately)

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

B. Approve - Re-appointment of Aaron Hannemann to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Ending April 30, 2019.

C. Resolution No. 14-R-0012 – A Resolution to Adopt the Municipal Legislative Positions and Priorities of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for the 2014 Legislative Session.

D. Approve - The City Administrator's Emergency Purchase of Sewage Hauling Services from Selsor's Pumping Service, Inc. for the Broken Forcemain from Sanitary Lift Station #5 (for an amount equal to \$22,925.00).

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Smith, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, and Fuesting. Alderman Banas voted present. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A. Resolution No. 14-R-0017 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Engagement Letter with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Professional Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2014 Through 2017. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve Resolution 14-R-0017. During discussion, Alderman Earley said this firm has been the City's auditor for five years and will be extended for another five years. He commented that changing the auditors every five-seven years is a good practice to ensure that any errors are not continued on unknowingly. He would like to see this company renewed for 2014 and 2015, and then start looking for a new auditor. Alderman Murphy also thought a change every so often is a good plan citing a personal experience in his business. City Administrator Guttman and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin spoke of best practices and said the auditors are not there to detect fraud. Ms. Martin spoke of the benefits of keeping the current auditor. Alderman Dimas pointed out that the City has achieved the Financial Certificate of Achievement while having this auditor. The Mayor said changing auditors is something that could be addressed in the future, but for now he feels comfortable with this group as they are one of the top audit companies. The Mayor also said the Finance Department is doing a good job, too. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

April 22, 2014	Historical Preservation Commission (cancelled)
April 24, 2014	Finance Committee (cancelled)
April 28, 2014	Public Affairs Committee
May 1, 2014	Infrastructure Committee

The City Clerk announced that there would be a Trivia Night on May 2, 2014, starting at 7:00 pm at the VFW on Route 59. Cost is \$10.00 per person or \$50.00 for a table of six.

The City Clerk announced that there would be a special Mother's Day dance with complimentary lunch at Tango Argentina on Mother's Day starting at 11:30 am. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

The City Clerk also announced there would be a car show on August 16, 2014, at the VFW parking lot. More details will follow.

Alderman Dimas reminded everyone that Bloomingfest is coming up on May 17, 2014. The Mayor said it is always a very good festival and one of the top five events in the County and it continues to get bigger. It is a great event and a lot of people from all over come.

The Mayor said this Friday, April 25, 2014, District 33 would be having their 6th Annual Wellness Walk, and he will be walking with them for a mile. He invited others to join in. He has the schedule for those who are interested.

The Mayor said the Officer Michael J. Browning race/walk event took place on Saturday. He said there was a great turn out with a lot of runners. Several of the aldermen and their families also participated.

The Mayor said the District 33 WeGo run will be held in May.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said last Thursday, April 17, 2014, was a solemn day for him as it was the second anniversary of Mayor Kwasman's death. Mayor Pineda hopes everyone keeps Mayor Kwasman in their hearts and minds. He was special to a lot of people. Mayor Pineda said he misses him as a good friend, and he would like to continue the things that Mayor Kwasman started.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:34 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