

These minutes were approved at the 8/4/14 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

July 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 Fuesting 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., Donald F. Earley, James Smith, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Mark Edwalds was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Keith E. Letsche, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Peter Zaikowski, IT Manager.

5. **Public Participation.** The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Marilyn Kroll, 199 W. North Avenue, #107, West Chicago, thanked those who prayed and sent good wishes for her recent eye surgery which went well. She also wished to pay honor to former Senator Alan Dixon who passed away about three weeks ago. He was a bipartisan. Ms. Kroll said she was interested in job growth and creation. She said this week is the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In honor of that she asked the Mayor and City Council to form a task force to create job growth for people with special needs. She would be willing to help. She suggested a job fair with two big employers in West Chicago (General Mills and Ball Seed). She would like to follow up in 30 days to see how the City will handle this.

2) Mayor Pineda said he was honored to have the Schmidt family in attendance. At the last Council meeting, the Mayor had discussed Nathan Schmidt being chosen for a study in Boston regarding a bionic pancreas. The bionic pancreas allows a person with Type I diabetes to live a normal life. Also present this evening is Mary Agnes Zellmer of the Zellmer Childhood Disease Fund. He has worked with her many years raising funds for childhood diabetes. Nathan said hello and said this means so much to him. He is leaving August 2<sup>nd</sup> for Boston. Mrs. Schmidt thanked everyone for their help. The family is very grateful for this opportunity. Ms. Zellmer also thanked the Mayor, the City of West Chicago, and the Lions Club for all the assistance that has been received. She said the bionic pancreas can be developed for Type II diabetes, and could be used for people in ICU. She said next year, they hope to continue the study with an adult from West Chicago. She also announced that there is a **Ruben Pineda Scholarship** for children to attend camp. The Mayor said the Lions Club was very generous as was Jel-Sert and others. He wished Nathan well and said he wants to hear all about it when he returns home.

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

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the July 21, 2014, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 747,815.16. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, 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. Ordinance 14-O-0023** – An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to the Outside Storage Special Use for 1200 N. Prince Crossing Road – Forming America, Ltd.

**B. Resolution 14-R-0038** – A Resolution to Accept Planning Staff Assistance Services Delivered by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

**C. Resolution 14-R-0039** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a First amendment to the Property Purchase and Remediation Agreement – 151 W. Washington Street

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

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following items:

**D. Resolution 14-R-0040** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Landmark Contractors, Inc., for Services Related to the 2014 Metra Station Stair Reconstruction Project (for an amount not to exceed \$42,377.95)

**E. Resolution 14-R-0041** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Water Well Solutions Illinois Division, LLC for Services Related to the Maintenance and Repair of the Well and Well Assembly at the City's Well Station No. 3 (for an amount not to exceed \$216,617.00)

**F. Approve** - The Purchase of One 2014 Ford F-150 2wd Pick-up Truck with Lift Gate from Zimmerman Ford of St. Charles, Illinois (for an amount not to exceed \$23,393.00)

**G. Approve** – The Purchase of One 2015 Ford F-250 Pick-up Truck from Haggerty Ford of West Chicago, Illinois (for an amount not to exceed \$33,798.00)

**H. Approve** – The Purchase of Three 2015 Ford F-350 Pick-up Trucks from Haggerty Ford of West Chicago, Illinois (for an amount not to exceed \$104,340.00)

**I. Approve** – The Purchase of Four 2015 Ford E-350 Cutaway Vans (cab and chassis only) from Haggerty Ford of West Chicago, Illinois (for an amount not to exceed \$93,656.00)

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** Alderman Murphy complimented staff on how well they worked with the P.J. Spring Company getting situated on Atlantic Avenue. Their business may double or triple in size.

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

July 22, 2014	Historical Preservation Commission
July 24, 2014	Finance Committee (cancelled)
July 28, 2014	Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)

Alderman Hallett said he will be attending the great air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin next week. Look for him there as "General Al." He has been going there for 16 years.

Alderman Stout said the National Night Out event will take place the first Tuesday in August, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at Reed-Keppler Park. The Mayor said the City has always received great awards for its National Night Out program. He encouraged everyone to come out and have a good time. It is great for the community to come together.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said the new group, **Healthy West Chicago**, is starting up in West Chicago with 40 partners. They are working together to give people options for healthier living such as more bike and walking paths. There will be a neighborhood block party at the Lehman Middle School on August 19, 2014, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. The Mayor hopes the community will come out. The event will jump start **Healthy West Chicago**. The Mayor said United Way came to the City saying there are here in West Chicago and will help in any way they can. There are several families in need. The Mayor said it is good to have United Way permanently in town.

**14. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:15 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