

These minutes were approved at the 01/05/15 City Council meeting.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
December 15, 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 Grodoski led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Swearing in of Melissa Birch – Ward 4 Alderman.** Mayor Pineda introduced Ms. Birch as an active member of the community. She has been involved with the West Chicago Sister Cities Organization, and has been on the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals and the Civil Service Commission as well as other community committees. City Clerk Smith administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Birch. Alderman Birch then took her place at the Council.
4. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.
5. **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, Melissa Birch, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Sean Conway, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Acting Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

6. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during regular Public Participation.

**A. Proclamation: Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the proclamation in which Governor Pat Quinn proclaimed December 2014 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in Illinois, and called upon all to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired drinking, and to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs this December holiday season and throughout the year.

**B. Public Hearing: 2015 Proposed Budget.** The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm. No one on the City Council spoke for or against the proposed budget. No one from the audience spoke for or against the proposed budget. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

7. **City Council Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2014.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Birch abstained. Motion carried.

**8. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the December 15, 2014, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 464,378.37. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

\* **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

**A. Resolution 14-R-0081** – A Resolution to Accept Planning Staff Assistance Services Delivered by the Regional Transportation Authority

**B. Ordinance 14-O-0025** – An Ordinance Granting Special Use Permits for a Meeting Space and Place of Worship – West Chicago Community Center, Inc. – 306 Main Street

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

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

**C. Approve** – Change Order No. 1 and Final to the Contract with Landmark Contractors, Inc. for an amount of \$2,442.42 for Services Related to the 2014 Metra Station Stair Reconstruction Project

**D. Resolution 14-R-0076** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Alaniz Landscape Group, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois, as Lowest Responsible Bidder, to Provide Services Related to the 2015 Parkway Tree Planting Program, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$44,730.00

**E. Resolution 14-R-0077** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Steve Piper & Sons of Naperville, Illinois, as Lowest Responsible Bidder, to Provide Services for the 2015 Forestry Maintenance Program, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$66,395.45

**F. Resolution 14-R-0078** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Plat of Easement for Installation and Maintenance of a Fence on a Portion of the Property of 2541 Meadowlark Drive

**G. Resolution 14-R-0079** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Winfield Township Road District and the City of West Chicago for Snow Removal Operations

**H. Resolution 14-R-0085** – A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement between DuPage County and the City of West Chicago for Participation in CDBG Funding for the Wood Street Rehabilitation Project

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

\* **Finance Committee:** Alderman Dimas read and explained the following items:

**I. Resolution 14-R-0082** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with GovHR USA for Executive Recruitment Services for an Amount not to Exceed \$25,000.00

**J. Ordinance 14-O-0029** – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2014, and Ending December 31, 2014, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 13-O-0042

**K. Ordinance 14-O-0034** – An Ordinance Levying Taxes on Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of West Chicago as that Property is Assessed and Equalized for State and County Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2015, and Ending December 31, 2015, DuPage County, Illinois,

**L. Ordinance 14-O-0035** – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2015, and Ending December 31, 2015, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 2

**M. Ordinance 14-O-0036** – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2015, and Ending December 31, 2015, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 27

**N. Ordinance 14-O-0030** – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2015, and Ending December 31, 2015

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

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

**O. Approve** - The Appointment of Michael Schafer to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2015

**P. Approve** – The Appointment of Sarah Schafer to the Civil Service Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2015

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

**10. Reports by Committees.** None

**11. Unfinished Business.** None

**12. New Business.** None

**13. Correspondence and Announcements.**

The City Clerk announced that today was the first day to file for the Consolidated Election of April 7, 2015. There will be no lottery for the people in line this morning as they were all for different offices and no petitions came in the first mail. There may still be a lottery if there are two or more filers in the last hour of filing on December 22, 2014.

The City Clerk announced that the VFW would be sponsoring a Trivia Night on January 9, 2015, at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 a person or \$50.00 for a table of six. The public is welcome.

**14. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said Frosty Fest, one of his favorite events, was very successful. The three essay winners read their essays. He thanked the many volunteers including Santa and Mrs. Claus. He also thanked all those who came out.

The Mayor said the budget was approved this evening. He is very proud of how fiscally responsible and healthy the City is. The budget is down 6.6%, but we are still able to run a great community. The General Fund went up a little because of the amount of salt needed last winter, and for the police pension. The Mayor thanked the staff for all their hard work.

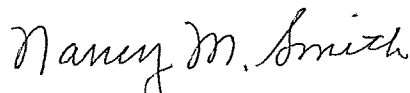
The Mayor said Christmas is coming and people will be traveling. He hopes everyone stays safe and makes it safely into the New Year.

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

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:20 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