

These minutes were approved at the 2/2/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
January 19, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Jim Smith 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 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. 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, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

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

1) Becky Hall, 212 Fulton Street, West Chicago, provided a brief outline of the Sister Cities International programs and goals. She introduced herself as the new President of the West Chicago Sister Cities Organization, and invited anyone who wished, to participate in a cultural exchange with our sister city, Taufkirchen (Vils), Germany in June. Visitors will stay in German homes and learn German customs. The next meeting of the West Chicago Sister Cities group is on February 5, 2015, at the Fox Community Center at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend. Mayor Pineda congratulated Ms. Hall on being the new President, and said he will be going to Germany in June along with Len Mahony and his son-in-law. The Mayor said he will give his speech in German. He is looking forward to the trip.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2015.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Earley passed. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the January 19, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,452,758.08. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

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

A. **Ordinance 15-O-0002** – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Facility – 1965 Powis Road

B. **Resolution 15-R-0002** – A Resolution Approving the Sonni Nguyen Shell Plat of Re-subdivision

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen 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 item:

C. **Resolution 15-R-0003** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the West Washington Street Environmental Cleanup Project

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch, to adopt the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, 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**

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| - January 22, 2015  | Finance Committee (cancelled) |
| - January 26, 2015` | Public Affairs Committee      |

The City Clerk announced that this Saturday, January 24, 2015, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, there will be a chili cook-off at the VFW. The cost is lower than last year. It is now \$7.00 per adult, \$3.00 for 11 years old and younger, and free for those under 3 years of age. Judges will be Mayor Pineda, Aldermen Stout and Hallett, and Gary Saake, District 94 School Board President.

Alderman Birch announced the resumption of the Soup and Bread meals on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month: January 22, February 26, March 26, and April 23, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at American Legion Post 300, 123 Main Street, West Chicago. There is no cost for the meal, but donations will go to the Neighborhood Food Pantry of West Chicago. The Mayor said this is a very wonderful event. It is free, but the donations from the last few times resulted in \$500.00 donations to the Food Pantry. He made soup one year; anyone can do it. The Mayor said to direct questions to Alderman Birch.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor had several items to discuss.

1) The WeGo Wildcats Special Olympics Club will host the Fourth Annual Kwasman Classic will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2015, in Bishop Gym at Community High School, starting at 6:30 pm. The West Chicago Fire Department and Police Departments will be playing each other. Members of the Special Olympics will get to play with the Fire Department. Mayor Kwasman started this event a number of years ago. The Mayor said the City is very honored to have Special Olympics here in West Chicago. This is their one fundraiser in the year.

2) Coffee with the Mayor will be held on January 31, 2015, from 9:00 am to noon. All are welcome to come out to complain or give accolades.

3) Community Forum for Healthy West Chicago will be held on January 29, 2015, 7:00 pm at the West Chicago Park District's ARC. Forums were held with faith communities, students, and businesses. This last one will be open to the public.

4) Bowling for Diabetes, Bowling Green in West Chicago, February 27, 2015, 7:00 pm and 9:15 pm. Cost is \$30.00 and it covers unlimited bowling, shoe rental, and food. Proceeds benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). The Mayor said he works with the Zellmer Childhood Disease Foundation in Geneva. They were able to send West Chicagoan Nathan Schmidt to a clinical trial studying bionic pancreases in Boston last year.

**14. Executive Session.** At 7:15 pm, Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. Motion was carried by voice vote. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

**16. Adjournment.** See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk