

These minutes were approved at the 3/16/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2015

1. Call to Order. Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Boy Scout Devon Goeckner of Troop 21, 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, Melissa Birch, 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 Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Acting Chief of Police Mike Uplegger and many members of the Police Department, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation.

Presentation of Four Lifesaving Awards – The Mayor said four people were being honored this evening for their heroism in saving lives. This is a very proud night. Two are police officers and two are civilians. The Mayor read from the award citations and then presented them to each individual thanking them for their life saving efforts.

*** Officer Jonathan Jones** – Officer Jones twice saved individuals from heroin overdose. He was able to correctly diagnose the problem and appropriately use Narcan. Both individuals survived.

*** Officer Jeffrey Moos** – Officer Moos responded to an individual in cardiac arrest. He was able to use the AED equipment (in all police cars) and apply chest compressions until emergency medical personnel arrived. The individual survived and was in the audience this evening. He is a neighbor of Alderman Meissner who also thanked Officer Moos saying a lot of people are very thankful for Officer Moos' actions.

*** Jacob Schroeder and Brian Donlan** – These two individuals came upon a fiery crash on Route 59 on December 5, 2014. They stopped and helped to assist a victim to get out of the car. Their actions were selfless and brave and they saved a life that day.

Detective Robbi Peterson of the West Chicago Police Department spoke about the fundraising efforts that the Police Department officers do for Special Olympics with their Torch Run. He said this week-end the annual Polar Plunge would take place in Yorkville at 1:00 pm. On behalf of the FOP, he presented a plaque of appreciation to Chief Uplegger. The Mayor thanked Detective Peterson for all the work he has done. The Torch has come through West Chicago and our officers were able to carry it. There is also the Kwasman Klassic where the police officers play basketball against the fire fighters.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2015. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of February 16, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Alderman Chassee abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the March 2, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 463,355.05. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

*** Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 15-O-0008 – An Amendment to the City Code Regarding the Licensing of Precious Metals Dealers – Reducing the Number of Licenses

B. Approve – The 2015 Blooming Fest Event on May 16, 2015, Including the Closure of Galena Street from Main Street to Tye Court on May 15, 2015, the Closure of Main Street from West Washington Street to Chicago Street on May 16, 2015, Allowing Event Signs in the Right-of-Way and Providing Police and Public Works Labor Services at No Charge

C. Approve – St. Mary's Parish's Stations of the Cross Event on April 3, 2015

D. Resolution 15-R-0012 – A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditures of Funds for the 2015 Railroad Days Festival – Parade and Fireworks

Alderman Chassee 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, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

E. Ordinance 15-O-0007 – An Ordinance Amending 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, and Adopted by Ordinance No. 14-O-0030 – Project Carryover

F. Ordinance 15-O-0009 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Economic Incentive Agreement – Wise Plastics Technologies

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

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

G. Resolution 15-R-0013 – A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) and Authorizing the City Administrator to Approve a Contract with the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider

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

- March 2, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- March 5, 2015	Infrastructure Committee
- March 5, 2015	Cultural Arts Commission
- March 9, 2015	Development Committee

The City Clerk announced the following activities at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post:

March 13, 2015 (Friday the 13th) Trivia Night

March 14, 2015 – Poker starting at 2:00 pm at St. Andrews Golf Club

March 14, 2015 – The Wheaton VFW Auxiliary will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the West Chicago VFW Post

The VFW will sponsor another Trivia Night and Poker Night in April

The Mayor announced that there would be a debate on Saturday, 9:30 am, at the Fox Community Center for the candidates running in the 4th Ward and the 7th Ward. The Wheaton League of Women Voters is sponsoring the event.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out on Friday for the Bowling for Diabetes fundraiser. They raised almost \$8,000 that evening. They have started the Joseph Mahony Scholarship Fund. Len Mahony started as Salesman of the Day at Grobe Hardware Store to raise funds for diabetes. It has grown into the event it is today. A \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to one child from our high school for his/her college education. There is also the Ruben Pineda Fund which will allow another child to receive \$2500. Since they have merged with the Zellmer Childhood Disease Foundation, they are able to send 13 diabetic children to camp up north.

14. Executive Session. At 7:21 pm, Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grodoski, to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)], personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)].

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