

These minutes were approved at the 12/15/14 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 1, 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, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Laura Grodoski was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director John D. Said, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey and Krista Coltrin, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, Deputy Police Chief Mike Uplegger, Police Commander Stephen Laub, and six other police officers.

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

A. Presentation: Brilliance in Business Awards. Mayor Pineda called upon Marketing and Communications Coordinator Mackey who presented a film with the following 2014 winners of the Brilliance in Business Awards:

Economic Development: Haggerty Ford, 330 Roosevelt Road. The Haggerty family acquired the Ford franchise at 601 Roosevelt Road in March 2005. They moved in November 2009 to 330 Roosevelt Road. They renovated the building and exterior, and they continue to make improvements. They increased their sales by 80% and their workforce by 35%, currently employing 34 people. They won Ford's 2012 prestigious Presidential Award. They have generated well over \$1 million of sales tax revenue. Jerry Haggerty Sr., Bill and Jerry Haggerty, Jr. and John Czek were in attendance to accept the award from Mayor Pineda.

Community Image Award: Synergy Builders, Inc., 850 Meadowview Crossing. This design build home remodeling company has received recognition from Best Companies Group (as a Best Place to Work in Illinois for companies with 15-99 employees) and Angie's List (Super Service Award for areas ranging from price and professionalism to punctuality). This company specializes in project management and coordinates comprehensive planning of jobs from start to finish in the Chicagoland area. John Habermeir and Steve Taylor, owners, were in attendance to accept the award from Mayor Pineda.

Community Service: Pro-Pak Industries, 1099 Atlantic Drive. This company has been responsible for great product innovations, including its patented detectable tape and tracer wire which is used to mark underground utilities and for the research and design of emergency preparedness kits for school backpacks and use by community groups such as CERT. Owner Darrel Holmes is equally known for his generosity and compassion. Vests, safety cones, safety gloves, suits and tapes have been donated to communities all across the country suffering from natural disasters. Supplies were sent to Oklahoma on the occasion of the tragedy of the bombing of the Federal building in 1995. ProPak returned to Oklahoma to aid disaster efforts following the F5 tornado in 2013. Tens of thousands of dollars have been donated to causes and organizations including PADS, the Foundation for DuPage County Animal Care and Control, Casey's Safe Haven holistic horse rescue and many more. Darrel Holmes was in attendance to accept the award from Mayor Pineda.

Small Business of the Year: Changarro Restaurant, 1400 S. Neltnor Boulevard. This restaurant has a fusion of Mexican and Brazilian cuisines. Chef Rigo Zamora's menu caught the attention of WGN-TV's Chicago's Best through fan postings on the show's Facebook page. The business continues to benefit from reviews and comments posted to multiple social media platforms about the quality of the food and drinks, its gluten-free menu options and the convenient location. It rates a 5 star overall rating on TripAdvisor. Owners Shawn and Andy Patel could not be in attendance this evening. Mayor Pineda said they are very appreciative of this award. The Mayor praised the very delicious food.

Green Initiatives: Loggerhead Deco, Inc., 1187 Hawthorne Lane. This company moved to West Chicago in 2013 and is a leading decorator of screen printed glass bottles with a niche in craft spirits. They have a staff of 32 and are experiencing growth at a rate of 30-40% every six months. Their bottle designs are in 50 states and 11 countries. The facility is set up to decrease or eliminate VOC (volatile organic compounds) from the decorating process by utilizing ultraviolet light, and the company has chosen to decorate on substrates that are known to be eco-friendly, as well as having strategic partnerships with craft distillers that share their sense of responsibility to the environment. Owners Cindi and Steve Gilbertson were in attendance to accept the award from Mayor Pineda.

Ms. Mackey assisted the Mayor with the presentation of the awards. The Mayor said he enjoys having West Chicago's businesses recognized every year, and believes more and more of them will be nominated.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2014, and November 24, 2014.

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of November 17, 2014, and November 24, 2014, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, 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 December 1, 2014, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 601,407.33. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, 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. Resolution 14-R-0073 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract between the City of West Chicago and B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. for Plan Review, Inspection Services and Code Enforcement Services (for an amount not to exceed \$345,000.00 per year)

B. Resolution 14-R-0045 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation

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

C. Resolution 14-R-0074 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Easement for a Watermain and Ingress-Egress – 314 S. Neltnor Boulevard - Autozone

D. Resolution 14-R-0075 – A Resolution Authorizing the City to Submit a Brownfields Clean-up Grant Application to the USEPA for the West Washington Street Redevelopment Project

E. Appointment – Melissa Birch to an Unexpired Term – Ward 4 Alderman (effective December 15, 2014)

F. Appointment – Michael Uplegger as Acting Chief of Police

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

December 2, 2014	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
December 4, 2014	Infrastructure Committee
December 8, 2014	Development Committee
December 9, 2014	Finance Committee

The City Clerk announced that she had tickets available for the Holiday Party for the Community, sponsored by the American Legion/Veterans of Foreign Wars, which will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, starting at 5:30 pm at the American Legion. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person or two for \$35.00. Members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend

The City Clerk announced she also had tickets for the annual fundraiser for the Municipal Clerks of Illinois.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor wanted to ensure that everyone knew that Frosty Fest would be held this Saturday. There will be many events. There will be a parade and tree lighting ceremony. The three students who won the essay contests will be there to read their essays. They are Sneha George of Wegner School, Kylie Doyle, Gary School, and Carlos Espinoza, Pioneer School. There is an app that provides information on the events. The mural of Annie Holmes will be unveiled. This is a great opportunity for the community to get together. The title of the mural is "In This Together."

The Mayor announced the sad news that former Alderman Nanette Connelly passed away. Nanette was a supervisor for over 28 years with USG Corporation in Chicago, but also spent 40 years in politics with the DuPage County Republicans. She served as Township Clerk and Alderman. She was president of the Lion's Club. She was always involved and will be missed.

14. Executive Session. At 7:31 pm, Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley, to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:21 pm. Roll call found Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting present.

14. Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session. City Attorney Bond said approval is needed to authorize a retirement agreement with Laz Perez as Police Chief effective immediately and allow him to use his accrued time to stay on health insurance until April 2015. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve this agreement with a deadline of December 3, 2014, for acceptance. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment. At 8:23 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