

These minutes were approved at the 5/18/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Mayor Rodney Craig of Hanover Park led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.
4. **Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey.** Mayor Pineda introduced Judge Kelsey who thanked the Mayor and Council for all their hard work. Judge Kelsey then administered the Oath of Office to the following elected Aldermen:

Ward 1 – James Beifuss
Ward 2 – Jayme Sheahan
Ward 3 – Alton Hallett
Ward 4 – Melissa Birch
Ward 5 – Kurt Meissner
Ward 6 – Rebecca Stout
Ward 6 – Mark Edwalds (2 year term)
Ward 7 – Noreen Ligino-Kubinski

The Aldermen then took their places at the Council. Copies of the oaths are attached.

5. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.

Roll Call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Donald F. Earley, Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. 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, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director John D. Said, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

6. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: Motorcycle Awareness Month. At the Mayor's request, Alderman Chassee read the Proclamation in which the Mayor, in recognition of 29 years of A.B.A.T.E. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) of Illinois, Inc., and the over 638,000 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness, proclaimed the month of May 2015 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in West Chicago and urged all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways. Mayor Pineda urged people to be on the lookout for motorcyclists as there are many in West Chicago including friends of his.

No one spoke during Public Participation.

7. City Council Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2015. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the May 4, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 255,969.29. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

Items Not Sent to Committee:

A. Ordinance No. 15-O-0016 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 Traffic, Article XVII. Schedules of Designated Streets of the City Code

B. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of David Kasprak to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals as an Ex-Officio Member for a Term Ending in April 2020

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

10. Reports by Committees. None

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business.

A. Committee Assignments (information only). The Mayor said the assignments were delivered in the Council packets. They will go into effect this week.

13. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 5, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- May 7, 2015`	Infrastructure Committee
- May 11, 2015	Development Committee

The City Clerk reminded everyone of the VFW Bingo/Raffle Blast to be held this Saturday at the VFW Post on Route 59.

14. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor spoke of the Honor Flight fundraiser held this past Saturday. It was an incredible and amazing event with over 2,000 people in attendance. This was the fourth year for this fundraiser that has raised enough funds to send 270 veterans to Washington D.C. The Mayor pointed out that it is getting harder for World War II veterans to make the trip. So now, the program is open to veterans of Korea and Vietnam who need to go now. The Mayor thanked all who came and hopes everyone can attend next year.

The Mayor said he is very excited about the new City Council. The Councils have always been good ones. They always seemed to work well together. There are a lot of things coming up in West Chicago and the Mayor is looking forward to working with the Council. He thanked the Aldermen for their dedication. He knows that they spend a lot of time away from family and friends.

15. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

17. 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