

These minutes were approved at the 6/1/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 18, 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 Sheahan 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, Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Laura Grodoski and Mark Edwalds were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Keith E. Letsche, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Community Development Director John D. Said.

5. Public Participation.

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Marilyn Kroll, West Chicago, said she enjoyed Bloomingfest. She met with the West Chicago Administrative Librarian regarding the possibility of a job fair in the fall. She thanked Alderman Beifuss, Public Works Director Flatter and the Committee for changing the Infrastructure meeting to the Council Chambers. She said she would like to know how this City makes it known when aldermen positions are open. She suggested the City have a vehicle sticker program to raise revenues. She congratulated We-Grow Dreams on its 10th Anniversary. She would like the City to think of job growth, especially for the disabled.

A. Proclamation: National Public Works Week. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation for National Public Works Week in which the Mayor proclaimed the week of May 17, 2015, as National Public Works Week in West Chicago and called upon all to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life. The Mayor then personally thanked the public workers. He receives calls every winter about how good the roads are cleaned. They also did a wonderful job setting up for Bloomingfest. The Mayor said he sees the public workers everyday working downtown doing something. He thanked Public Works Director Flatter.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2015. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the May 18, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$443,506.11. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

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

A. Approve – The Purchase of Asphalt Materials from Plote Construction through the DuPage County Joint Purchasing Program (for an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00)

B. Approve – The Purchase of One 2016 Ford F-250 4wd Pick-up Truck with Knapheide Utility Service Body, Tommy Gate Lift Gate, and a Western Snow Plow from Zimmerman Ford (for an amount not to exceed \$39,282.00)

C. Approve – The Purchase of Two 2016 Ford F-250 Super Duty 4wd Pick-up Trucks with Knapheide Utility Service Body from Zimmerman Ford (for an amount not to exceed \$58,128.00)

D. Reject – All Bids for the A. Eugene Rennels Bridge Rehabilitation Project

E. Resolution 15-R-0026 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Alliance Contractors, Inc. for Construction Services Related to the Wood Street Reconstruction Project (for an amount not to exceed \$920,696.95)

F. Resolution 15-R-0027 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with JJ Henderson & Sons for Construction Services Related to the Grit Removal System Equipment Replacement Project at the City's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$1,072,245.00)

G. Resolution 15-R-0028 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for Professional Engineering Construction Oversight Services Related to the Grit Removal System Equipment Replacement Project at the City's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$69,915.00)

H. Approve – The Purchase and Delivery of Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel from Heritage FS, Inc. through the DuPage County Joint Purchasing Contract (for an amount not to exceed \$363,575.00)

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

9. Reports by Committees.

A. Ordinance 15-O-0018 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Article 11.2 of the Zoning Code

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve Ordinance 15-O-0018. During discussion, Alderman Beifuss said the text amendment will allow certain kinds of uses in a manufacturing district, such as demolition and construction debris which currently is not allowed. The question is whether or not a change in the zoning would be beneficial to West Chicago in the long term. Further, the use of heavy trucks and the bringing in of debris from outside the community will cost the City in road repairs, dust, noise, and odors. He believes other communities also have nice locations. He is not in favor of the text amendment. Alderman Banas said this was thoroughly discussed in the Committee and the applicant gave information to satisfy most of the Aldermen. Alderman Earley said the report showed there would be approximately 250 trucks going in and out daily as well as 75 passenger vehicles. He also said Groot provided a public benefit, but he did not see any public benefit for this business. Alderman Chassee said she would be concerned if this was an outside business, but it is a current West Chicago business. Alderman Dimas said this text amendment will allow the City to monitor the situation better.

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to call the question. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: Aldermen Beifuss and Earley. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance 15-O-0019 – An Ordinance Approving Special Use Permits for a Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Facility, Fuel Sales and Storage, Building Material Sales with Outside Storage, and a Preliminary and Final Planned Unit Development at 1655 Powis Road

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt Ordinance 15-O-0019. During discussion, Alderman Chassee had a question for staff: was a public benefit ever considered or discussed? City Administrator Guttman said no because this is a matter of zoning. Incentives and zoning do not mix. Alderman Beifuss said this is a request for special uses and a planned unit development. The applicant has asked us if they could site their business there across from the airport on Powis Road. They have a location north of there, but this will increase their size. They are asking for special uses for a number of activities that in other communities have resulted in lawsuits when the dust, noise, and odors became intolerable. The other businesses in the area would be impacted. He would like to see something about special benefit for the impact to our town. Alderman Banas said this was discussed to the satisfaction of most everyone in the Development Committee. The City has the means to monitor any business in town. He said it is good to get it away from residential areas.

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to call the question. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and

Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: Alderman Beifuss. Alderman Earley voted passed. Motion carried.

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve Ordinance 15-O-0018. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: Alderman Beifuss. Alderman Earley passed. Motion carried.

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve Ordinance 15-O-0019. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: Alderman Beifuss. Alderman Earley voted present. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. The Mayor called for a show of hands to give City Administrator Guttman direction to meet with legal and work on keeping the Volkswagen dealership in town. All the Aldermen put their hands up.

The Mayor referenced a letter from the Park District signed by all the Board members, and called for a show of hands to give City Administrator Guttman direction to meet with legal and see what rights the City has. All the Aldermen put their hands up.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 19, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- May 25, 2015`	Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)
- May 26, 2015	Historical Preservation Commission
- May 28, 2015	Finance Committee (cancelled)

The City Clerk announced that the Memorial Day services would be held at Oak Wood Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2015, starting at 10:00 am. Mayor Pineda will be the keynote speaker

The City Clerk said veterans will be out this week-end accepting donations for poppies. Poppies can be worn all year, not just around Memorial Day. They will be available again around Veterans Day.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor discussed the Honor Flight fundraiser that was incredible and had amazing attendance. He said it was an honor to be in the room. We have been able to send 270 veterans to Washington, D.C. The figures are not finalized, but it appears that another 90 veterans can be sent. We are fast losing our World War II veterans so it is important they get a chance to see the monument built for them. Korean and Vietnam veterans are now being asked to go on the Honor Flights. The Mayor thanked everyone.

The Mayor said Bloomingfest was wonderful on Saturday. It rained in the morning, but was beautiful by 9:00 am. The Cub Scouts had a pancake breakfast. Healthy West Chicago was launched and it was very wonderful. People came all day long to the booths. The Mayor is looking forward to keeping this initiative going. The Mayor thanked Krista Coltrin and Rosemary Mackey and the committee who put a lot of work into making it so successful. He said at least one alderman from each ward was there.

The Mayor said it is very important to come out for Memorial Day. This is not just a day for picnics. It is to honor the people who gave their lives so we can have freedom.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 8:02 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