

These minutes were approved at the 10/19/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Stout 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, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, and John F. Banas present. Aldermen Mark Edwalds and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski were 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, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Police Commander Stephen Laub.

5. **Public Participation.**

No one spoke during Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: Candy Days. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation (copy attached) in which the Mayor proclaimed the week of October 5 – 10, 2015, as "Lions Sight and Hearing Conservation Week" and urged everyone to recognize the merits of this cause by supporting the West Chicago Lions Club in its annual Candy Days donation drive. The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Lions President Frank Lenertz. The following Lions were also present: Melissa Birch, Lori Chassee, Don Earley, Gary Major, Gerry Morrelli, and Russ Radkiewicz. The Mayor thanked the Lions for all that they do to help the residents of West Chicago not only for vision, but for their help with diabetes. President Lenertz thanked the Mayor and said through research they now can replace detached retinas and can treat macular degeneration.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2015. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, and Banas. Alderman Stout abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the October 5, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$372,664.72. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Stout, and Banas. 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 City Administrator's Emergency Purchase of Services to Repair the Ann Street Storm Sewer and Street Patching with Arthur J. Lootens & Son, Inc. (for an amount not to exceed \$23,829.00)

B. Resolution 15-R-0050 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with SYNAGRO for Professional Services Related to the 2015 Water Treatment Plant Waste Lime Sludge Removal Project (for an amount not to exceed \$600,000)

C. Resolution 15-R-0051 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Amendment No. 1 with RJN Group, Inc. for Professional Engineering Construction Oversight Services Associated with the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Stage I (for an amount not to exceed \$35,550.00)

D. Approve – The Purchase of One 2015 Hamm HD14VV 54" Double Drum Asphalt Roller from Roland Machinery Company of Bolingbrook (for an amount not to exceed \$60,077.00)

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

* **Item Not Sent to Committee:** Mayor Pineda read and explained the following item:

E. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Ryan Virnich to the Cultural Arts Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2018

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Chassee said that on November 8, 2015, the Lions Club would be having their Pancake Breakfast at Lehman Middle School. They will be providing retinopathy screening and hearing tests.

The City Clerk announced that the VFW's first Trivia Night of the season would be held this Friday. It starts at 7:00 pm and cost is \$10.00 per person, or \$50.00 for a table of six.

The City Clerk also announced a Family Fest at the VFW this Saturday sponsored by the 19th District. Everyone is encouraged to attend (you don't have to be a veteran) and participate in wholesome activities for the whole family.

The City Clerk congratulated her husband, Don Smith, for putting up with her for 49 years. Today is their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

Alderman Banas said the Tales Tombstones Tell would be held on October 9, 2015. The Mayor said this is a great event, and the actors are fabulous. They give good insight into everyone they are discussing that evening. There are nice refreshments afterwards at St. Mary's Church.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 6, 2015
- October 12, 2015

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
Development Committee

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said discussion of a permanent location for Railroad Days occurred at the Public Affairs meeting held earlier this evening. In attendance were representatives from the Fire Department, Police Department, and Park District. The Mayor said the City needs this festival and will notify the public where it will be held.

The Mayor said he met with the American Heart Association and they are very excited about using West Chicago and working with West Chicago along with Healthy West Chicago. It is a great group as is the United Way. This is another plus for Healthy West Chicago.

The Mayor is very proud that West Chicago is one of only 21 communities in the entire country to have Educare. They help children get ready for school starting at six weeks old to Kindergarten. A child that does not speak English is already three years behind when they start school. They are working on the 4th graduation, and the difference can be seen. They are having a fundraiser at the end of the month at Two Brothers in Aurora.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:25 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