

These minutes were approved at the 11/2/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 19, 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, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch, John C. Smith, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Kurt Meissner and Mark Edwalds were 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, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

5. Public Participation.

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Marilyn Kroll, West Chicago, spoke of the vacant store fronts near her house. She would like the City or Chamber of Commerce to do something to get tenants as vacant stores attract vandalism. She also expressed concern about the snow removal in her area. She said she met with Alderman Ligino-Kubinski today so she knows about the lighting. She suggested people watch YouTube to watch the City Club of Cleveland discussion about how to turn a town around.

A. Public Hearing: Ridgeland Annexation. This item was removed from the agenda.

B. Proclamation: Honoring Heide Morris. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read **Mayoral Proclamation-Heide Morris-Champion of the Arts and Humanities** (copy attached) in which the Mayor proclaimed Heide Morris a champion of the arts and humanities in the City of West Chicago and expressed his deepest appreciation on behalf of the City Council for being a positive force and role model in our community. Mayor Pineda then presented the Proclamation to Ms. Morris. He thanked her for all she has done. Ms. Morris thanked the City of West Chicago, the City Council, and the Mayor for this honor. She also appreciated the Clerk's invocation. She said, "Art is our first language" and appreciated the opportunity to be on the Cultural Arts Commission.

C. Presentation: Nicor SCARCE Energy Efficiency Program. Mr. Jeffrey Gabris, SCARCE, 799 Roosevelt Road, Building 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, introduced their energy efficiency program with rebates for homeowners. SCARCE is celebrating its 25th anniversary. They have a contract with DuPage County and they received a one year grant to tell people about their energy efficiency program. A \$400 energy audit can be had for \$99. They would like to get the word out, but do not have funds for advertising so they rely on word of mouth. People can go to the SCARCE web site for more information.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2015. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the October 19, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$932,965.72. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

- * **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 15-O-0036 – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – 0N356 Ridgeland Avenue – Dooley Residence

B. Ordinance 15-O-0037 – An Ordinance Granting a Corner Side Yard Building Setback Variance for 680 Hampton Course Drive

C. Resolution 15-R-0052 – A Resolution Approving the Speedway West Chicago Plat of Resubdivision

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. Alderman Grodoski said residents in the area around Pomeroy and Brown are concerned about the expense of connecting to water and sewer. She would like to know what committee should address this situation. The Mayor and the City Administrator said this will be on the Finance Committee's agenda at its November meeting.

Alderman Ligino-Kubinski, with the City Council's concurrence, would like the City Administrator to determine what committee would be appropriate to handle natural landscaping issues in her Ward. City Administrator Guttman said the Public Affairs Committee would be involved, but there are also some zoning issues to consider. He will research this matter further.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 20, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- October 22, 2015	Finance Committee
- October 26, 2015	Public Affairs Committee
- October 27, 2015	Historical Preservation Commission

Alderman Chassee said the Lions Club Fall Pancake Breakfast would be held at the Lehman Middle School on November 1, 2015. There will be free visual and hearing screenings.

City Clerk Smith said free events would be held this Saturday in the downtown for Halloween. Children in costumes should register at the City Museum at 11:30 am. Judging will be at 12:00 noon. The parade will go from Route 59 down Main Street. Children can trick or treat at the businesses who display a pumpkin poster in their windows. Also, the library will host their event from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said there would be a fundraiser for Educare on October 29, 2015, at Two Brothers in Aurora. The Mayor is very proud to have Educare in West Chicago. It is one of 21 across the nation. It's a real honor and puts West Chicago on the map. The 4th graduation will be held next June. The results have been amazing.

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