

These minutes were approved at the 11/16/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 2, 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 Hallett 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, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Chief of Police Mike Uplegger.

5. **Public Participation.** The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Marilyn Kroll, West Chicago, recapped issues she has spoken about before. She is interested in jobs, especially those where employees can walk to, and having the library and Chamber of Commerce have a job fair. She would like to see a commission for the disabled. She thanked Alderman Ligino-Kubinski for information on the lighting in her area. She would like to see a local restaurant with American and Hispanic food. She also thought the police officers and fire fighters should live in West Chicago so local residents can get the benefit of their off-duty services. She hoped people watched the YouTube video (about the City Club of Cleveland's solution to turning a town around). She thanked Alderman Chassee and Earley for all their hard work at the Lions Club breakfast. She had to walk too far though at Lehman Middle School. She would like local clergy to give the invocations, perhaps once a month.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2015.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the November 2, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$420,599.80. 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.** None

9. **Reports by Committees.** None

10. **Unfinished Business.** None

11. **New Business.** None

12. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- November 3, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- November 5, 2015`	Infrastructure Committee
- November 9, 2015	Development Committee

Alderman Chassee thanked the community for supporting the Lions Club breakfast. She said the Bishop Street entrance is to be used for immediate access. They were able to do a number of hearing and vision screenings. The Mayor said new Eagle Scout Jonathan Butler was there as well as Troop Leader Steve Usedon, and Heide Morris.

The City Clerk announced that the Veterans Day services would be held at the American Legion. People are asked to arrive at 10:30 am. Mayor Pineda said he will be speaking and said there will be a film shown regarding Hispanic involvement in the Vietnam War.

The City Clerk said that also on Veterans Day at 1:00 pm, there will be a dedication of an anchor at the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor announced that West Chicago was working with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Metropolitan Planning Council, and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning on ***Homes for a Changing Region***. This initiative provides free technical assistance for municipal leaders to chart future demand and supply trends for housing in their communities, and develop long-term housing policy plans. There will be a public meeting at City hall on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7:00 pm to get community input.

The Mayor said the West Chicago High School Drama students would be going to the *Edinburgh Fringe Festival* in Scotland next year to represent the United States. They are holding a fundraiser at the high school on Thursday, November 5, 2015, 7:00 pm, called, "Funny or Fringe" and will feature professional comedians who have performed on WGN, TBS, Zanies, and David Letterman. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

**14. Executive Session.** At 7:17 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grodoski, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)] 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.

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

**16. Adjournment.** See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk