

These minutes were approved at the 12/21/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

**CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
December 7, 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 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., Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Ferguson, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Donald F. Earley and Mark Edwalds were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Police Commander Eric Shipman.

**5. Public Participation.**

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Ramon Figueroa, 533 E. Blair Street, West Chicago, said he had been given approval several years ago to have a pool table in his garage, but has now been told he cannot have it. The Mayor and City Administrator Guttman said staff will contact him to work out a solution.

2) Marilyn Kroll, West Chicago, spoke of the American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain knowing clergy who can give invocations. She also felt there was a need for more community involvement by the elected officials so people know they can come to City Hall with their situations, and have Coffee with the Mayor. She also wished to keep the people in Paris and San Bernardino in her prayers. She wants a coffee bar at the train station and is concerned about the long tunnel there. She also wanted to know if a non-Alderman could be in charge of a committee. The Mayor said the chairs must be an elected official chosen by the members of the committee.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2015.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Smith abstained. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the December 7, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$642,779.80. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, 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. Waive** – Competitive Bidding and Approve the Purchase of One 2015 Avant 640 Loader from Russo Power Equipment (for an amount not to exceed \$84,308.19)

**B. Resolution 15-R-0062** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contract Agreement No. 2 with Operations Management International, Inc. for Professional Services Related to the Management and Operations of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

**C. Ordinance 15-O-0060** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

**D. Resolution 15-R-0061** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Wireless Communications Site Lease with Motorola Solutions, Inc.

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

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

**E. Concur** – With the Mayor's Appointment of David Kasprak to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2016

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- December 10, 2015	Finance Committee
- December 14, 2015	Development Committee
- December 15, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

The City Clerk reminded everyone that the Holiday Party for the Community sponsored by the veterans of West Chicago would be held this Saturday at the VFW. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes door prizes, dinner, and entertainment by an illusionist and musician. Desserts will be home-made by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

The City Clerk announced that the Marine Corps Reserve sponsors the Toys for Tots program. Toys can be dropped off at the West Chicago Police Department. The Mayor said the turnout is always great. Commander Shipman said they receive 4-5 boxes full. They would like the toys to be dropped off by December 22, 2015, but will accept toys after that date.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said Frosty Fest was held on Saturday, and it was well attended, but he still would like to see the whole community come out. The three winners of the essay contest rode with the Mayor in the horse drawn sleigh. The first Frosty 5K and Chilly 1-mile run/walk was held with about 50-60 participants. Alderman Meissner won a medal for his age group. The American Legion was packed with children. Mr. and Mrs. Clause were at the Fox Community Center. The tree is lit now for the season. The Mayor thanked Public Works and the Police Department for all they did to make this a successful event.

**14. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**16. Adjournment.** At 7:19 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