

These minutes were approved at the 1/18/16 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
January 4, 2016

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Chassee 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 Ferguson, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Alderman John C. Smith was 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.**

**A. Proclamation: National Stalking Month.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the proclamation in which Mayor Pineda proclaimed the month of January 2016 as "National Stalking Awareness Month" in West Chicago and he applauded the efforts of the many victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.

The Mayor further said he was glad this issue is being brought up. People need to be aware of this issue in this country and around the world. The large number of victims is stunning.

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Marilyn Kroll, 199 W. North Avenue, West Chicago, said Jody Doggett is a pastor at a West Chicago church. She and other clergy should be invited to give the invocation now and then. She would like the Lions Club breakfast to be moved to the American Legion for easier accessibility. She would like to meet and talk with the Strategic Plan members.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2015.** Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015. During discussion, Alderman Earley said in item 9, third paragraph, it should show only that he voted nay. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the January 4, 2016, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$421,875.28. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**8. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- January 5, 2016`	Public Affairs Committee
- January 5, 2016	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- January 7, 2016	Infrastructure Committee (cancelled)
- January 11, 2016	Development Committee

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year. He hopes 2016 will be healthy and prosperous. He said the City is in the process of hiring a Healthy West Chicago director, and he is very excited about this initiative. The new director will be able to work to get the entire community knowledgeable about healthy living.

**14. Executive Session.** At 7:15 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grodoski, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(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