

These minutes were approved at the 2/15/16 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 1, 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 Ligino-Kubinski 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 James E. Beifuss, Jr., Donald F. Earley, Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Ferguson, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee 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, and Community Development Director John D. Said.

5. Public Participation.

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Al Murphy, 998 Woodside Drive, West Chicago, DuPage County Forest Preserve District 6 representative, said everything is going great with the Forest Preserve, but he would like to hear comments, concerns, and questions. He said anyone can call him on his cell phone at (630) 244-2674.

The Mayor read from the Council Rules regarding proper behavior for speakers.

2) Marilyn Kroll, 199 N. North Avenue, Apt. 107, West Chicago, expressed her concerns.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2016. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of January 18, 2016, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Alderman Grodoski abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the February 1, 2016, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,125,378.36. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, 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.

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

A. Ordinance 16-O-0005 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Rental Licensing and Nuisance Abatement Provisions

B. Ordinance 16-O-0006 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 9, Article IV, Section 9-67(b) – Number of Precious Metals Dealer Licenses

C. Approve – The 2016 Blooming Fest Event Proposal

Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, 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:

D. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Nancy Reppe to the Historical Preservation Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2017

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to concur with the Mayor's appointment. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, 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

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| - February 2, 2016 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - February 4, 2016 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - February 8, 2016 | Development Committee |

The City Clerk announced that the VFW Auxiliary would be sponsoring a "Bingo Blast" this Saturday. Doors open at 11:00 am, and bingo starts at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$50.00 per person and includes lunch. Prizes are higher than for normal bingo.

Alderman Ferguson said the previous minutes should have shown the time for the Soup & Bread events as 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

The Mayor said in March, twenty students and two teachers will be coming to West Chicago from the Sister City (Taufkirchen/Vils). We have host families, but want them to get involved with students of like interests. They will be visiting Chicago and have a walking tour of West Chicago, including a tour of Jel-Sert. They will spend a lot of time at West Chicago Community High School. There will be an event here to welcome them, and there will be a pot luck dinner. The Mayor hoped all the Aldermen could come to some of these events. He will get more information to the Aldermen.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said he has spent the last 14 years trying to find a cure for diabetes and working with the JDRF. Mary Agnes Zellmer has taken over the activities. She is the president of the Zellmer Wellness Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. Among other things, she has been working with a doctor in Boston to get a bionic pancreas on the market. It will help people with both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. The Bowling for Diabetes fundraiser will be at Bowling Green on February 26, 2016. The first part begins at 6:30 pm with bowling starting at 7:00 pm. The second phase will be at 9:30 pm. The cost is still only \$20.00 and includes shoe rental, unlimited bowling, and snacks. Alderman Stout's brother will be the D.J.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:18 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk