

These minutes were approved at the 4/4/16 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2016

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** College of DuPage political science student, Kayla Seagrave, 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, Melissa Ferguson, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, and John F. Banas present. Aldermen Sandy Dimas, 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 Mary E. Dickson, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director John D. Said, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Police Commander Stephen Laub.

5. Public Participation.

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

- 1) Becky Hall, President of West Chicago Sister Cities Organization, introduced the visitors (twenty students and two teachers) from the Sister City of Taufkirchen (Vils), Germany, who have been visiting since March 12, 2016, and leaving March 24, 2016. Ms. Hall gave a brief history of Sister Cities. As part of their visit, they have among other things, attended the West Chicago Community High School, toured Jel-Sert, toured downtown West Chicago, toured Chicago, and celebrated St. Patrick's Day. She also said the students are returning home with about 60 books of American literature to give to the real schule in Taufkirchen (Vils).
- 2) Bernd Friedrich, Vice Principal of the Realschule, thanked West Chicago for its hospitality. They are enjoying their stay here. Everything is well organized and gives them a good impression of what it is like in the United States. The students are having good experiences, and he hopes a group of West Chicago students visit Taufkirchen (Vils). He thanked Alderman Ligino-Kubinski for the St. Patrick's Day party. He said Mayor Pineda has visited Taufkirchen (Vils) and he hopes there will be more visits.

A. Proclamation: Honoring the International Friendship Established Through West Chicago Sister Cities with Taufkirchen (Vils), Germany. The Mayor read the Proclamation (copy attached) honoring the Sister Cities friendship between West Chicago and Taufkirchen (Vils), and proclaimed respect, admiration, and friendship for Taufkirchen (Vils) and commitment to nurture this international bond. The Mayor then presented the Proclamation to the group. The Mayor requested that they bring back Wildcat sweatshirts for Burgermeister Franz Hoffstetter and Mrs. Gabi Hoffstetter with his special wishes.

A slide show was presented of the visit from their arrival at O'Hare Airport to the St. Patrick's Dinner at the American Legion.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2016. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Smith, Meissner, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Grodoski abstained. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the March 21, 2016, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,202,887.55. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Ferguson, Smith, Meissner, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

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

A. Resolution 16-R-0015 – A Resolution Providing for Advisory Review of Proposed Alterations and Improvements in City Rights-of-Way within Locally Designated Historic Districts by the Historical Preservation Commission

B. Ordinance 16-O-0007 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article 5, Sections 4-94 and 4-95 of the City of West Chicago Code Regarding Landmark and Historic District Regulations

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

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

C. Resolution 16-R-0014 – A Resolution to Endorse the Wayne Township Bicycle Plan

D. Ordinance 16-O-0013 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Purchase of Non-Alcoholic Goods from Package Liquor Stores

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. Alderman Earley distributed his letter of resignation (copy attached) effective March 23, 2016. The Mayor said he was surprised and sorry to see this letter. He said he could not thank Alderman Earley enough for all that he has done for the City. Alderman Earley will be missed. The Mayor led all in a standing ovation.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - March 24, 2016 | Finance Committee |
| - March 28, 2016 | Public Affairs Committee |
| - March 29, 2016 | Historical Preservation Commission |

Alderman Ferguson said this Thursday there will be Soup and Bread at the American Legion from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Donations are free will and will go to the food pantry.

Alderman Stout said the Finance Committee will start at 6:00 pm.

The City Clerk announced that the VFW would be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at the VFW on April 1, 2016, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Cost is \$7.00 each. To-go boxes will be available for those who want to pick up dinner and take it home.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor invited people to come to the Coffee with the Mayor this Saturday from 9:00 am to noon. (It is always the last Saturday of the month.) People can ask any questions they want, and bring their ideas. Things do get accomplished. The atmosphere is usually friendly and cordial.

The Mayor said the schedule of walks (part of Healthy West Chicago) is posted on Facebook and the City's website. The walks will continue every Saturday and Sunday into the fall. He invited everyone to participate. They do not have to walk the entire 5K. The walks showcase different parts of the City.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:30 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk