

These minutes were approved at the 4/18/16 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 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.** Former Alderman Donald F. Earley 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, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, and John F. Banas present. Aldermen Laura Grodoski, Melissa Ferguson, 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation.

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

- 1) Marilyn Kroll, 199 N. North Avenue, Apt. 107, West Chicago, expressed her concerns.
- 2) Karolyn Huerta, 209 Norris, West Chicago, said she purchased her home and paid the \$1,500.00 occupancy fee. The house needs work on its floor, but she needs the occupancy fee returned so she can pay for the repairs. She is a single mother working as a waitress in West Chicago. The Mayor said the repairs must be made before the money can be returned according to the ordinance. He said the City would work with her on getting extensions.

A. Proclamation: Commendation of Alderman Donald F. Earley. The Mayor read the Proclamation (copy attached) in which the Mayor commended Donald F. Earley for his efforts and dedication of time and energy for the betterment of West Chicago for many years in multiple capacities. The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Mr. Earley thanking him for all that he has done for West Chicago. Mr. Earley said it has been a pleasure to work with all of the Council members including the City Administrator; they make the City a better place. He said he had the opportunity to work with some very fine people over the years, some of which have passed on. He said he raised eight children in West Chicago, and they turned out well. He noted that he retired at 8:00 am on March 23, 2016, the time of his birth 85 years ago.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2016. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, 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 April 4, 2016, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$263,178.12. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Smith, Meissner, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Finance Committee:** Alderman Dimas read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 16-O-0010 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2016, and Ending December 31, 2016, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance 15-O-0062

B. Ordinance 16-O-0014 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Occupancy Permit Fees Not Refundable

C. Ordinance 16-O-0015 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Boards and Commissions – Addressing Duplicative and Ambiguous Provisions

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

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

D. Resolution 16-R-0017 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Alaniz Landscape Group, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance Services Related to the 2016 Right-of-Way Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$128,634.00)

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 5, 2016	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- April 6, 2016	Public Affairs Committee
- April 7, 2016	Infrastructure Committee
- April 11, 2016	Development Committee

Alderman Chassee said the Public Affairs Committee meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor congratulated Tal Bibbs, a junior at West Chicago High School, for becoming one of twenty national finalists to receive the U.S. Army and Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence. Mr. Bibbs was on the team that won its conference for the first time in history. The Mayor said he is always proud to hear about student achievements, whether it's athletics or the drama students who will be going to Scotland representing the United States.

14. Executive Session. At 7:23 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], collective bargaining, 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