

These minutes were approved at the 12/19/16 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 5, 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 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., Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Ferguson, John C. Smith, George L. Garcia, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, and Kurt Meissner 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, Community Development Director John D. Said, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Luis A. Martinez, Community Development Business Development Coordinator.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during regular public participation so the Mayor announced it was time to present the Brilliance in Business Awards.

A. Presentation: Brilliance in Business Awards. Marketing and Communications Coordinator Mackey and Luis Martinez, City of West Chicago's Business Development Coordinator showed brief films of each of the 2016 winners of the Brilliance in Business Awards. After the film, Mayor Pineda congratulated and presented the award to each winner and thanked them for being in West Chicago.

Outstanding Downtown Entrepreneurship: Salud Dental, 334 S. Neltnor Boulevard. Attending were Dr. Hiren Patel, Dr. Darshil Ranpariya, and Office Manager Mukesh Pipaliya. Salud Dental has brought new energy to the east gateway of West Chicago's historic downtown. Salud Dental focuses on providing outstanding dental care, creating awareness for maintenance and preventative treatment, and alleviating some of the fear that is sometimes associated with a visit to the dentist. Within seven months of opening its doors, the practice has welcomed more than 500 patients. The trained staff also makes continuous efforts towards bringing local awareness through community dental services in local schools and healthcare facilities. The Mayor remarked how this business has been here less than a year and now has received this award.

Outstanding Growth Award: Evo Exhibits, 399 Wegner Drive. Attending was co-founder Kent Jean. The company was founded in 2009 in his basement and has now grown to a 50,000 square foot facility with an on-site fabrication shop and loading docks in West Chicago. Its creative products range from portable displays, to showroom environments, to full custom exhibits and large rental inventory. Evo provides its world wide clients with show labor, shipping, furniture/carpet, and A/V rentals replete with program management, exhibit storage and asset management. Evo was welcomed into Inc. Magazine's prestigious 5,000, an exclusive group of the fastest-growing private companies in America. The Mayor was especially proud that this business started in West Chicago and is now back in a large building.

Outstanding Growth Award: Wise Plastics Technologies, 1601 W. Hawthorne Lane. Attending were Fred Wise, President and CEO, and Lenore Tocki, Chief Finance Officer. This company was founded in 1974 and is headquartered in St. Charles, Illinois. They opened a 100,000+ square foot manufacturing, assembly, and warehousing facility in West Chicago in November 2015. The centerpiece is a 20,000 square foot environmentally controlled assembly room that can be configured to support manual, semi-automated, and fully automated assembly processes. Additional operations in West Chicago include plastic injection molding, raw material storage and finished goods warehousing and distribution. Their many markets include medical, automotive, appliance, military, lighting, and consumer products. The new jobs include machine operators, assembler, technicians, warehouse workers, engineers, and various supervisors, managers, and clerical support staff. The Mayor said he and Alderman Ligino-Kubinski are investigating and working with Union Pacific to get the rail spur behind the building operational.

Outstanding Small Business Award: Gloria's Jewelry, 178 W. Washington Street.

Gloria's Jewelers is a successful family-owned business that has been a staple of West Chicago for 25 years. It has secured a tremendous reputation in the community and beyond for its quality and personal service. It credits word of mouth referrals for continued growth of its customer base. It created a niche in design and repair. It is one of the few stores that maintain a watch smith and jeweler on the premises every day for customer convenience. This year, Gloria's Jewelry implemented full in-house CAD design, with the equipment needed to produce the most intricate and detailed pieces its customers could image. Staff does everything from in-house design to molding, casting, and stone setting to produce one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces. The Mayor said Gloria's Jewelry built a brand new building across the street from their old location.

Legacy Business Award: The Jel Sert Company, 310 Spencer Street. Attending was Juan Chavez, Vice-President of Human Resources. This is the first year of this award which acknowledges and awards a longstanding member of the business community that honors a business that has served the community for 45 years or more and that has supported the economic vitality of West Chicago over several decades. Jel Sert is celebrating its 90th anniversary. Jel Sert is a family-owned business in its third generation of ownership and has consistently met its corporate goals while having a positive impact on the community. Jel Sert is one of the City's largest employers. Seventy-five percent of its approximately 800 employees reside in West Chicago.

The Mayor again thanked all the businesses for being in West Chicago and looked forward to a long relationship with the City.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2016. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2016, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Chassee abstained. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the December 5, 2016, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 364,988.01. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, 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. Ordinance 16-O-0041 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

B. Resolution 16-R-0059 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Mississippi Lime Company for the Procurement of Rotary Hydrated Lime for FY 2017 (for an amount not to exceed \$323,912.00)

C. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final for the A. Eugene Rennels Bridge Railings Project with Fence Masters (for an amount not to exceed \$6,818.00)

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

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

D. Ordinance 16-O-0037 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago Chapter 15.5, Section 15.5-1

E. Resolution 16-R-0058 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract between the City of West Chicago and Phalen Consulting Inc., for the Operation of the West Chicago City Museum (for an amount not to exceed \$84,000.00)

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, 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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| - December 6, 2016 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - December 8, 2016 | Finance Committee |
| - December 12, 2016 | Development Committee |

The City Clerk announced again that offices up for election at the Consolidated Election of April 4, 2017, are Mayor, City Clerk, and seven Aldermen (one for each of the seven wards). Petition packets can be obtained at City Hall and the first day of filing is next Monday, December 12, 2016. The last day to file is December 19, 2016, 5:00 pm. A lottery will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, for those simultaneously filing at 8:00 am on Monday, and those filing in the last hour of the last day to file.

The City Clerk reminded everyone of the Holiday Party for the Community to be held at the VFW on December 10, 2016. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said Frosty Fest was amazing. There was a very good crowd. The four essay winners rode on the carriage with the Mayor and Mrs. Pineda and the Council rode behind them. The Mayor thanked Business Development Coordinator Luis Martinez for doing such a wonderful job. The tree lighting and lights on the lamp posts were lit simultaneously. There were reindeers and reindeer games. Republic Bank participated by opening their doors to the Lions Club to serve hot chocolate and popcorn. The Gallery looked great and Sister Cities had an exhibit. This wonderful event has grown annually. The Mayor said he has received feedback on how good this event is. The Mayor said maybe next year the Frosty 5K will return. The Mayor thanked everyone who came out.

14. Executive Session. At 7:40 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)], 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