

These minutes were approved at the 5/15/17 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2017

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. **Oaths of Office.** The Honorable Judge Bruce Kelsey administered the following oaths:
 - a) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected Mayor Ruben Pineda
 - b) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected City Clerk Nancy M. Smith
 - c) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected Alderman in Ward 1 for a 4 Year Term – Lori Chassee
 - d) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected Alderman in Ward 3 for a 4 Year Term – Michael D. Ferguson
 - e) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected Alderman in Ward 4 for a 4 Year Term – Sandy Dimas
 - f) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected Alderman in Ward 5 for a 4 Year Term – John C. Smith, Jr.
 - g) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected Alderman in Ward 6 for a 4 Year Term – George L. Garcia
 - h) Oath of Office Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Elected Alderman in Ward 7 for a 4 Year Term – Bonnie A. Gagliardi

Mayor Pineda introduced Judge Kelsey, a long time friend of West Chicago, and thanked him for administering the oaths.

The Aldermen then took their places at the Council. Copies of the oaths are attached.

4. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.

5. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll Call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Jayme Sheahan, Michael D. Ferguson, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch Ferguson, Kurt Meissner, John C. Smith, Jr., George L. Garcia, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie A. Gagliardi, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. 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, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

6. **Concur** – With the Mayor's Appointment of Heather Brown to a Two-Year Term – Ward 2.

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sheahan, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Heather Brown as Alderman to Ward 2 for a two-year term.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Smith, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. **Oath of Office** - Administered by Judge Bruce Kelsey to a Newly Appointed Alderman in Ward 2 for a Two-Year Term – Heather Brown. After Judge Kelsey administered the oath of office, Alderman Brown took her seat at the Council. Mayor Pineda again thanked Judge Kelsey who said he was happy to perform this service.

8. **Concur** – With the Mayor's Designation of Lori Chassee as Mayor *Pro Tem*.

Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to concur with the Mayor's designation of Lori Chassee as Mayor *pro tem*.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Smith, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced that he was very proud that this was the first time there was a full City Council in over a year. The Mayor said the Aldermen do not do this for the money, but they have pride in West Chicago.

9. Public Participation. No one spoke during Public Participation.

10. City Council Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2017. Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Smith, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

11. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the Corporate Disbursement Report of May 1, 2017, in the amount of \$553,430.36. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Smith, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

12. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following item:

A. Resolution 17-R-0014 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Cemetery Management Inc., for Professional Services Related to Cemetery Sexton at the City's Glen Oak and Oakwood Cemeteries for FY 2017 (for an amount not to exceed \$72,450.00)

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Smith, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

B. Resolution 17-R-0023 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Funding Agreement with the Mexican Cultural Center to Support the 2017 Mexican Independence Day Event

C. Approve – Use of City Streets and In-Kind Services for the West Chicago Community High School Homecoming Parade – Scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017

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

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

D. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Steve Hale to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Ending April 2022

E. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Sara Phalen to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Term Ending April 2021

F. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Gail Cannata to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Term Ending April 2021

G. Resolution 17-R-0024 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Employment Agreement with Michael E. Uplegger – Chief of Police

H. Resolution 17-R-0025 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Employment Agreement with Michael L. Guttman – City Administrator

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ligino-Kubinski, to concur and approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Smith, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

10. Reports by Committees. None

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business. None

13. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 2, 2017	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- May 4, 2017	Infrastructure Committee
- May 8, 2017	Development Committee

The City Clerk announced that the Honor Flight fundraiser would be held this Saturday at the DuPage Airport. Mayor Pineda said it takes \$55,000.00 to take a plane load of World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the monuments. From 2,000-2,500 veterans participate every year. The fundraiser will start at 11:00 a.m. in Calamos hanger at the DuPage Airport. This is a great event and a great opportunity to show appreciation to our veterans who give us our freedom here.

14. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor congratulated the newly elected and thanked the other seven that are continuing to serve. It takes a lot of work and time away from family and he is very proud of this City Council. There is a lot planned for West Chicago and he is looking forward to working with the City Council to accomplish that work.

The Mayor said a remarkable thing happened today. An American Airlines jet with 54 souls on board made an emergency landing at the DuPage Airport. (It had taken off from O'Hare Airport.) The plane had fire and smoke in the cabin. The West Chicago fire fighters did an amazing job, and everyone was safe. The fire fighters practice and train all the time. The media gave great kudos to the fire fighters. Amazingly, it was the first day on the job for one of the flight attendants. The Mayor noted that American Airlines had the confidence to land in West Chicago. The Mayor said he could not thank the fire fighters enough.

15. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

17. Adjournment. At 7:24 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk