

These minutes were approved at the 1/2/18 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 18, 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. **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., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Michael D. Ferguson, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Kurt Meissner, George L. Garcia, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie A. Gagliardi, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Alderman Melissa Birch-Ferguson was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation.

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

1) Ms. Emma Villa, 900-904 E. Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, spoke of her displeasure with the liquor licensing procedures. The Mayor advised her to call to set up a Liquor Commission meeting where she would be able to discuss the situation at length.

* Public Hearing: 2018 Proposed Budget. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. The Mayor said the proposed budget has decreased from 2017. Because of the State's problems, the City will have to be creative to continue to maintain its fiscal soundness. He thanked the staff for all their hard work to put the budget together. No one from the audience or the City Council spoke. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2017. Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia, to approve the December 18, 2017, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$448,886.44. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. 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 17-R-0081 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Easement Encroachment Agreement – 1491 W. Roosevelt Road

B. Resolution 17-R-0082 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Downtown Façade Grant Program Agreement – Green Smoke Vape & Tobacco – 200 S. Neltor Boulevard, Unit 200

C. Accept – The Final Draft of the Homes for a Changing Region Plan

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

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

D. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final to the Contract with Patnick Construction for the 2017 Grove Avenue Water Main Project (for an amount not to exceed \$17,690.75)

E. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final to the Contract with Layne Christensen Company for the Installation of a Pump and Motor Assembly at the City's Well Station No. 12 (for an amount not to exceed \$15,287.00)

F. Resolution 17-R-0075 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Marcott Enterprises, Inc., for the Procurement of Coarse and Fine Aggregate Material Delivered for FY2018 (for an amount not to exceed \$32,137.00)

G. Resolution 17-R-0076 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements Associated with the Wheaton Academy Science Wing Addition Project, 900 Prince Crossing Road

H. Resolution 17-R-0077 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements Associated with the DS Container Development Project, 2500 Enterprise Circle

I. Resolution 17-R-0079 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements Associated with the Simpson Strong-Tie Development Project, 2505 Enterprise Circle

J. Resolution 17-R-0080 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements Associated with the Shell Gas Station Development Project, 184 W. North Avenue

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

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

K. Ordinance 17-O-0046 – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018

L. Ordinance 17-O-0047 – An Ordinance Levying Taxes on Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of West Chicago as that Property is Assessed and Equalized for State and County Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018

M. Ordinance 17-O-0048 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 2

N. Resolution 17-R-0083 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Second Amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement with Menard, Inc., for the Installation of a Traffic Signal at North Avenue and the Entrance to the St. Andrews Square Shopping Center

O. Resolution 17-R-0084 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Engagement Letter with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Professional Audit Services for Fiscal Year 2018 through 2021. Alderman Dimas said the City received a Certificate of Excellence for Financial Reporting.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ligino-Kubinski, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, 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:

P. Ordinance 17-O-0045 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 3, Section 3-12 (C) – Decreasing the Number of A-1 and C-1 Liquor Licenses

Q. Resolution 17-R-0085 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Labor Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150

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

9. Reports by Committees. The Mayor read the following Resolution.

A. Resolution 17-R-0078 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Alaniz Landscape Group, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance Services Related to the 2018 Right-of-Way Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$126,019.00)

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ligino-Kubinski, to approve the above item. During discussion, Alderman Beifuss said this item came up in the Infrastructure Committee and staff recommended that we waive competitive bidding and extend the contract with Alaniz. They have had right-of-way landscaping for the last five years and they were the lowest responsible bidder in 2017. There was no consensus in the Committee meeting. Alderman Beifuss felt it should go out to bid unless there is a compelling reason not to. Putting it out to bid evens the playing field, and assures the public that it is done in a fair manner. Alderman Dimas said their service has been excellent and they were willing to keep or lower their price. There have been no complaints unlike some issues in the past. Alderman Ligino-Kubinski also said they provided good service over the years. They know the City's rights-of-way and know where they should mow, and there have been no complaints unlike the past. Alderman Chassee said in general, she would always err on the side of bidding this out, but after looking at additional information, she said their bid was \$30,000-\$25,000 lower than the next lowest bid. So coupled with good service and the lack of complaints, she now understands the reason to continue to go ahead with this contract. Mayor Pineda said the City should repay their loyalty. Other companies can do the work, but in tough economic times, Alaniz has kept their price lower. If things change next year, it can be looked at it again. He felt it was fair. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: Alderman Beifuss. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business.

A. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Matthew E. Garling to the Position of 5th Ward Alderman Effective January 15, 2018, through April 30, 2019

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Matthew E. Garling. During discussion, Mayor Pineda said there was another outstanding candidate, Jim Vassar, who will be appointed to chair the planned Mayor's Advisory Group. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 19, 2017	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- December 19, 2017	Historical Preservation Commission
- December 25, 2017	Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)

Alderman Chassee thanked the City of West Chicago for their turn out of coats. Over 160 coats were distributed. The balance of 230 more will go to PADS, the Neighborhood Food Pantry, and if any are left, to World Relief.

Alderman Garcia announced that it was Mayor Pineda's birthday. Before anyone could sing to him, the Mayor showed a short film put together by Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey. The film showed black-tailed prairie dogs partying out west and singing Happy Birthday to the Mayor.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and Happy New Year. He hoped everyone would be with friends and family.

City Administrator Guttman said the January 2, 2018, City Council meeting would be at 7:00 a.m.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:34 p.m., Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk