

These minutes were approved at the 2/5/18 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2018

- 1. Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Ferguson led all in the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Invocation.** Alderman George L. Garcia gave the invocation in honor of immigrants on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 4. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll Call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Michael Ferguson, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Kurt Meissner, George L. Garcia, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie 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 Patrick K. Bond, 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. Oath of Office: City Clerk Smith administered the oath of office to newly appointed Matthew E. Garling as Alderman in Ward 5 for the Unexpired Term Ending April 30, 2019. Alderman Garling then took his seat at the Council. The Mayor said it is always exciting when a new Alderman takes the oath of office. It takes commitment and a lot of time and effort in this job. There is now a full council. The Mayor said the City has a great Council that works well together and will get a lot of work done. He said Alderman Garling has done a lot of good things in the community and he welcomed him.

6. Public Participation: The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Connie Schmidt, Sierra Club, 3S501 Landon Avenue, Warrenville, IL 60555-3618, spoke about the Clean Energy Forum to be held January 29, 2018, at IBEW Local 701 Hall, 28600 Bella Vista Parkway in Warrenville from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The Forum will explain the impact of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) passed by the State of Illinois to stimulate job creation and provide opportunities to strengthen local economies by expanding solar/renewable energy programs. Ms. Schmidt invited everyone to attend.

2) The Mayor said a great business has come to West Chicago, a Cuban/Puerto Rican restaurant. Alderman Garcia, with Alderman Stout, introduced Pablo and Gloria Araujo, owners of the new *Treasures of the Caribbean Restaurant* at 960 E. Roosevelt Road. Alderman Garcia said they bring a whole new flavor to West Chicago. The Mayor thanked them for opening in West Chicago as a lot of people like Cuban/Puerto Rican food. Ms. Araujo said they have many plans for the restaurant including opening up a patio, having music and dancing, and providing daily specials.

7. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2018. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Meissner, Stout, and Gagliardi. Voting Nay: 0. Abstaining were Alderman Garling, Garcia, and Ligino-Kubinski. Motion carried.

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the January 15, 2018, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,676,594.08. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

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

A. Ordinance 18-O-0002 – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – 29W478 Ray Avenue – Hartigan Residence

B. Ordinance 18-O-0003 – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from the ER-1, Estate Residential District to the R-2 Single Family Residence District – 678 (formerly 29W478) Ray Avenue

C. Ordinance 18-O-0004 – An Ordinance Approving a Special Use for a Daycare Center and Final PUD – The Learning Experience – 920 N. Neltnor Boulevard

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

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

D. Resolution 18-R-0001 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. of Naperville, Illinois, for Professional Services Related to the 2018 Forestry Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$67,400.92)

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia, to approve the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, 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:

E. Ordinance 18-O-0001 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 3, Section 3-12 (C) – Decreasing the Number of B-1 Liquor Licenses

F. Ordinance 18-O-0006 – An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of West Chicago

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

- January 16, 2018	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- January 22, 2018	Public Affairs Committee
- January 23, 2018	Historical Preservation Commission
- January 25, 2018	Finance Committee (cancelled)
- February 1, 2018	Infrastructure Committee

The City Clerk announced that Natalie Thompson won the Voice of Democracy Competition for 2017-2018 in VFW District 19, consisting of 25 individual VFW posts. She is a student at West Chicago High School. She will be going to Springfield to compete against the winners in the other Illinois districts. The winner in Springfield will go to Washington, D.C. We also had West Chicago High School student Michael Sawicki, who won fifth place in the District.

Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said every time it snows, he couldn't be prouder of the City's Public Works Department. People that ride the train or going places, they pull into West Chicago and the streets are immaculate. He hears about that every single time.

The Mayor announced that the Kwasman Klassic, the West Chicago Special Olympics Club fundraiser, will be held on January 27, 2018, 6:30 pm, at the West Chicago High School Bishop Gym. Featured will be West Chicago FOP #85 vs. West Chicago IAFF #3970 along with the WeGo Wildcats and the Special Olympics Team. The Mayor said it is a great game

and a great time. The Mayor said the police team has won in 2014, 2016, and 2017. The firefighters won in 2015.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:23 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