

These minutes were approved at the 6-18-18 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 4, 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 Meissner 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, Alton Hallett, Matthew E. Garling, Kurt Meissner, George L. Garcia, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie A. Gagliardi, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Jayme Sheahan, Michael D. Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, and Melissa Birch-Ferguson were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Police Commander Julio Calabrese, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

From the American Heart Association were Julie Mirostaw, Senior Director, Government Relations, Fil Guipoco, Community Input Director, and Illinois Heart Association Advocacy Committee Member Bob Biggins.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2018.** Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Hallett, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Alderman Garling abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling, to approve the June 4, 2018, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$349,266.68. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Hallett, Garling, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. **Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.**

* **Finance Committee:** Alderman Meissner read and explained the following item:

A. **Ordinance 18-O-0028** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Increase in the Minimum Fine Amount for Violations of the City Code and Parking Ticket Fines.

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

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

B. **Ordinance 18-O-0019** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Article XXIV Tobacco Sales, of the West Chicago Code of Ordinances to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices to Persons Under 21 Years of Age (removed and voted upon separately)

C. **Approve** – The 2018 Railroad Days Event Proposal

D. **Approve** – The Back-to-School Fun Run and Kiddie Dash

E. **Approve** – The 2018 Mexican Independence Day Festival Event Proposal

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

F. Ordinance 18-O-0029 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers Employed in Public Works for the City of West Chicago

G. Resolution 18-R-0042 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Lease Agreement with the Board of Library Trustees of the West Chicago Public Library District for the Installation of a Public Art Sculpture, *loveevenmore*, on Library Grounds

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. From 8.B. Ordinance 18-O-0019 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Article XXIV Tobacco Sales, of the West Chicago Code of Ordinances to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices to Persons Under 21 Years of Age

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt Ordinance 18-O-0019. During discussion, Alderman Brown was concerned about taking away rights. The legal age for going to war and voting is eighteen. She understands the health issue, but at that age they should be able to make their own decision.

Alderman Chassee said this matter came before the City in several ways from the American Heart Association to other communities in DuPage County working towards age 21. There is a move to make this a state-wide law. She cited studies of declines in teenage smoking. Then along came e-cigarettes and vaping and the numbers rose again. The tobacco companies are marketing their products to young people with fruit and candy flavors. Nicotine alters the brains in young people and this continues into the early 20's. Research shows that if someone has not started smoking by age 21, it is unlikely they ever will. So based on the new science the City wants to act in the best interest of our children and citizens. Both Aldermen Gagliardi and Garling questioned some wording. City Administrator Guttman clarified that this ordinance prohibits the sale of tobacco products to those under 21; however, it does not prohibit someone under 21 from having tobacco products. Alderman Chassee said there is no intent to criminalize anyone who bought their tobacco outside of West Chicago. Mayor Pineda also provided data about the benefits of not smoking until later, and how the City wants to do something for Healthy West Chicago.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Hallett, Garling, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Liginio-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: Alderman Brown. Motion carried.

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 5, 2018	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- June 7, 2018	Infrastructure Committee
- June 11, 2018	Development Committee

Alderman Chassee said that on June 16, 2018, Healthy West Chicago will help to host a Health Fair and 5K run/walk at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. The walk will begin at 9:00 am. The Mayor said the new Program Director of Healthy West Chicago, Carly Smitherman, has done a great job, and there are great plans for the summer.

City Administrator Guttman said the Finance Committee spent a lot of time figuring out how to counter the State's taking of the City's revenue, and tonight the Council passed Ordinance 18-O-0028, which is their second action in this regard. Both he and the Mayor spoke of the various ways the State has shortchanged the municipalities.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor reminded everyone that school is out and so motorists must be extra careful.

This week-end, Saturday, June 9th, there will be a 30 minute walk starting from the High School.

The Mayor spoke of the big party this Saturday at Reed-Keppler Park with the grand opening of the building known as Zone 250, and the pool with its new, unique items for children to enjoy. At 5:00 pm there will be music at the Shell, and later the City is sponsoring fireworks.

The Mayor congratulated the West Chicago Fire District which got a new and better ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating. The WCFD is now in the top 3.1 percent in the nation. A good rating has the potential to lower homeowners' insurance costs. The Mayor said it is really nice to hear about an award like this, which goes to show that West Chicago has the best.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:26 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