

These minutes were approved at the 7/16/18 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
July 2, 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 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. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, and Matthew E. Garling 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, and Chief of Police Mike Uplegger.

5. **Public Participation.**

**A. Proclamation: West Chicago in Bloom.** The Mayor read his Proclamation (copy attached) in which he said the City and the West Chicago Park District have spearheaded an *America in Bloom Committee* dedicated to meeting the seven criteria to get West Chicago designated as an ***America in Bloom City***, a national program which serves as a catalyst for building community pride, participation and beautification. Therefore, he proclaimed July 2018 as ***West Chicago in Bloom Month*** and encouraged all citizens to support the efforts of the Committee by beautifying their home gardens.

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

David Sabathne, CEO and President, Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce, West Chicago, spoke of the upcoming Railroad Days event in West Chicago. The theme this year is "One West Chicago." There will be two parade marshals this year: Fernando Ramirez and his family and Reggie Bass and his family. These two families represent "One West Chicago" perfectly. They work hard for the City doing many wonderful volunteer activities. They welcome everyone and do not care about race or religion. The entertainment line-up for the festival is great. The Mayor said his Class of 1978 is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Other classes are also celebrating. The Mayor said anyone who wants to walk in the parade should contact Bethany Bayci.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2018.** Alderman Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Brown abstained. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia, to approve the July 2, 2018, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$373,897.95. Voting Aye: Aldermen 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.**

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

**A. Ordinance 18-O-0037** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago to Increase the Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and the Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax

**B. Resolution 18-R-0050** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of West Chicago, DuPage Airport Authority, West Chicago Library District, West Chicago Fire Protection District, West Chicago Elementary School District 33, Community High School District 94, West Chicago Park District and the Ball Horticultural Company in Regard to a Property Tax Abatement Relative to the Ball Horticultural Company Property

**C. Resolution 18-R-0051** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Economic Incentive Agreement By and Between the City of West Chicago and the Ball Horticultural Company

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

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

**D. Ordinance 18-O-0035** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

**E. Approve** – The West Chicago Community High School Homecoming Parade – Scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2018

**F. Approve** – The Wheaton Academy Homecoming Event – Scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2018

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** City Administrator Guttman said he was disappointed that the latest Groot bill did not reflect the increase the City Council had voted for. The first time they delayed was due to changing their whole billing system and then they closed their local office.

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- July 3, 2018	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- July 5, 2018	Infrastructure Committee
- July 9, 2018	Development Committee

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is coming up. In his neighborhood he hears more than just fireworks, he hears what sound like bombs. If anyone hears fireworks they can text City Administrator Guttman or Chief Uplegger. Fireworks impact animals and people with PTSD. He said it is fortunate that there are no fireworks scheduled in West Chicago for that evening. He wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Chief Uplegger said they have dedicated two officers from 8:00 pm to midnight through the Wednesday before Railroad Days for fireworks calls. He encouraged everyone to call 9-1-1 if they hear fireworks. The police will respond to each call.

Alderman Ferguson said his daughter and grandchildren just arrived here from Liverpool, England for a visit. His son-in-law refers to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as "The Colonial Insurrection."

**14. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**16. Adjournment.** At 7:21 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk