

These minutes were approved at the 3/18/19 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2019

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Dimas 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, Matthew E. Garling, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne M. Short, 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 Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Police Commander Julio Calabrese.

5. **Public Participation.**

A. Citizens Award: Sadie Whetstone. The Mayor called upon Chief Uplegger who said it was his honor to present the award to this 11-year old resident. He said on Friday, December 7, 2018, Ms. Whetstone got off her school bus and walked to her house. She did not have her key so waited on the front porch. She noticed a man sitting in a vehicle who then approached her and said he had some papers he wanted to give to her parents. She said no, but he was persistent and she took off. He followed her until he got back into his car and left. He drove away, but she observed the vehicle and saw he had parked it. She walked toward him where he could not see her. The driver was not in the car any more. She called her mother and pointed out the car and they got the license number. Chief Uplegger said the Police were able to establish who he was, and it turned out he was an overeager Comcast-Infinity person. The Police were so impressed with how Ms. Whetstone handled herself. The Mayor thanked the parents for raising her properly because she made the right call. He said he was proud of her. He then presented her the award.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2019.** Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of February 18, 2019, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Gagliardi abstained. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling, to approve the March 4, 2019, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$334,361.95). Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, 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 item:

A. Resolution 19-R-0013 – A Resolution Approving the Final Development Plan for Norix – 1 Innovative Drive – DuPage business Center

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

The Mayor addressed the Council and the representatives from Norix who were in the audience, and said the project looks great. He was glad and excited to have Norix in West Chicago.

9. **Reports by Committees.** None

10. **Unfinished Business.** None

11. New Business. The Mayor called upon City Administrator Guttman to discuss the situation with the gas station at the Northwest corner of Neltor Boulevard and North Avenue, Franciscan Way. Mr. Guttman was asking for guidance from the City Council on how they would like him to proceed. He said the gas station has been issued citations for ignoring the City's appearance Code by painting the brick after they had been denied a waiver to do so. This has been scheduled for a hearing several times with the Adjudication Officer and they keep asking for continuances. The City has spent \$10,000.00 in legal fees. After much discussion, by a show of hands, the City Council advised Mr. Guttman to require them to re-brick the building and pay a \$50,000.00 fine. This sends a message to other businesses that the City does enforce its ordinances.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - March 5, 2019 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - March 7, 2019 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - March 11, 2019 | Development Committee |
| - March 14, 2019 | Finance Committee |

The City Clerk reminded everyone about the Friends of the City Museum and West Chicago Historical Society's fundraiser, "Becoming Queen Elizabeth II," on March 10, 2019, 1:00 pm at the American Legion. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Lunch is included.

The City Clerk announced that Early Voting for the April 2nd Consolidated Election started on February 21st. If any resident has changed their name or address, they have until tomorrow to get that updated. Or, they can utilize Grace Period Voting Registration. Two forms of ID are needed to register to vote, one of which must have the resident's current address. Grace Period Voting begins March 6th. When they register during the Grace Period they must vote at that time. Registered voters can vote by mail with a postmark earlier but not later than midnight on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The last day they can request a mail ballot is March 28th.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor advised everyone to set their clocks forward on Sunday, and keep warm.

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 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