

These minutes were approved at the 5/20/19 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 6, 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 Swiatek led all in the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Invocation.** American Legion Post 300 Auxiliary Chaplain Julie Doggett gave the invocation.

The Mayor thanked everyone for being here this evening as the swearing in of Aldermen is a big event. He said a lot of time and effort goes into the job of Alderman, and it is exciting to know that our community has confidence in us as no one ran against these Aldermen.

4. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials – Administered by Judge Ann Celine Walsh

At the Mayor's request, City Attorney Bond introduced Judge Walsh citing her many accomplishments. Judge Walsh then administered the oath of office to the following Aldermen:

- * Ward 1 – James Beifuss
- * Ward 2 – Jayme Sheahan
- * Ward 2 – Heather Brown (2 year term)
- * Ward 3 – Alton Hallett
- * Ward 4 – Melissa J. Ferguson
- * Ward 5 – Matt Garling
- * Ward 5 – Christopher Swiatek (2 year term)
- * Ward 6 – Rebecca Stout
- * Ward 6 – Jeanne M. Short (2 year term)
- * Ward 7 – Noreen M. Ligino-Kubinski

The Mayor thanked Judge Walsh for being here and noted that she will be participating in "Dancing with the Stars" this weekend. Judge Walsh said this is a fundraiser for the Senior Citizens Council.

5. 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, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Christopher Swiatek, Matthew E. Garling, Jeanne M. Short, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie A. Gagliardi, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. 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, Police Commander Julio Calabrese, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: Poppy Day. The Mayor read the Proclamation in which he proclaimed May 6, 2019, as POPPY DAY and asked that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day. The Mayor then took photographs with members of the American Legion Post 300 Auxiliary who were in attendance. Alderman Birch-Ferguson said the Auxiliary will be distributing Poppies this month during Bloomingfest and at Walgreen's. They will also be out during the Memorial Day services in the cemeteries.

7. City Council Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2019. Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Short, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Swiatek and Sheahan abstained. Motion carried.

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the May 6, 2019, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$735,806.70. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

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

A. Resolution 19-R-0023 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of West Chicago for STP Grant Funding for Construction Costs Related to the Forest Avenue Resurfacing Project

B. Resolution 19-R-0024 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code (BLR 09110) for Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the City's Local Share of Construction Costs Related to the Forest Avenue Resurfacing Project

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

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

C. Ordinance 19-O-0016 – An Ordinance Modifying Chapter 4, Article I, Building Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago

D. Ordinance 19-O-0017 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

E. Approve – The Healthy West Chicago 5K and Fun Run – Scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2019

F. Approve – The West Chicago Railroad Days Special Event Permit Application

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

* **Item Not Sent to Committee:** Mayor Pineda read and explained the following item:

G. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of SueEllen C. Edwards to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Term Ending in April 2014

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to concur with the Mayor's appointment. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, 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

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| - May 7, 2019 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - May 7, 2019 | Finance Committee |
| - May 13, 2019 | Development Committee |

The City Clerk announced that the Memorial Day observance will be held at the end of the month in the City's cemeteries. The Mayor said this is one of the most meaningful events.

14. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said Bloomingfest will be May 18, 2019, starting at 9:00 am. The Lion's Club will provide a pancake breakfast and the Boy Scout will raise the flag. (Alderman Chassee clarified that the proceeds of the pancake breakfast will go to the Boy Scouts.) The Mayor said Bloomingfest gets bigger every year. As a part of *America in Bloom*, they will be looking at this event. *America in Bloom* will be coming back to West Chicago again this year.

The Mayor's State of the City will be given on May 20, 2019. There are a lot of exciting things happening in West Chicago and he will be presenting them at the State of the City speech about which he is very excited. He said people will be amazed about everything that will be happening.

15. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

17. Adjournment. At 7:30 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