

These minutes were approved at the August 1, 2011, City Council meeting with no changes

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

July 18, 2011

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Monroe 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 H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Russell Radkiewicz, and Rebecca Stout were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present. .

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during public participation.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Pineda publicly thanked Alderman Stout for her leadership of the CERT team during the fire at the apartment complex. The 40-50 firemen from West Chicago and surrounding communities appreciated all the resources provided by the CERT team. Other communities do not have a CERT program

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- July 19, 2011 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- July 25, 2011 Public Affairs Committee
- July 26, 2011 Historical Preservation Commission
- July 28, 2011 Finance Committee

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the July 18, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,161,212.29. Voting Yea: Aldermen Monroe, James Smith, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

- * **Development Committee:** No report
- * **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
- * **Public Affairs Committee:** No report
- * **Finance Committee:** No report
- * **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

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B. Resolution 11-R-0063 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Watermain and Stormwater Detention – 622 Town Road

C. Resolution 11-R-0064 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Emerald Tree Care, LLC for Professional Services Related to the 2011 Emerald Ash Borer Insecticidal Treatment Program (for an amount not to exceed \$69,522.20)

D. Resolution 11-R-0065 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with City Construction Co., for Professional Services Related to the South Aurora Street Relocation Project (for an amount not to exceed \$329,675.99)

Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. During discussion, the Mayor congratulated staff on getting the bid for the emerald ash borer program. The numbers for the other bids ranged from \$80,200.00 to \$123,835.26. Voting Yea: Aldermen Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor thanked to all who fought the apartment fire and those who helped place the 100 displaced persons. He thanked them for their hard work. He thanked the West Chicago Fire Department for no injuries or fatalities in an apartment fire of that magnitude. Everyone applauded the Fire Department. He thanked the West Chicago Police Department for placing these people and working with them. He especially thanked County Representative Dirk Enger who came out daily to make sure County resources were made available. He thanked Dirk Gunderson from District 94 for going out with the Mayor to buy diapers. The Mayor said commented that the children had upbeat faces in spite of going through such a trauma. The parents are worried about the future. The Mayor said this town is known for its heart and the churches came through with donations and prayers. West Chicago will always be there for each of its residents.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:11 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk