

These minutes were approved at the 12/5/2011 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 21, 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 (Grandma) Stout 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, H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen James E. Beifuss and Russell Radkiewicz 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, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. Public Participation. The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Ms. Thera Pischetola, P.T.O. Wegner School, West Chicago, Illinois, spoke about their upcoming “Winter Wegnerland” event. They have requested street closure while they have sleigh rides. She was here to answer any questions.

6. Correspondence and Announcements. None

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- November 22, 2011 Historical Preservation Commission (cancelled)
- November 24, 2011 Finance Committee (cancelled)
- November 28, 2011 Public Affairs Committee
- December 1, 2011 Infrastructure Committee

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the November 21, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 365,379.84. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Dimas, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda, Murphy, and Meissner abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** Alderman Pineda read and explained the following item:

A. Resolution 11-R-0128 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with URS Corporation to Conduct a Phase One Environmental Site Assessment of Property Associated with the W. Washington and Redevelopment Project

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt the item on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **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:

B. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2011

C. Resolution 11-R-0127 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Stormwater Drainage and Detention – 1261 Atlantic Drive

D. Approve – Winter Wegnerland Closure of Proposed Route for Thru Traffic – Scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2011. The Mayor said the events should be completed in time for people to attend Frosty Fest.

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. The Mayor announced that he will be appointing a Veterans Advisory Committee to be established here in City Hall with Terry Owens as Chairman. The Committee will be a conduit between the City and veterans groups to see how we can work together and as a sounding board if they need help with the County, State, or Federal governments. No City staff will be needed. There will be no more than five members.

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said we are thankful to be celebrating Thanksgiving. On behalf of the City Council he wished everyone enjoyment of the holiday with their family and friends and good food, and remembering the past and recognizing the blessings we have. We pray for those less fortunate and away from home. The food pantries need your help with money or non-perishable food.

The Mayor said he will be welcoming Santa Claus on December 3, 2011. He advised the City Council that Santa has a list of those who have been naughty and those who have been nice.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:10 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman (Grandma) Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk