

These minutes were approved at the 1/13/14 City Council meeting (rescheduled from 1/6/14) with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2013

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 Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Donald F. Earley, James Smith, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Laz Perez, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. **Public Participation.**

**A. Public Hearing: 2014 Proposed Budget.** The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. Alderman Dimas said the staff did an excellent job in putting the budget together. It is laid out very well and is understandable. Alderman Earley said the City should adhere to the budget this coming year, as there were increases in the 2013 budget. There were no other comments so the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

No one spoke during regular Public Participation:

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2013.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve the minutes of December 2, 2013, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve the December 16, 2013, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 938,989.14. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

\* **Development Committee:** No report

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

**A. Resolution 13-R-0088** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with EPCO Carbon Dioxide Products for the Procurement of Liquid Carbon Dioxide for FY 2014 (for an amount not to exceed \$21,750.00)

**B. Resolution 13-R-0089** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Mississippi Lime Company for the Procurement of Rotary Hydrated Lime for FY 2014 (for an amount not to exceed \$274,550.00)

**C. Resolution 13-R-0090** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with United States Aluminate Company for the Procurement of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for FY 2014 (for an amount not to exceed \$21,908.00)

**D. Resolution 13-R-0091** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with KA Steel Chemicals, Inc., for the Procurement of Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite for FY 2014 (for an amount not to exceed \$50,368.00)

**E. Resolution 13-R-0092** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 with Strand Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering

Construction Oversight Services Related to the 2013 Main Street Tunnel and Stairway Improvement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00)

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

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

**F. Ordinance 13-O-0039** – An Ordinance Levying Taxes within the Corporate Limits of the City of West Chicago as the Property is Assessed and Equalized for State and County Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2013, and Ending December 1, 2013

**G. Ordinance 13-O-0040** – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2014, and Ending December 31, 2014, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 2

**H. Ordinance 13-O-0041** – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2014, and Ending December 31, 2014, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 27

**I. Ordinance 13-O-0042** – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2014, and Ending December 31, 2014

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

\* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** Mayor Pineda read and explained the following items:

**J. Resolution 13-R-0093** – A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Clean-up Grant Application for the West Washington Street Redevelopment Project (removed and voted upon separately)

**K. Approve** – The Appointment of Steve Hale to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2017

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Steve Hale to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**Resolution 13-R-0093** – A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Clean-up Grant Application for the West Washington Street Redevelopment Project. Alderman Earley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve Resolution 13-R-0093. During discussion, Alderman Earley felt this item should have gone through the Finance Committee since it has budget consequences. City Administrator Guttman said it has been previous City Council policy to apply for these grants, so it should not have been a surprise. Special notices had to go out. However, something different in the future can be considered. Mayor Pineda said this has been discussed so it should not have been a surprise to anyone. A decision has to be made regarding that property, and other entities will be involved. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Beifuss said it was the Mayor's birthday and ceded the floor to Alderman Jim Smith who led all in singing Happy Birthday to the Mayor.

**Upcoming Meetings**

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| - December 17, 2013  | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - December 23, 2013` | Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)                |
| - December 24, 2013  | Historical Preservation Commission (cancelled)      |
| - December 26, 2013  | Finance Committee (cancelled)                       |

The Mayor thanked the staff for doing such a great job with the budget. He has heard several comments about how it has become very user friendly. Anyone who had any questions was able to call staff and get the answers. It is nice to look at a well laid out paper that is easy to read. He again thanked the staff and thanked the Alderman for taking the time to look at the budget. The City continues to be healthy.

The Mayor wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and urged keeping it a safe season.

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

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:18 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