

These minutes were approved at the 1/3/2012 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 19, 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 Pineda 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., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. 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 Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Chief of Police Laz Perez, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman,

5. **Public Participation.** The following people spoke during Public Participation:

- 1) Richard C. Slocum, 7 Walnut Circle, Sugar Grove, IL 60554, introduced himself as a candidate for the State Senate from District 25.
- 2) Dan Bovey, New Life Bilingual Church, 464 Ann Street, West Chicago, was there because they have a variance on the agenda. They have met the five requirements for the variance. Mr. Bovey spoke of their long time commitment to the community.

A, Presentation: 4 the People. Don Earley spoke about the successful Prayer Breakfast held at Wheaton Academy. Joey Gianforte, treasurer of *4 the People*, presented checks to three representatives of Wheaton Academy. The Mayor said that as a founder, along with Alderman John Smith, of 4 the People, he wished to thank everyone who participated in the Prayer Breakfast. He said it was good to see the community come out for the common cause of prayer.

B. Public Hearing: 2012 Budget. Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to open the public hearing at 7:05 pm. The motion was carried by voice vote. No one spoke for or against the budget. At 7:06 pm, Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to close the public hearing. Motion was carried by voice vote.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.** None

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- December 20, 2011 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- December 26, 2011 Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)
- December 27, 2011 Historical Preservation Commission

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the December 19, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,284,611.79. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, 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 items:

A. Ordinance No. 11-O-0068 – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Landbank Required Off-Street Parking - 1150 Commerce Drive - Subco Foods, Inc.

B. Ordinance No. 11-O-0070 – An Ordinance Approving the Final PUD Plan with Deviations for A.A. Conte Joint Venture Limited Partnership - 1240 W. North Avenue

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

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following item:

C. Ordinance No. 11-O-0066 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

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

* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley read and explained the following items especially that the budget decreased from \$58 million to \$51 million from last year. He thanked the staff and Finance Committee for all their work.

D. Resolution 11-R-0133 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract with Groot Industries Inc. - Residential Solid Waste, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection

E. Ordinance No. 11-O-0067 – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2012, and Ending December 31, 2012

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

The Mayor thanked staff for an excellent job. Reducing the budget from \$58 million to \$51 million is a monumental task and he is proud of the City and the Finance Department,

The Mayor said people should be very proud of the staff. There are only a handful of communities to offer a reduced price to seniors for waste collection.

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

F. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2011

G. Approve - The City Administrator's Emergency Purchase of Two (2) Pumps for Sanitary Lift Station #3 (for an amount not to exceed \$72,051.00)

H. Resolution No. 11-R-0136 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Local Agency Agreement for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of West Chicago for the North Avenue Reconstruction Project

I. Ordinance No. 11-O-0075 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2012, and Ending December 31, 2012, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 2

j. Ordinance No. 11-O-0076 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2012, and Ending December 31, 2012, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 27

K. Ordinance No. 11-O-0077 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2012, and Ending December 31, 2012, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 28

L. Ordinance No. 11-O-0074 – An Ordinance Levying Taxes within the Corporate Limits of the City of West Chicago as that Property is Assessed and Equalized for State and County Purposes for the for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2012, and Ending December 31, 2012

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

9. Reports by Committees.

A. Ordinance No. 11-O-0071 - An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Church and a Side Yard Setback Variance at 468 Ann Street - New Life Bilingual Church

Ordinance No. 11-O-0072 - An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Church and a Side Yard Setback Variance at 464 and 466 Ann Street - Apostolic Assembly Church

Resolution 11-R-0134 – A Resolution Approving the Plat of New Life Bilingual Church Resubdivision

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt Ordinance No. 11-O-0071, Ordinance No. 11-O-0072, and Resolution 11-R-0134. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: Alderman Dzierzanowski. Motion carried.

B Ordinance No. 11-O-0069 - An Ordinance Approving a First Amendment to the Outside Storage Special Use for 1200 N. Prince Crossing Road - Forming America, Ltd.

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt Ordinance No. 11-O-0069. During discussion, Alderman Pineda provided a brief history of Forming America's activities. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: Aldermen Meissner and Dzierzanowski. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said as people gather with family and friends to celebrate this holiday, they should be thankful for the family and friends they have, and look forward to a new year of adding more friends and sometimes, even expanding their families. People should try to hold this season close to their hearts and in the spirit of Christmas say a prayer for those who are not with their loved ones and friends. Wish them a merry Christmas. For those that did not have a great year, the Mayor wished them a better one next year.

On behalf of the West Chicago City Council and all the employees of the City of West Chicago, the Mayor, his wife Crystal, and First Dog Harry, wished all the joys of the Season and a merry Christmas and healthy New Year and in the words of Charles Dickens: "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:00 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