

These minutes were approved at the 1/4/2010 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 21, 2009

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 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, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, and Nicholas Dzierzanowski present. Alderman Matt Fuesting was absent.

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, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. **Public Participation.** The following persons spoke during public participation:

- 1) John Kruser, CableCom, spoke about the Christmas programming on Channel 17 all this week. The programs are locally produced in West Chicago.
- 2) Brenda Smith, Central DuPage Hospital Communications Department, 25 N. Winfield Road, Winfield, Illinois, provided the yearly report about the activities of Central DuPage Hospital, including amounts of spent for the uninsured and for community wellness programs.

**A. Public Hearing: 2010 Budget.** The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm. No one from the audience or the City Council spoke for or against the proposed budget. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:08 pm. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings.** The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- December 22, 2009                      Historical Preservation Commission
- December 24, 2009                      Finance Committee (cancelled)
- December 28, 2009                      Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the December 21, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 467,015.27. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0. 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:** City Treasurer Earley said there were two main things this evening: the budget and levy for 2010. He explained that the budget is a financial plan and guide for the City and adjustments may be made quarterly. The budget includes a forecast for revenue and expenditures, and has decreased compared to 2009. The City will be able to provide the same high level of service and no one has had to be laid off. Position losses are through attrition. Taxes are not being increased. The water and sewer rates are not increasing, nor are the garbage rates. The Mayor and City Council have worked hard to attract revenue-producing businesses. Treasurer Earley said producing the annual budget is a result of a lot of hard work starting with the City Administrator, Department Heads, staff, and

the support of the Mayor and City Council throughout the year. He thanked all of them for working for the stakeholders to provide a budget that is responsible.

**A. Ordinance 09-O-0067** – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2010, and Ending December 31, 2010.

**B. Ordinance 09-O-0066** – An Ordinance Levying Taxes on Property within the Corporate Limits for the City of West Chicago as that Property is Assessed and Equalized for State and County Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2010, and Ending December 31, 2010.

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

The Mayor thanked the City Treasurer for the report and thanked the staff for a budget well done and the City Council for holding the line on spending. A lot of other communities cannot say they have a balanced budget with decreases. He was very proud.

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

**C. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2009

**D. Ordinance 09-O-0062** – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2010, and Ending December 31, 2010, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 2

**E. Ordinance 09-O-0064** – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2010, and Ending December 31, 2010, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 27

**F. Ordinance 09-O-0065** – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2010, and Ending December 31, 2010, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 28

**G. Resolution 09-R-0114** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Grant an Easement for Access – 1435 West Roosevelt Road

**H. Resolution 09-R-0115** – A Resolution Making a Determination Relative to the Release of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act

**I. Resolution 09-R-0117** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Michael Caplin, Anona West – 129 Fremont Street

**J. Resolution 09-R-0118** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to the Contract with DesignGrouop Signage corporation for a Change in Completion Date

**K. Resolution 09-R-0119** – A Resolution Appointing Freedom of Information Act Officer and Designating Employees to Receive Open Meetings Act Compliance Training in Accordance with Public Act 96-542

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said another year has passed and West Chicagoans wait to gather around a Christmas tree or the light of flickering candles. He wished all a Merry Christmas and shared the thought of the season: wouldn't it be wonderful if we could carry the spirit of this holiday all year long? continue the greetings with a smile the same as we wish them a Happy Holiday at this time of year? or, think of others who are less fortunate by keeping the kettles filled and the food pantry stocked? gathering with family all year long rather than just at the holidays? sprucing up your house with decorations so you are proud of it 365 days a year? putting a smile on a child's face not by a material gift, but by showing an example of giving? The Mayor's Christmas wish is that we all try to "pay it forward" through the coming year. Giving is truly a blessed act. The City of West Chicago, the staff, and the Council would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas. May God bless all mankind.

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

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:32 pm, Elf Chassee made a motion, seconded by Elf Stout to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote of all the elves.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk