

These minutes were approved at the June 2, 2014, City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2014

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Boy Scout Will Friedland of Troop 98 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, and Community Development Director John D. Said.

5. **Public Participation.**

**A. Proclamation: Honoring Melody E. Coleman's Service.** The Mayor said he read the proclamation at the retirement party for Ms. Coleman this evening. Ms. Coleman has been the head of the West Chicago Library since 2001. The Mayor thanked Ms. Coleman for doing a wonderful job.

**B. Proclamation: Poppy Day.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Poppy Day Proclamation in which the Mayor proclaimed May 19, 2014, as Poppy Day and asked all citizens to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy. The Mayor presented a copy of the Proclamation to Kathy Hummel of the West Chicago American Legion Auxiliary. Melissa Birch passed around poppies and a donation box. Ms. Birch said proceeds will go to several not for profit organizations that assist veterans and military families. Poppies will also be available at the Memorial Day observance at Oak Wood Cemetery.

**C. Proclamation: National Public Works Week.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation in which the Mayor proclaimed the week of May 18-24, 2014, as National Public Works Week in West Chicago and called upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life. The Mayor said he cannot say enough about the Public Works employees, especially after this past winter. They are fantastic people and he thanks them.

No one spoke during Public Participation:

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2014.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman James Smith, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014, 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 Banas, to approve the May 19, 2014, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 460,034.96. 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:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

**A. Resolution 14-R-0025** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Downtown Façade Grant Program Agreement – Ronald Segert – 132 Fremont Street

**B. Resolution 14-R-0026** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Downtown Façade Grant Program Agreement – Jonathan Santiago – 528 Main Street

**C. Resolution 14-R-0027** – A Resolution Approving the RJR West Chicago Plat of Resubdivision

**D. Resolution 14-R-0028** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Downtown Façade Grant Program Agreement – Vince Malina – 101 E. Washington Street

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, 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.

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

**E. Approve** – Use of City Streets and In-Kind Services for the Community High School Homecoming Parade – Scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2014

**F. Approve** – Wheaton Academy's Request to Discharge Fireworks on Friday, September 26, 2014

**G. Approve** – St. Mary's Annual Festival Closure of City Streets – Scheduled for Sunday, August 10, 2014

Alderman Chassee 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 item:

**H. Resolution 14-R-0029** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Special Management Areas and Stormwater Detention – 1845 Western Drive

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt the above item. 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.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

May 20, 2014	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
May 22, 2014	Finance Committee (cancelled)
May 27, 2014	Historical Preservation Commission

Alderman Chassee invited everyone to the Lion's Club First Annual Picnic on June 21, 2014, from 3:00 – 6:00 pm, at Hawthorne's Back Yard. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. There will be a lot of fun activities and food.

The City Clerk announced that there would be a rummage sale at the VFW on Route 59, on May 31, 2014.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said the Bloomingfest was fantastic. It gets bigger and bigger each year. There was a great turn out especially considering it snowed on Friday. The Garden Club did a great job as did Dan Czuba as a clown. Joseph Berenyi, who won gold, silver, and bronze at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, was also there. It was a pleasure to see everyone.

The Mayor announced that Owen Payton, going on 8 years old, who had been on the heart transplant list when he visited City Council, has now received a new heart. He has a long way to go, but is doing well.

The Mayor said Memorial Day will be observed this coming Monday. This is a day that means much more than picnics and taking the day off work. This is the time to remember those members of the armed forces who died in service (and thanks to all veterans now) to give us the freedoms we have. The ceremony will start at 10:00 am at Oak Wood Cemetery and he will be speaking. This is an important event.

The swimming pool will also be opening this week-end, so drivers should make sure to keep an eye out for children walking to and from the pool.

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

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:20 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