

These minutes were approved at the 12/7/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Chassee 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, Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Liginio-Kubinski present. Alderman John C. Smith was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Keith E. Letsche, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Presentation: Brilliance in Business Awards.** The Mayor called upon Marketing and Communications Coordinator Mackey who introduced the following 2015 winners of the Brilliance in Business Awards. After each introduction, a brief film was shown of the business. Mayor Pineda congratulated and presented the award to each winner and thanked them for being in West Chicago.

**Economic Development Award: Rite-Way Automotive, 101 West Washington Street.** Attending were owner Vince Malina, Samantha Malina, Olivia Malina, Ed Malina, and Val Malina. The remodeled showroom and waiting area, high tech equipment and renovated auto bays, as well as exterior beautification and signage, has rewarded the business with a steady stream of satisfied customers and the community with an overall boost to the prominent corner. As his business continues to gain traction with new customers, Mr. Malina's investment in the community continues to grow also. His insight as a committee member for several events including the Historical Preservation Commission, drives development of fresh ideas which, in turn, lead to further exposure for the downtown business district.

**Small Business of the Year: Supermercado Tampico, 516 Main Street.** Attending were owner Jose Ocampo Sr., Martha Ocampo, Jacqueline Gutierrez, Marlene Ocampo-Pena, and Jose Ocampo Jr. Tampico is known for its high quality meats and produce and friendliness, helpfulness and care provided by its quality staff. This family-owned business contributes to the overall quality of downtown West Chicago by taking extra effort to beautify the east gateway to West Chicago's downtown through seasonal gardens and gorgeous flowering pots. The store has been there since 1990.

**Community Image Award: Egg Yolk Café, 100 S. Neltnor Boulevard.** Attending were owner Angelo Tsilibiris, Aspasia Tsilibiris, Paula Andronis, Ron Happer, and Karen Warkentin. Egg Yolk Café has developed a strong and loyal following since opening due to the great variety of fresh, high quality dishes and friendly helpful service. Its building's exterior provides a terrific first impression to the countless cars that navigate Illinois Route 59, and once people enter the refurbished, beautifully redecorated interior, they know they have chosen the right place to dine.

**Community Service Award: Illinois Aviation Academy, 32W751 Tower Road.** Attending were Brad Ledig and George Werderich, father of the president, Bob Werderich. The Academy came to the attention of award judges through an article written for the *Chicago Tribune* on July 21, 2015, and a related story seen on WGN-TV.com on July 27, 2015, about its one-of-a-kind program, *Tuskegee Next Academy*. Its goal to train and support 100 African American and minority Chicago-area youth in obtaining their pilots license by the year 2015, is inspiring. Learning something as challenging and exciting as air flight empowers youth to dream big and reach goals. The Mayor noted that Bob's son has recently been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. The Mayor spoke of the new device that will allow Type 1 diabetics to live normal lives. He will provide information to whoever wants it.

**Outstanding Not-for-Profit: St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, 213 Main Street.**

Representing Manager Maria Mendez was Rhonda Hanson. St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store is another resident favorite and received many nominations from its loyal customer base. Among the reasons cited were friendly staff, great product selection and prices, and a welcoming atmosphere which encourages community gathering and social interaction. They do much good in the community by helping out in crises such as floods or fires. They also provide warm coats for those in need.

The Mayor again thanked all the businesses and said it was an honor to have them here He thanked them for making West Chicago the great community it is.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2015.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of November 2, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the November 16, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$772,270.26. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

\* **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following item:

**A. Resolution 15-R-0059** – A Resolution Approving a Final Development Plan for 2505 Enterprise Circle in the DuPage Business Center – Simpson Strong-Tie.

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to approve the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

**B. Approve** – Change Order No. 1 and Final – 2015 Contractual Street Striping Program – Superior Road Striping, Inc. (for an amount not to exceed \$2,498.01)

**C. Resolution 15-R-0054** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Mississippi Lime Company for the Procurement of Rotary Hydrated Lime for FY 2016 (for an amount not to exceed \$308,940.00)

**D. Resolution 15-R-0055** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Maccarb for the Procurement of Liquid Carbon Dioxide for FY 2016 (for an amount not to exceed \$40,500.00)

**E. Resolution 15-R-0056** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with K.A. Stell Corporation for the Procurement of Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite for FY 2016 (for an amount not to exceed \$50,400.00)

**F. Resolution 15-R-0057** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Open Works for Professional Custodial Services (for an amount not to exceed \$73,464.00)

**G. Resolution 15-R-0058** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Steve Piper & Sons, Inc., of Naperville, Illinois, Professional Services Related to the 2016 Forestry Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$77,134.40)

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

**H. Resolution 15-R-0053** – A Resolution Renewing a Lease Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Fire Protection District for 509 Church Street

**I. Ordinance 15-O-0038** – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2015, and Ending December 31, 2015, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 14-O-0030

**J. Approve** – The Request to Waive the Water Impact and Permit Fees for the WCERT Project

**K. Deny** – The Request to Waive the Sewer Impact and Permit Fees for the WCERT Project (removed from the consent agenda and voted upon separately)

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt the items H, I, and J. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

**L. Concur** – With the Mayor's Appointment of Tony Lewis to the Environmental Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending in April 2016

**M. Resolution 15-R-0060** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Conveyance to IDOT for a Portion of Illinois Route 59 and Rescinding Resolution No. 15-R-0018

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees.** From Item 8.K. **Deny** – The Request to Waive the Sewer Impact and Permit Fees for the WCERT Project. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the denial. During discussion, Alderman Grodoski said she has been contacted by several of the residents. They understand about the water, but a number of them are on fixed incomes and/or disabled. The fee of \$5-6,000.00 presents quite a hardship and they would like to see it waived for the 10-12 households involved. Alderman Dimas said this was brought before the Finance Committee and the members realized that it would set a precedent. It was not waived for prior requests. These fees go to everyone else in West Chicago, so it is not appropriate to waive them. The homeowners are not forced to hook up at this time. It is their option. The Mayor reiterated that this is not something they have to do now, but if they ever have a problem with their septic field, they can hook up, and hopefully they saved for this process. Alderman Beifuss asked if their water bill would have the sewer charge on it and the Mayor said no.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Dimas, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: Aldermen Grodoski and Hallett. Alderman Birch abstained. Motion carried.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- November 17, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- November 23, 2015	Public Affairs Committee
- November 24, 2015	Historical Preservation Commission
- December 1, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- December 3, 2015	Infrastructure Committee

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to sing Happy Birthday to Alderman Ligino-Kubinski. Everyone joined in.

The City Clerk announced that the Holiday Party for the Community sponsored by the veterans of West Chicago would be held on December 12, 2015, at the VFW on Route 59. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes door prizes, dinner, and entertainment by an illusionist and musician. Desserts will be home-made by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

The City Clerk announced that the Municipal Clerks of Illinois are again selling their raffle tickets and she has them. She also has tickets for a quilt, the proceeds of which will go to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.

The City Clerk announced that at the VFW's national convention this year, it was voted to change the name of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW to just Auxiliary to the VFW. This is because there are many women in the armed services and now their male family members will be able to join the Auxiliary.

Alderman Dimas reminded everyone to attend Frosty Fest on December 5, 2015, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm downtown. It is a great time. The Mayor said it is also the day of the first Frosty 5K race. He said the students have also written essays. The winners will ride of the sleigh with the Mayor and Mrs. Pineda.

The Mayor said a special plaque was given to World War II Navy veteran Chuck Scheckel on Veterans Day at the VFW when an anchor was dedicated to him. The Mayor met one of his shipmates who shared real stories of their service together.

The City Clerk mentioned that the American Legion held the Veterans Day service and the Mayor gave a moving speech. Also, the Legion Hall was beautifully decorated by Alderman Sheahan.

### **13. Mayor's Comments.**

The Mayor said something very special occurred last Tuesday: a big celebration for the City of West Chicago when the last railcar with thorium left the City. This was the Milestone Celebration of the Completion of Soil Remediation Activities at the former Rare Earths Facility (REF). There were many entities at the old Kerr-McGee/Lindsey Light factory site including the EPA, IEMA, DuPage County, and members of the Thorium Action Group (T.A.G.). A copy of the program is attached.

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

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

**16. Adjournment.** At 7:58 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