

These minutes were approved at the 12/4/17 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2017

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., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Michael D. Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, George L. Garcia, Rebecca Stout, and Bonnie A. Gagliardi present. Aldermen Alton Hallett and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner.

5. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: Support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations. The proclamation will be read at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor called upon City Administrator Guttman who introduced the new Community Development Director, Tom Dabareiner. Mr. Dabareiner said he spent 90 minutes touring the City Museum today learning about the community. He said it made him start to fall in love with West Chicago. He hopes to contribute to the history of the City. He said he spent thirty years in city planning and the last ten in community development. He is happy to be here. The Mayor said he is looking forward to working with him. He said Mr. Dabareiner worked two hours and then went on a field trip to visit several businesses who are nominated for Brilliance in Business awards.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2017. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the minutes of November 6, 2017, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, and Gagliardi. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia, to approve the November 20, 2017, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$616,026.41. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, and Gagliardi. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

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

A. Ordinance 17-O-0044 – Amending Section 6.1 of Appendix G of the City Code – Commuter Parking Fees

B. Ordinance 17-O-0042 – An Ordinance Declaring it Necessary or Convenient for the City of West Chicago to Acquire for its Use and Occupancy Certain Real Property Commonly Identified as 509 Church Street, Owned by the West Chicago Fire Protection District

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gagliardi, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, and Gagliardi. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Item Not Sent to Committee:** Mayor Pineda read and explained the following item:

C. Resolution 17-R-0071 – A Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto Senate Bill 1451.

Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to approve the above item. During discussion, Mayor Pineda said this is a bill that will allow the small cellular companies to place their equipment on whatever public pole there is. They could also place

them on the ground, or erect other poles. This would occur all across the state. The local communities would have no say and receive minimal compensation. It could greatly affect the aesthetics of West Chicago. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Meissner, Garcia, Stout, and Gagliardi. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Several Aldermen recognized T. J. Kapetanopoulos, who lives on the west side of Prairie Meadows subdivision. He said the noise from the lot west of them is getting louder and louder, and it starts early and ends late. He understood that there had been a noise problem on the east side of the subdivision, and the City was able to measure the volume and get compliance with the City's noise limits. He would like the City to do the same for the west side. Mr. Guttman said the two people he should talk to are Chief of Police Uplegger and Community Development Director Dabareiner who were present this evening.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - November 21, 2017 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - November 23, 2017 | Finance Committee (cancelled) |
| - November 27, 2017 | Public Affairs Committee |
| - November 28, 2017 | Historical Preservation Commission |

The Mayor said the Frosty Fest 5K Run has returned, and Frosty Fest will be held on December 2, 2017.

The City Clerk reminded everyone of the Holiday Party for the Community sponsored by the American Legion and the VFW on December 9, 2017.

Alderman Chassee reminded everyone that the Lions Club has a drive for new and gently worn, clean coats. They will be distributed December 16, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church.

The City Clerk announced that Family Video has made 30 turkeys available for needy families.

Alderman Garcia announced that a new Cuban-Puerto Rican restaurant has opened in West Chicago. It is located at 928 E. Roosevelt Road. It is called, "Treasures of the Caribbean." The Mayor said he and Alderman Stout went to the ribbon cutting.

Because so many people have asked about her, Alderman Ferguson shared that his wife, Diane Ferguson, who is battling ovarian cancer, had a scan today. If the results are good, she may have her course of chemotherapy shortened.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said Thursday is Thanksgiving and hoped everyone will be with their families and have a safe and filling Thanksgiving Day. He is hosting dinner this year and is thrilled that he will see his nephew's twin daughters for the first time.

He urged all to be safe and share a lot of love and hugs.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:18 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