

These minutes were approved at the 10/15/18 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
October 1, 2018

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Ferguson 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, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Matthew E. Garling, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie A. Gagliardi, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. 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 Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

5. **Appointment** of Christopher Swiatek for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2019 for Alderman – Ward 5. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Christopher Swiatek. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk administered the Oath of Office of Alderman-Ward 5 to Christopher Swiatek. After being sworn in, Alderman Swiatek took his seat at the Council.

The Mayor thanked and congratulated Alderman Swiatek. The Mayor said there will be a lot of things coming up and he will have a lot of work to do. The Mayor said this is a great City Council that works well together. Alderman Swiatek will soon be running for election.

6. **Public Participation.** The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Diane Ferguson, Pomeroy Street, West Chicago, provided an update on McAuley School. She said the dead tree has been removed. At 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018, there will be an informational meeting at the District 33 offices to provide all attending parties with a full picture of the future of McAuley School's stewardship and renewed contribution to the historical education of the community. She would like the City to send a representative to this meeting, and asked who that would be. The Mayor said this was the first he heard about this so he did not have an answer this evening.

**A. Proclamation:** West Chicago Arts Month. The Mayor read his Proclamation (copy attached) proclaiming the month of October 2018 as West Chicago Arts Month, and encouraged all citizens to become involved in the arts. The Mayor further said that he always brags about the residents and how many artists we have in West Chicago. They found a home at 200 Main Street, and have been very successful. During rehabilitation of 200 Main, they were moved to Washington Street, which they really appreciate because it is on a main thoroughfare and more people see it. The sculpture, "*loveevenmore*" is amazing. West Chicago is getting a lot of interest. The Mexican Consulate appreciated the art here in West Chicago and would like to display the 18' Jenga Tower in Chicago. It is exciting when other people see what we have.

7. **City Council Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2018.** Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of September 17, 2018, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Aldermen Chassee, Ferguson, and Swiatek abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling, to approve the October 1, 2018, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$335,114.16. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

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

**A. Ordinance 18-O-0054** – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel Commonly Known as “206 Chicago Street” for Assemblage Purposes as Part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

**B. Resolution 18-R-0078** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Emergency Operations Plan

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

**10. Reports by Committees.** None

**11. Unfinished Business.** None

**12. New Business.** None

**13. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

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| - October 2, 2018 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - October 4, 2018 | Infrastructure Committee                            |
| - October 8, 2018 | Development Committee                               |

Alderman Birch-Ferguson announced that the West Chicago Sister Cities would be hosting an Oktoberfest Dinner on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion.

**14. Mayor’s Comments.** The Mayor said today starts the month-long Breast Cancer Awareness Month and he is wearing a pink tie and pin. He said it is wonderful that there are more and more survivors. He will be wearing something pink all month.

He said he and the Deputy Mayor came in yesterday afternoon from their trip to China. He said he was fortunate to go to that amazing country. He said they are a very capitalistic and commercial country. Shanghai has the most beautiful skyline. There are 1.4 billion people, so people have to rush according to the tour guide. The culture is great, the people are generous, and it is a very safe environment. He spoke of the 8,000 terra cotta soldiers, horses, and chariots buried with the first emperor of China. He said he was glad to be back.

City Administrator Guttman said a resident left items to be donated at the curb and received a violation notice. Neither the resident nor the inspector behaved well. The City will determine what action to take. The Mayor said he has worked for 20 years to overcome the reputation that West Chicago is hard to work with.

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

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

**17. Adjournment.** At 7:23 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