

These minutes were approved at the 3/4/19 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2019

1. Call to Order. Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Mayor wished to comment on the shooting tragedy that occurred at the Henry Pratt plant in Aurora. His firm has been doing business there for 27 years. The Mayor wished to have a moment of silence for the people who were killed: Clayton Parks, Human Resources Director, Trevor Wehner, NIU student and intern, Russell Beyer, mold operator and union chairman, Vincente Juarez, storeroom attendant and fork lift operator, and Josh Pinkard, Plant Manager. The Mayor said he refuses to say the shooter's name. There was one officer from West Chicago who works with the DuPage County SWAT Team there to help out. The Mayor texted the Aurora Mayor with condolences from West Chicago and offered whatever services he might need. Mayor Pineda wants to make sure that we take care of our employees, residents, and those we love and try to help prevent events like this. The Mayor said they practice active shooter in his company. He also cited the West Chicago Fire Department's program of working with other first responders. There then was a moment of silence for the victims.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Alderman Hallett 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 James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Michael D. Ferguson, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Matthew E. Garling, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne M. Short, Rebecca Stout, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee and Bonnie A. Gagliardi were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Sean Conway, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Police Commander Julio Calabrese, and Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner.

5. Public Participation. The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Ed Dieter, 1665 Whispering Oaks Court, West Chicago, spoke about the two burnt out buildings on Joliet Street. He would like to see them torn down. Mayor Pineda said he will take care of this matter. Mr. Dieter was also concerned about "clean" fill being trucked into Kress Creek Farm Park. Because of West Chicago's history with thorium, he wanted to ensure that the fill was indeed clean. Mr. Dieter was also concerned about the intersection of Gary's Mill Road and Route 59. Mayor Pineda said there are plans for that intersection which may include a light. This matter belongs to IDOT, but the City is kept informed.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2019. Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2019, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, and Ligino-Kubinski.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve the February 18, 2019, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$763,276.43. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, 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 items:

A. Ordinance 19-O-0002 – An Ordinance Granting Special Use Permits to West Chicago Group LLC for 560 West North Avenue for Used Motor Vehicles Sales and Related Services

B. Ordinance 19-O-0003 – An Ordinance Approving a Fourth Amendment to the Outside Storage Special Use for 1200 N. Prince Crossing Road – Forming America, Ltd.

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

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

C. Ordinance 19-O-0005 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Sales of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

D. Resolution 19-R-0007 – A Resolution Providing for the City’s Repair of State Highways in West Chicago Which are Opened by the City of West Chicago During Years 2019 thru 2023

E. Resolution 19-R-0010 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of West Chicago for STP Grant Funding for Construction Costs Related to the Washington Street Reconstruction

F. Resolution 19-R-0011 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code (BLR 09110) for Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the City’s Local Share of Construction Costs Related to the Washington Street Reconstruction

G. Resolution 19-R-0012 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute and Submit, to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (BLR 14220), and the Illinois Department of Transportation Local Public Agency General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs (BLR 1422), for Expenditures Using Motor Fuel Tax Funds for FY 2019

H. Approve – The Rejection of Bids for the 2019 Forestry Maintenance Program

I. Approve – Change Order No. 1 and Final for Services Related to the 2018 Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$1,560.00)

J. Approve – The Purchase of One 2019 Ford Escape SE 4WD from Currie Motors Fleet under the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Joint Purchasing Program (for an amount not to exceed \$24,329.00)

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 19, 2019	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- February 25, 2019	Public Affairs Committee
- February 26, 2019	Historical Preservation Commission
- February 28, 2019	Finance Committee (cancelled)

Alderman Birch-Ferguson displayed the award the City won at the Chamber of Commerce’s annual dinner. Attending were Mayor Pineda, Clerk Smith, Alderman Sheahan and herself.

Alderman Birch-Ferguson also said she attended Gallery Theater’s play, “Harvey.” The play was fantastic. They have two more full weekends of showings and she urged everyone to go see it. Clerk Smith said she and City Blogger Merle Burleigh were going this Saturday first to El Coco Loco for dinner and then to the play. Alderman Beifuss might join them and she invited anyone else that wished to join them.

The City Clerk provided information on the fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the West Chicago City Museum and the West Chicago Historical Society entitled, "Becoming Queen Elizabeth II." The date is March 10, 2019, 1:00 pm at the American Legion, and the cost is \$20.00 per person. This includes lunch and entertainment. This will be a great program and everyone is invited. Mayor Pineda said he went to the one last year which gave the history of women's undergarments. He said it was a great afternoon with good food

The City Clerk read an article regarding West Chicago Police Detective Robbi Peterson who participated in the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge, taking a plunge every hour into Lake Michigan for 24 hours. Funds raised benefit Special Olympics Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run. The water was very cold this year and during the last several plunges, slush was forming on the lake. Detective Peterson said they had a heated tent.

The West Chicago Police Department will again participate in the "Coolest Event of the Year," the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge into Loon Lake in Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville. The West Chicago Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 85, captained by Detective Robbi Peterson, will take the plunge at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 3, 2019. See Merle Burleigh's February 20, 2019, column to make a donation.

The Mayor said Detective Peterson is absolutely mad. The Mayor said he does a lot of things, but he will not do this one. However, he appreciates very much what Detective Peterson Robbi does and he thanks him for his participation. It is good to keep Special Olympics in our minds and hearts. The Mayor pointed out that the warm tent is not in Lake Michigan. The Mayor thanked all the police officers for participating in these events. They do this every year.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said his comments at the beginning of the meeting.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:27 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk