

These minutes were approved at the 10/21/19 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
October 7, 2019

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Beifuss led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation in honor of the City's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West Chicago Sister Cities partnership with Taufkirchen (Vils), Germany, and read the Proclamation from Taufkirchen (Vils) (copy attached). The Mayor said this has been a great partnership.
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, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne M. Short, Rebecca Stout, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Alderman Matthew E. Garling was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Deputy Chief of Police Chris Shackelford

5. **Public Participation.**

Chief of Police Uplegger introduced the new Deputy Chief, Chris Shackelford, who has been with the Police Department for twenty years. The Mayor thanked him, welcomed him aboard, and said he knew he would do a great job. He said it was an honor to have him as Deputy Chief.

**A. Proclamation: Arts DuPage Month.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Mayor's proclamation in which he proclaimed October 2019 as West Chicago Arts DuPage Month and called upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in DuPage County. A copy of the Proclamation is attached.

The following person spoke:

Tom Tawney, 439 Claremont Street, West Chicago, spoke about the Gallery Theater in West Chicago of which he is the Manager. He invited the Council members to attend the next production, *Bistro De L'Amour* and *Reconciliation* which are two one-act plays written and directed by Tom Reiser of West Chicago. The dates are November 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. Mr. Tawney said this is the tenth season of Gallery Theater in West Chicago. Part of their mission is to give an opportunity to new playwrights and actors. He then provided the statistics on the number of visitors that have come in each season and noted that 30% have a meal in town thus adding significantly to the economy. He also felt it was very opportune to be here this evening to back up the Mayor's Proclamation on the Arts. He urged support for the local arts. Mayor Pineda said it really is great theater. People come from far and near to audition and to see the plays.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2019.** Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the October 7, 2019, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$955,238.08. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

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

**A. Resolution 19-R-0046** – A Resolution Applying for Community Development Block Grants from DuPage County.

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

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

**B. Resolution 19-R-0038** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract with Groot Industries, Inc. – Residential Solid Waste, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection

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

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

**C. Resolution 19-R-0044** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of West Chicago School District No. 33

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

\* **Item Not Sent to Committee:**

**D. Resolution 19-R-0047** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with the West Chicago Public Library District – Turner Court Parking Lot

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.**

**A. Ordinance 19-O-0028** – An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to the Final PUD Plan of the Shoppes of West Chicago Located at 191 West North Avenue.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adopt the above item. During discussion, Alderman Stout wanted to know if staff was able to establish the potential for additional parking spaces. Aldermen Beifuss and Chassee recognized the property owner and tenant to speak. The tenant said she obtained a letter from the manager of Glen Wood that would allow them to use their parking lot for overflow parking. The property owner said they could arrange for valet parking. The Mayor and several Aldermen expressed concern about changing a PUD. The Mayor was also concerned about a possible future where Glen Wood would cease allowing the parking. City Administrator Guttman said it was his suggestion, but he has not seen the letter. He would like to work with the City Attorney and Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner to make corrections.

Alderman Beifuss thought maybe the Council should add to the PUD, and it might solve the problem. He would like to see something going on at that location. He would like the City to grant some relief to the applicant who wants to work with the City and go the extra mile.

Alderman Ligino-Kubinski said she doesn't like to change the PUD either. However, she has people calling her all the time complaining of traffic in their area and lights. She knows the Glen Wood manager, but if she retires, then what would happen.

There then followed more discussion on possible solutions and changes to the PUD. Alderman Chassee said she would like to let staff look at the letter and see if it is significant. She then made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to table this item to the next meeting and send back to staff to look at verbiage of letter presented this evening.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- October 14, 2019                      Development Committee
- October 15, 2019                      Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Festival is this weekend. He, along with Aldermen Stout and Chassee will be the judges.

The mural on the west wall of the Tampico Supermarket will be dedicated at 10 am on Saturday. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Mayor said we just celebrated America in Bloom. The City was very well recognized as we did fairly well. We do have some work to do. We have learned a lot and he is looking forward to doing this many more years. Local artist Judith Horsely was recognized.

**14. Executive Session.** At 7:41 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch-Ferguson, to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

**16. Adjournment.** See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk