

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2020

The City Council meeting of December 7, 2020, was held partly remote (via Zoom) and partly on site due to the coronavirus pandemic.

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda (on site) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Mayor said it was determined that in person meetings are not practical and prudent at this time.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Ferguson led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** There was no invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Michael D. Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Matthew Garling, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, and John E. Jakabcsin present remotely. Alderman Noreen Ligino-Kubinski was present on site. Aldermen Heather Brown and Melissa Birch-Ferguson were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance was City Administrator Michael Guttman (remotely), and on site were Chief of Police Mike Uplegger and Deputy Chief of Police Chris Shackelford. City Attorney Patrick Bond attended remotely.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith attended on site.

5. **Public Participation.** There was no public participation.
6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2020.** Alderman Jakabcsin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2020, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Motion carried.
7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to accept the December 7, 2020, Corporate Disbursement Report for the amount of \$906,404.11. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.
8. **Consent Agenda.**

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

A. Authorize – The Purchase and Delivery of up to 47,000 Gallons of Organic Enhanced Salt Brine Blend Liquid from Gasaway Distributors, Inc. for the 2020-2021 Winter Season (for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00)

B. Approved – Change Order No. 1 and Final to the Contract with Emerald Tree Care, LLC for 2020 Emerald Ash Borer Insecticidal Treatment Program (in the amount of \$2,272.50 resulting in an overall contract total of \$22,222.50)

C. Resolution 20-R-0074 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 with Viking Brothers, Inc. for the Procurement of Coarse and Fine Aggregate Material Delivered for Fiscal Year 2021 (for an amount not to exceed \$47,390.00)

D. Resolution 20-R-0076 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Engineering Service Agreement with Donohue & Associates, Inc. for Services Related to a Phosphorous Removal Pilot Study for the West Chicago/Winfield Wastewater Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$53,700.00)

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

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

E. Approve – Final Report Submitted by the Mexican Cultural Center for the Mexican Independence Day 2020 Event

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

* **Items Not Sent to Committee.** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

F. Resolution 20-R-0075 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Labor Agreement Between the City of West Chicago and the Fraternal Order of Police

G. Resolution 20-R-0057 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of West Chicago, DuPage County Airport Authority, West Chicago Library District, West Chicago Fire Protection District, West Chicago Elementary School District 33, Community High School District 94 and Scannell Properties #371, LLC in Regard to a Property Tax Abatement Relative to the Development of the Scannell Property (removed and voted upon separately)

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve Item F. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committee: From Item 8.G. **Resolution 20-R-0057** – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of West Chicago, DuPage County Airport Authority, West Chicago Library District, West Chicago Fire Protection District, West Chicago Elementary School District 33, Community High School district 94 and Scannell Properties #371, LC in Regard to a Property Tax Abatement Relative to the Development of the Scannell Property

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve Resolution 20-R-0057. During discussion, Alderman Garling said it was his understanding at the Committee meeting that this is like Midwest Industrial, so he wanted to know what the difference was. City Administrator Guttman said it concerns the size of the building and the number of employees, and all of the other terms and conditions match. It is the final use of the building. Alderman Garling clarified that the economics were the same. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Resolution 20-R-0056 – A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of an Elected Official Conduct Policy

Alderman Jakabcsin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve Resolution 20-R-0056. During discussion, City Administrator Guttman confirmed to Alderman Beifuss that the Council was accepting the red-lined version.

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

11. New Business:

12. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

December 10, 2020 Finance Committee
December 14, 2020 Development Committee
December 15, 2020 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

The City Clerk noted that today is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in honor of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, in which many Americans died. A West Chicago VFW Auxiliary member was there that day and saw what happened.

13. Mayor's Commits The Mayor spoke of the current COVID issues, and urged everyone to be proactive. West Chicago is fortunate to have a number of different test sites. There will be another one this Thursday and one on Saturday. The Mayor thanked Representative Karina-Villa, and the DuPage and Illinois Health Departments for their assistance. The Mayor said many parents want their children tested too. When the vaccine comes out, first responders will receive it first. The Mayor is hoping that West Chicago will be a candidate for the vaccine

sooner also. He urged the Aldermen to get information out to their wards and let people know that West Chicago does care and is looking out for its residents. We need to continue to wear masks, keep a proper distance, and frequently wash hands.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:28 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk

