

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
March 1, 2021

The City Council meeting of March 1, 2021, 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 Morano 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, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, Matthew Garling, John E. Jakabcsin, and Joseph C. Morano present remotely. Alderman Alton Hallett was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, City Attorney Patrick Bond, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Public Works Director Rob Flatter (remotely). Interim Chief of Police Chris Shackelford were present on site.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith also was present on site.

5. **Public Participation.** There was no public participation.
6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2021.** Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve the minutes of February 15, 2021, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Alderman Brown abstained. Motion carried.
7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to accept the March 1, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$407,771.04. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**8. Consent Agenda**

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

**A. Resolution 21-R-0009** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Operations Management International, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project at the West Chicago/Winfield Wastewater Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00)

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

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

**B. Ordinance 21-O-0004** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 3, Section 3-12 (c) - Amending the Number of A-1 Liquor Licenses

**C. Concur** – With the Mayor's Appointment of Judith Horsley to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Term Ending April 2025

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to adopt Ordinance 21-O-0004 and concur with the Mayor's appointment of Judith Horsley to the Cultural Arts Commission. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. **Reports by Committees:** None
10. **Unfinished Business:** None
11. **New Business:** None
12. **Correspondence and Announcements**

**Upcoming Meetings**

March 2, 2021	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
March 4, 2021	Infrastructure Committee
March 8, 2021	Development Committee

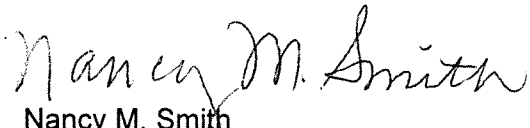
**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor was very excited to announce that West Chicago would be receiving 2100 more doses of Covid-19 vaccinations through Jewel-Osco. He got the call last Tuesday at 10:40 am and by 1:30 pm, he was at a hangar at the DuPage Airport. With him were the director of the airport, and members of the Police and the Public Works Department. They developed a plan to facilitate this clinic on March 3, 2021. The Mayor praised the City's great partners and Public Works Director Rob Flatter for his design, which will allow excellent flow. The Mayor said if people do not show up, the left over vaccine is thrown out. Rather than see that happen, the Mayor requested that people get on the waitlist.

**14. Executive Session.** There was no need for an executive session.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk