

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Sheahan led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll call found Lori Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Jayme Sheahan, Sandy Dimas, Rebecca Stout, Jeanne Short, Christine Dettmann, Melissa Birch Ferguson, Matthew Garling, Alton Hallett, John E. Jakabcsin and Joseph C. Morano present. Aldermen Heather Brown and Christopher Swiatek were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, Public Works Director Mehul Patel, Chief of Police Colin Fleury and City Attorney Pat Bond.

4. **Public Participation.**

- A. Public Hearing: 2023 Proposed Budget

Mayor Pineda opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. He thanked staff for their hard work. The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

- B. Jeff Uecke and Brianne Uecke – Owners of 104 Main Street, request the City grant them \$26,000 toward the façade restoration they have accomplished to their historic downtown building.

5. **City Council Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2022.** Alderman Morano made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2022, with no changes.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Dimas, Stout, Short, Dettmann, Birch Ferguson, Sheahan, Hallett, Jakabcsin, Garling, and Morano. Motion carried.

6. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dettmann to approve the December 5, 2022, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$650,043.39.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Dimas, Stout, Short, Dettmann, Birch Ferguson, Sheahan, Hallett, Garling, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

7. **Consent Agenda**

*** Items Not Sent to Committee:**

- A. **Approve** – The Purchase of One 2023 Ford F600 Regular Cab 4x4 Chassis from Haggerty Ford (for an amount not to exceed \$57,329.00) and Authorize the City Administrator to Contract with a Third-Party to Install the Necessary Appurtenances/Equipment for the Vehicles (at an estimated cost of \$73,500.00).
- B. **Approve** - The Purchase of One 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD PPV Police Vehicle with K9 Kennel from Chicago Motors (for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00).

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the above items.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Dimas, Stout, Short, Dettmann, Birch Ferguson, Jakabcsin, Sheahan, Hallett, Garling, and Morano. Motion carried.

*** Finance Committee:**

- C. ****Ordinance No. 22-O-0036** – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023.

**Item 7.C. was moved to Unfinished Business.

*** Public Affairs Committee:**

- D. Ordinance No. 22-O-0037** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 17 Traffic, Article XVII, Schedules of Designated Streets; Division 6. Parking Prohibited at All Times; Section 17-191. Designated; Compliance Required.
- E. Resolution No. 22-R-0068** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract Between the City of West Chicago and B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. for Plan Review/Inspection Services and Code Enforcement Services.

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short, to approve the above items.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Dimas, Stout, Short, Dettmann, Birch Ferguson, Jakabcsin, Sheahan, Hallett, Garling, and Morano. Motion carried.

*** Items Not Sent to Committee:**

- F. Resolution No. 22-R-0078** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Labor Agreement Between the City of West Chicago and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150
- G. Resolution No. 22-R-0079** – A Resolution Making a Determination Relative to the Release of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
- H. **Resolution No. 22-R-0080** – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Minutes.

**Item 7.H. was moved to Unfinished Business.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve the above items.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Dimas, Stout, Short, Dettmann, Birch Ferguson, Jakabcsin, Sheahan, Hallett, Garling, and Morano. Motion carried.

8. Reports by Committees: None

9. Unfinished Business:

- A. Ordinance No. 22-O-0036** – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023.

Alderman Dimas thanked staff for their work on the 2023 Annual Budget. Alderman Garling repeated his annual concern that the City is spending more money on a festival honoring another country's event in history than it does on our own.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the above items.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Dimas, Stout, Short, Dettmann, Birch

Ferguson, Jakabcsin, Sheahan, Hallett, and Morano. Voting Nay: Garling. Motion carried

- B. Resolution No. 22-R-0080** – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Minutes.

Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson, to approve the above item. Alderman Garling expressed a general concern about destroying audio recordings, even those more than 18 months old, when there are unfinished current matters pending in Executive Session.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Dimas, Stout, Short, Dettmann, Birch Ferguson, Sheahan, Hallett, and Morano. Voting Nay: Garling and Jakabcsin. Motion carried.

10. New Business: None

11. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

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| December 6, 2022 | Plan Commission/ZBA |
| December 12, 2022 | Development Committee |

Alderman Birch Ferguson mentioned the annual holiday party this Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the VFW Post #6791.

12. Mayor's Comments. Mayor Pineda said it was a successful Frosty Fest.

13. Executive Session. None.

14. Items to be Referred for final Action from Executive Session. None.

15. Adjournment. At 7:25 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. All Aldermen voted aye by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guttman
City Administrator