

These minutes were approved at the 9/18/23 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
September 5, 2023

**1. Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 5, 2023. Alderman Brown made a proper request to participate remotely and there was no objection raised.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Beebe led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll call found Lori Chassee, Sandy Dimas, Heather Brown (remotely), John C. Smith, Jr., Dan Beebe, Joseph C. Morano, Alton Hallett, Rebecca Stout, Jayme Sheahan, Christopher Swiatek, and Jeanne Short were present. Aldermen Melissa Birch Ferguson and Christine Dettmann were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, Finance Director Nikki Giles, Assistant Finance Director Diana Soltess, Public Works Director Mehul Patel, Chief of Police Colin Fleury and City Attorney Pat Bond.

**4. Public Participation.**

A. Proclamation: National Service Dog Month

B. Shelley Serrato – Ms. Serrato shared her concerns with the City's handling of the lot cutting of the vacant lot next to her house and the failure of City officials to return her calls.

**5. City Council Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2023.** Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Beebe, Morano, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

**6. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee to approve the September 5, 2023, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$647,635.73.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Beebe, Morano, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**\* Finance Committee:**

A. **Ordinance No. 23-O-0024** – An Ordinance Amending 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 Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 22-O-0036 – Third Quarter Budget Amendment.

B. **\*\*Ordinance No. 23-O-0025** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the West Chicago Code of Ordinances – Water and Sewer Rates.

C. **Resolution No. 23-R-0064** – A Resolution Updating the City of West Chicago's Budget Policy.

D. **Ordinance No. 23-O-0026** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Public Benefit Fund.

E. **Ordinance No. 23-O-0030** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the Boards and Commissions Code Relating to the Boards and Commissions Handbook.

F. **Resolution No. 23-R-0077** – A Resolution Adopting the Community Park Plan for the Former Kerr-McGee Site.

\*\*Item 7.B. was removed by Alderman Brown and placed under Unfinished Business.

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

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Beebe, Morano, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

**\*Public Affairs Committee:**

**G. Ordinance No. 23-O-0031** – An Ordinance Adopting the Community Park Plan for the Former Kerr-McGee Site.

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

Alderman Morano expressed support for the Park Plan and asked about the funding options for future phases to which the City Administrator responded.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Beebe, Morano, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

**8. Reports by Committees:** None

**9. Unfinished Business:**

**A. \*\*Ordinance No. 23-O-0025** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the West Chicago Code of Ordinances – Water and Sewer Rates.

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

Alderman Brown expressed concern for the increase in the water rates and to relook at infrastructure projects and their timing. Council members Chassee and Dimas explained why the rates are set as they are and the timely notification to our customers.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Beebe, Morano, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

**10. New Business:** None

**11. Correspondence and Announcements**

**Upcoming Meetings**

August 22, 2023	Historical Preservation Commission
September 5, 2023	Finance Committee

**12. Mayor's Comments.**

Mayor Pineda reminded everyone the Mexican Independence Day Celebration is Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17.

At 7:27 p.m., Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guttman  
City Administrator