

These minutes were approved at the 2/18/08 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2008

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman 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.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Gregory L. Kauth and Russell Radkiewicz were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during public participation.
6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - February 5, 2008 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - February 7, 2008 | Cultural Arts Commission |
| - February 7, 2008 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - February 11, 2008 | Development Committee |
| - February 16, 2008 | Youth Commission (rescheduled to February 23, 2008) |

Alderman Pineda announced the **Bowling for Diabetes** fundraiser to be held February 29, 2008, at Bowling Green. The event is being sponsored by the *Sons of the American Legion*.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to approve the February 4, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 941,198.92. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Pineda, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

- * **Development Committee:** No report
- * **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
- * **Public Safety Committee:** No report
- * **Community Affairs Committee:** No report
- * **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Early read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 08-O-0003 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Appendix D, Section 4 of Appendix B – Subdivision Regulations – Fair Market Value of Land

B. Ordinance 08-O-0006 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Sewer Rate Changes for FYE 2009

C. Ordinance 08-O-0007 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Hotel Tax and Commuter Parking Charges

D. Ordinance 08-O-0008 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2007, and Ending April 30, 2008, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance Number 07-O-0018 and Amended by Ordinance Numbers 07-O-0039, 07-O-0081, and 07-O-0102

E. Resolution 08-R-0009 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Amendment Number 1 to the Contract with Cemetery Management, Inc., for Professional Services Related to Cemetery Sexton at the City's Glen Oak and Oakwood Cemeteries for FYE 2008

F. Ordinance 08-O-0004 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hereto Levied for the Year 2007 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$2,290,000 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue) Refunding Bonds, Series 1998B, of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois

G. Ordinance 08-O-0005 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hereto Levied for the Year 2007 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$21,220,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002, of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

H. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2008

I. Resolution 08-R-0011 – A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) and Authorizing the City Administrator to Approve a Contract with the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said one deciding vote sent Thomas Jefferson to the White House in place of Aaron Burr, one vote gave women the franchise in 1920, and but for one vote in 1876, President Rutherford B. Hayes might never have taken the oath of office. The Mayor said it is more than a duty to vote, it is an honor. Being able to vote is what Americans have died for and marched in protest for when they were denied. The Mayor said people have the choice to decide their future; they should take a little time out of their hectic lives and vote for their future. He urged everyone to be sure to vote tomorrow and honor the person on that ballot with their confidence.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:14 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adjourn. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk