

These minutes were approved at the 4/22/08 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 7, 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 Bunch led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation in memory of her nephew, Billy Browning.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, H. Ronald Monroe, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. was 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 and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

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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| - April 10, 2008 | Infrastructure Committee (rescheduled from April 3, 2008) |
| - April 14, 2008 | Development Committee |
| - April 15, 2008 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - April 17, 2008 | Community Affairs Committee |
| - April 19, 2008 | Youth Commission |

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the April 7, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 530,363.35. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

- * **Development Committee:** No report

- * **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski said at the April 10th Infrastructure Committee meeting (this Thursday, 7:00 pm), Commonwealth Edison will present a final report of what actions they will take to deal with the electrical outages. Any interested party is invited to attend.

- * **Public Safety Committee:** No report

- * **Community Affairs Committee:** No report

- * **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Early explained again why the Home Rule sales tax was instituted to purchase water meters. He said of the three possible ways to finance the purchase (raise real estate taxes, raise water rates, or raise the sales tax) raising the sales tax seemed to be the most responsible as half the sales taxes come from non-residents. He said the plusses are that the homeowners, businesses, and industries would receive new meters. Once the meters are paid for, the money will go to capital improvements rather than towards day-to-day operations.

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

- A. **Approve** - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2008

- B. **Approve** - Special City Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2008

- C. **Approve** - City Administrator's Emergency Purchase to Repair, Install, Test, and Return Well #5 back into Operation – Meadow Equipment Sales and Service, Inc. (for an amount not to exceed \$39,931.65)

D. Resolution 08-R-0031 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Classic Landscape, Ltd., for the 2008 Right-Of-Way Landscape Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$125,185.0)

E. Resolution 08-R-0032 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with American Ground Cover, LLC, for the 2008 Brush Pickup Program (for an amount not to exceed \$58,065.00)

F. Resolution 08-R-0036 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 328 ½ High Street

G. Resolution 08-R-0037 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 461 Main Street – Z-Way Realty

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Radkiewicz, 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, as reported last week, the City of West Chicago announced its commitment to initiating the creation of a new program to help address the needs of the youth. With the hiring of a Youth Coordinator, it shows that the City is interested in this program. The Youth Coordinator will interface with other departments and other taxing bodies with the intent of building networks of volunteers to maintain the successful programs such as Open Gym and Senior Leaf Raking. It will be a process of harnessing the energy of the youth. In the past it was said if one kid could be saved from the bad guys, then a great job was done. The Mayor welcomed Randy York as the new Youth Coordinator and said he was sure he would do a great job.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk