

These minutes were approved at the 6/2/08 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 19, 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 Smith led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation in honor of Memorial Day.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Ruben Pineda and Joey Gianforte 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Special Counsel Barb Magel.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during regular public participation.

A. Mayoral Proclamation – West Chicago Civil War Week. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 480 (copy attached), in which the Mayor proclaimed June 14-21, 2008, as **West Chicago Civil War Week**, and encouraged all to participate in the Civil War era lawn party hosted by the Friends of the West Chicago City Museum and the Civil War encampment hosted by the West Chicago Park District.

In attendance were Friends of the City Museum Len and Willine Mahony and Marcie Schulein, dressed in Civil War era dress. Ms. Mahony, 229 E. Washington Street, West Chicago, said she was very happy the Friends scheduled this second lawn party. Two years ago President Lincoln said he enjoyed his time enough, but wished he had met more children. This year the event will be geared to families. She said the Friends are very happy to connect with the Park District at Manville Oaks, which should be an enlightening look about the reality of history at that time. She thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation and wished the citizens of West Chicago to join in. The Mayor thanked Ms. Mahony and said he was looking forward to attending the lawn party.

B. Mayoral Proclamation – Poppy Days. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 481 (copy attached), in which the Mayor proclaimed May 23-24, 2008, as **Poppy Days** and urged all to contribute generously. The Mayor urged all of West Chicago to donate to Poppy Days.

C. Mayoral Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness Month. At the Mayor's request, Alderman Chassee read Proclamation Number 482 (copy attached) in which the Mayor proclaimed May 2008 as **Motorcycle Awareness Month** in West Chicago and urged all motorists to improve safety and awareness on the roadways.

In attendance was John Block, President of the Kane A.B.A.T.E. and his fellow riders. Mr. Block thanked the Mayor for this proclamation and for the City's support of all their events that pass through West Chicago, especially the help with roadblocks by the police department.

D. Update on Residual Thorium Clean Up. Special Counsel Magel provided an update on the clean up efforts. The EPA has completed surveys of 32 properties. On three properties, there have been down hole borings every six inches to a depth of five feet. This has been started at a fourth property. This is a slower process because of the hundreds of readings on each property. So far, only two spots have been found with slightly elevated readings. These elevations may not be thorium, but could be anything, such as pesticides. The elevated readings were on Tronox property, not home sites. There are nine properties where there is no access. This is not due to denials, but it is a matter of getting their attention and getting them to agree.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

The City Clerk announced that Memorial Day observances would be conducted by the West Chicago Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts next Monday. They will visit all the area cemeteries and end at Oak Wood Cemetery at 10:00 am for a special program. Mayor Kwasman is the featured speaker. The Mayor hoped to see everyone there.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- May 20, 2008 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- May 21, 2008 Environmental Commission (cancelled)
- May 22, 2008 Finance Committee (rescheduled to May 28, 2008)
- May 26, 2008 Public Safety Committee
- May 27, 2008 Historical Preservation Commission

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the May 19, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 726,190.41. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

- * **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 08-O-0024 – An Ordinance Adopting Appendix J of the Coe of Ordinances in the City of West Chicago to Extend the Term of an Annexation Agreement to a Maximum of Forty Years

B. Ordinance 08-O-0034 – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – St. Andrews Estates Subdivision East Side of N. Neltnor Boulevard and South of Smith Road

C. Ordinance 08-O-0035 – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from the ER-1 Estate Residential District to the R-2 Single Family Residence District St. Andrews Estates Subdivision East Side of N. Neltnor Boulevard and South of Smith Road

D. Resolution 08-R-0060 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Tom and Pearl Marziani – 117 Main Street (for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00)

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

- * **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski said in regards to Item 8F, purchase of a loader/backhoe, the Public Works Department found out that as of June 1, 2008, the price will go to over \$98,000 so by purchasing now, it will save over the City over \$5,000. Alderman Dzierzanowski thanked Public Works Director Flatter and staff for bringing this matter to the City's attention.

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

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

- * **Finance Committee:** No report

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

E. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2008

F. Authorize – The Purchase of One (1) 2008 Case Model 590 Super M Series 3 Loader/Backhoe and Appurtenances (for an amount not to exceed \$85,017.00)

G. Ordinance 08-O-0036 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago - Vehicles

H. Ordinance 08-O-0037 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago – Vehicle and Equipment

I. Resolution 08-R-0055 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 435 Main Street

J. Resolution 08-R-0008 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract Between the City of West Chicago and Buck Services, Inc., for Professional Custodial Services (for a first year amount not to exceed \$75,000.00)

K. Approve – Reappointments to the Cultural Arts Commission – Anni Holm for a Four Year Term; John Keeney for a Four Year Term, and Jesse Felix for a One Year Term.

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, 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 with Memorial Day slowly coming into focus and people planning their outings, picnics and other family gatherings, they should take a moment and think back to 9/11 and the faces of the heroes that gave the ultimate sacrifice, think about the soldier in far off lands fighting for the freedom of others, and think about the lonely soldier sitting in an airport trying to get home to see his or her parents and loved ones. He asked, "Is Memorial Day only for the heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice?" He thought not. It is also a living memorial of all that wear the uniform. It is a memorial that, as God's people, have a duty to teach the young that is a duty as a memorial, to show others respect, of those that serve now, in the past, and in the future. He said as people look at the flag, notice the faces in it that protect us everyday and as you pass our servicemen pay them back with a memorial thank you. It might catch on and even become contagious. He concluded with this quote by an unknown author: "We may argue about politics and we may disagree about war, but there is one that that none of us can dispute. The founding fathers of our country would be proud of each and every individual who has given his or her life in service to this great nation." Let's take a moment to remember that this Memorial Day.

13. Executive Session. At 7:23 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)] and conduct the semi-annual review of executive session minutes [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)].

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

15. Adjournment. See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk