

These minutes were approved at the 10/20/08 City Council Meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 6, 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 Chassee 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, H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting physically 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

5. **Public Participation.** The following person spoke during public participation:

Donald L. Smith, 308 E. Grand Lake Boulevard, West Chicago, invited everyone to the West Chicago Sister Cities' Open House to be held at the West Chicago Library on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The library's window display will contain German artifacts, and German refreshments will be served.

Mr. Smith also reminded everyone about the Holiday Celebration for the Community to be held on December 6, 2008, at the American Legion Hall in West Chicago. The public is welcome at this event.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

City Clerk Smith said petition packets for next April's election would be available on October 28, 2008, the first day they are allowed to be circulated. Up for election are seven Aldermen for four-year terms, and one Alderman for a two-year term. The Mayor, City Clerk, and City Treasurer are also up for election.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- October 7, 2008 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- October 13, 2008 Development Committee
- October 16, 2008 Community Affairs Committee

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the October 6, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,343,971.48. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, 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:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 08-R-0108 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Alpha Paintworks for Professional Services Related to the 2008 Fire Hydrant Painting Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$61,828

B. Resolution 08-R-0109 – A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 08-R-0100 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with L. M. Johnson and Sons at 327, 405, and 419-421 Main Street for an Amount Not to Exceed \$72,442

C. Waive – Competitive Sealed Bidding Process and Authorize Staff to Use Groot Industries Inc. (DuKane Transfer Station) to Dispose of Solid Waste Material for an Amount Not to Exceed \$18,000

D. Approve – Change Order No. 1 and Final with Meadow Equipment Sales & Services for Repairs to Well Station No. 5 for an Increase of \$1,875

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

* **Public Safety Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following item:

E. Ordinance 08-O-0072 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 11, Article II, Offenses, to Add Division 14 – Anti-Graffiti Restrictions

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

* **Community Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Early requested the opportunity to speak later regarding Ordinance 08-O-0071

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

F. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2008

G. Ordinance 08-O-0071 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Changing the Fiscal Year to a Calendar Year

H. Approve – Use of City Streets and In-kind Services for the Community High School Homecoming Parade on October 10, 2008

I. Resolution 08-R-0107 – A Resolution from the City of West Chicago Supporting the City of Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games

J. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Nicholas Fuller to the Environmental Commission

K. Ordinance 08-O-0069 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

L. Approve – Frosty Fest 2008 Hours of Operation; Closure of City Streets, and Parade Route

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. During discussion, City Treasurer Earley outlined the benefits of changing the fiscal year to a calendar year (Item G). He said May 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, would be the short year. The Treasurer also said the City's funds in banks are protected and the City is solvent. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Smith, 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 commented that it was sad that the White Sox were losing in the play offs.

The Mayor said this Friday he is asking all West Chicagoans to come out in droves and support the Community High School football team for their Homecoming game. He wants to show Naperville Central what West Chicago is all about. He said the high school students are the future of West Chicago and the residents should show the kids that they are behind them.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:22 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adjourn. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk