

These minutes were approved at the 11/19/07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 5, 2007

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, Gregory L. Kauth, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. 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. The following members of the West Chicago Police Department were present: Chief Donald Goncher, Deputy Chief Bruce Malkin, Deputy Chief Laz Perez, Deputy Chief M. Uplegger, Sergeant Eric Shipman, Sergeant William Hall, Sergeant Eugene Samuel, Officer Michael Rosenwinkel, Officer John A. Zurick, Records Supervisor Gary Binder, Records Clerk Teri Gardner, Officer Antonio Reyes, Officer Dan Herbert, Officer Robert Bailey, Officer Fred Cadena, Officer Rich Langelan, Commander Chris Shackelford, Detective Julio Calabrese, Commander S. Kroning, Detective Robbi Peterson, Officer Justin Wienrank, and Officer M. Griffin.

5. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation – Gene and Carrie Rennels 50th Wedding Anniversary. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Mayoral Proclamation Number 471 (copy attached), in which the Mayor recognized Gene and Carrie Rennels on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The Mayor said his friendship with the Rennels goes back 20 years. Gene was the first person he met in West Chicago. The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Gene Rennels and Alderman Dzierzanowski presented a bouquet of flowers.

B. Proclamation – America Recycles Day. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Mayoral Proclamation Number 470, in which the Mayor encouraged all residents of West Chicago to learn about the importance of recycling.

The Mayor recognized State Representative Randy Ramey. Representative Ramey said he enjoyed working as a representative with the City and getting things done, and looked forward to working with the City in the future. He said the City has been working on construction on Oak Street between Dayton and Route 38, and it turns out this roadway belongs to the State of Illinois. He was able to work with IDOT and the Mayor to get jurisdiction of this roadway transferred to the City of West Chicago. In addition, the State will give the City \$45,000. The Mayor thanked Representative Ramey on behalf of the City of West Chicago, not only for his hard work, but also for all the other ways he has helped the City.

C. Police Department Recognition and Presentation. Chief Goncher introduced new Deputy Chief Michael Uplegger who was promoted to this position on September 16, 2007. He is the Deputy Chief of Support Services.

Chief Goncher then recognized Deputy Chief Perez, Detective Calabrese and retired Detective Dave Edland for their work solving a December 19, 2005, armed robbery at the Dollar Store. They worked with the FBI on the case. For their part in this investigation, they were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Ribbon.

Chief Goncher said there are two new officers, Adam Reavley and John Stewart who could not be here this evening as they are both at school.

The following persons spoke during public participation:

1) Warren Warren, 327 Edgewood, Lombard, Illinois, spoke of his concerns with the ordinance passed in April that dealt with employee health coverage. He said he has been unable to find where he would be included in the ordinance because of his separate agreement with the City. He requested that the City Council discuss this matter at the next City Council meeting. The Mayor said this matter would be turned over to the Finance Committee for discussion. Mr. Warren can attend that meeting.

2) Barb Guetler, 29W131 Blair, West Chicago, said she was there as a member of TAG (Thorium Action Group). She took exception to today's *Daily Herald* story about the thorium issue in West Chicago. She said the demise of TAG was greatly exaggerated. She felt the article was very slanted and had untrue information about Kerr-McGee and the City. She said TAG has not come forth regarding the latest finding of thorium at one house under cement. Because it is under cement, it does not pose a danger. She said TAG thinks the City, Kerr-McGee, and the EPA are doing their job. She said there are some residents that will not allow workers on their property to clean it up, and TAG cannot make people comply. She also said all the people worked together and this has never been a race issue. Everyone worked together to make this a safer place for children to live. She also resented the neighborhood around the factory site being characterized as depressed. She said the entire housing market is depressed. She thanked the City of West Chicago for stepping up to the plate and Kerr-McGee for continuing to do their job and the EPA for always doing their job. She thought people should call the *Daily Herald* and complain and/or cancel their subscriptions.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

City Clerk Smith said Emma Rios, of *Casa Rios Bridal Salon* on Main Street wished to thank the Mayor, the City Council, and the Public Works Department for the recent clean up of the downtown sidewalks. She said they were very polite, professional, and did a terrific job.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - November 6, 2007 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - November 12, 2007 | Development Committee |
| - November 15, 2007 | Community Affairs Committee |
| - November 17, 2007 | Youth Commission (cancelled) |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to approve the November 5, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,434,199.11. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, 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 item:

A. Approve – 2007 Sidewalk Maintenance Program Change Order #1 and Final, for a Total Addition to the contract in the amount of \$2,453.85.

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to approve the above item. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Public Safety Committee:** No report

* **Community Affairs Committee:** Alderman Kauth thanked Marketing Coordinator Rosemary Mackey and the West Chicago Park District for putting together one of the best ever Frosty Fests programs. It will be on December 1, 2007, beginning at 4:00 pm. He said there would be a small parade, tree lighting ceremony, live reindeer, and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

B. Approve – Frosty Fest 2007 Hours of Operation; Closure of City Streets and Parade route

Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to approve the above item. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Early said the Finance Committee approved the Comprehensive Annual Report. It is available for viewing and it is on the website.

Treasurer Earley reported that the County Clerk told him that the tax bills would be late. The County Treasurer said distribution would be late also.

C. Ordinance 07-O-0079 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Economic Incentive Agreement with Texan BBQ Restaurant. Treasurer Early said this would enhance the City's economic growth. Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the above item. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, 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:

D. Ordinance 07-O-0096 – An Ordinance Amending Appendix I of the Municipal Code of the City of West Chicago to Provide for the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, a Cable/Video Service Provider Fee and Peg Access Fee and for Cable Television Franchising.

E. Ordinance 07-O-0092 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago – Nine (9) Motorola Vehicle Radio Modems to the West Chicago Fire Protection District

F. Resolution 07-R-0118 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of West Chicago to Adopt a Statement of Interoperability

G. City Council Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2007

H. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2007

I. Ordinance 07-O-0097 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposition of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago – Disposal of Damaged Computer Equipment

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, 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.

A. Appointment of Mayor *Pro tem*: Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Alderman Ruben Pineda as Mayor *pro tem*. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor omitted his comments this evening due to laryngitis.

13. Executive Session. At 7:31 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, 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