

These minutes were approved at the 3/5/07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2007

1. **Call to Order.** Acting Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** The Brownies and Girl Scouts of West Chicago 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 James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, Gregory L. Kauth, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Matthew Fuesting and Acting Mayor Michael B. Kwasman present. The Acting Mayor announced a quorum. Alderman Russell Radkiewicz arrived at 7:06 pm and Alderman Gregory L. Kauth arrived at 7:09 pm. Alderman Lori J. Chassee was absent.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, and Deputy Chief of Police Donald Goncher with Sergeant Leo Aviles, Police Officer Tony Quarto, and other West Chicago police officers.

5. Public Participation

A. Presentation – Proclamation Honoring Girl Scouts. At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 460 in which the Acting Mayor recognized the contributions and achievements of 2nd Grade Brownie Troop No. 1099 members Ashley DiPentino, Tessa Elfstrom, Samantha Flatter, Megan Graal, Molly Howard, Autumn Jensky, Jessica Meissner, Emily Roldan, Katie Skifano, Megan Stirrup, Ashley Stoklasa, and Katie Their, along with their leaders Barbara Flatter and Maureen Skifano. The Acting Mayor, with the assistance of Alderman Dimas, presented copies of the Proclamation and certificates to those Brownies and leaders.

At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 461 in which the Acting Mayor recognized the contributions and achievements of 6th Grade Girl Scout Troop No. 009 members Katie Becker, Julia Caithamer, Brittany Clark, Megan Fagalde, Ashley Gutowski, Andrea Lazzerini, Haley Olsen, Lauren Ott, Sarah Rahman, along with their leaders Patti Fagalde and Gina Lazzerini. The Acting Mayor, with the assistance of Alderman Dimas, presented copies of the Proclamation and certificates to those Girl Scouts and leaders.

The Acting Mayor thanked the Scouts on behalf of the City of West Chicago and on behalf of the City Council. He told them to keep up the good work and do even better next year.

B. Presentation – Railroad Gate for Safety Town, The Acting Mayor called upon Acting Chief Goncher who called upon Officer Quarto and Sergeant Aviles to present a miniature railroad crossing gate to Ms. Peggy Krauch of the West Chicago Park District. The crossing gate is to be used for Safety Town. Ms. Krauch said they are expanding Safety Town this year and will put in I beams to simulate railroad tracks. Officer Quarto spoke of the grant they received to be used for education, enforcement, and the environment and the various activities they did in those areas.

The following person spoke during public participation:

Mary Ann Manna, 9 High Lake Avenue, West Chicago, talked about the Chamber of Commerce's 6th Annual Spring Fashion Show to be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Honorees will be recent military veterans and a portion of the proceeds will go to *We Grow Dreams*. They would also like to include girls that have or soon will have their Quincinera to model their gowns.

Ms. Manna also announced that the Railroad Days Committee has met and has officially changed the name from Heritage Fest back to Railroad Days. The festival will run the weekend after the July 4th weekend.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

The City Clerk announced that the West Chicago Sister Cities Organization is holding their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 17, 2007, at the American Legion Hall.

Alderman Pineda said this Friday would be the 3rd Annual Bowling for Diabetes at Bowling Green from 9:00 pm to about 1:00 am. He and his wife, Julie, and Len and Willine Mahony are the organizers of this event. The cost is \$20.00 per person and is for a great cause. All the lanes are sold out, but if people want to come out and support the effort, they are welcome. There will be food and raffles.

Alderman Beifuss reflected upon the passing of former West Chicago Alderman Christian Peterson. He was Alderman Beifuss' neighbor and was an engaging and irrepressible conversationalist with an impish grin who enjoyed wood carving and working in his garden. Mr. Peterson was always ready to entertain Alderman Beifuss and his children with a story and show them his latest carving project. Christian served his country and his community. He honorably served as an Air Force pilot and continued his life of service as a civilian. He and his wife Mary settled in West Chicago and raised a family. Christian coached boys' football and wrestling with the Park District, was a past commander of American Legion Post 300 in West Chicago, and served with distinction for ten years as a member of West Chicago's City Council. The carved wooden City Seal on the wall is Christian's work. The City motto is "Where history and Progress Meet." Through his service to the community, Christian Peterson is both a part of the City's history and he was a contributor to its progress. He will be missed.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- February 20, 2007 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- February 22, 2007 Finance Committee (cancelled)
- February 26, 2007 Public Safety Committee
- February 27, 2007 Historical Preservation Commission

7. Approval of Minutes.

A. City Council Meeting, February 5, 2007. Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 5, 2007, with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Monroe and Pineda abstained. Motion carried.

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the February 19, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$232,623.19. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda. The Mayor read the following items:

A. Ordinance 07-O-0013 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending the West Chicago Code to Remove the City Residency Requirement Service on the Commission for Youth and to Require Background Checks on Volunteers of Youth-Related Programs

B. Ordinance 07-O-0005 – An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Final PUD Plan of Lot 9 in Franciscan Way – Guzaldo's Coffee – 2013 Franciscan Way

C. Resolution 07-R-0025 – A Resolution Vacating an Alley East of Sherman Street Between Stimmel and Pomeroy Streets

D. Resolution 07-R-0024 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Gloria Perez, Owner of Gloria's Jewelry – 178 W. Washington Street (for an amount not to exceed \$4,825.00)

E. Resolution 07-R-0028 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Third Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Metra for the Construction of the Third Commuter Parking Lot

F. Resolution 07-R-0029 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain First Amendment to the Agreement with Metra for Operation and Maintenance of the Third Commuter Parking Lot

G. Resolution 07-R-0023 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Lease Agreement for the Property at 435 Main Street – Paula Fink

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

10. Reports by Committees. None.

11. Unfinished Business. None.

12. New Business. None

13. Mayor's Comments. Acting Mayor Kwasman said if you look at the person next to you, chances are they have given their time to volunteer. People give of their time, knowledge, and physical support. In today's world, we all face increased life activities, and with caring for families, making time to volunteer is very difficult. The Girl Scouts of West Chicago are continuing a long history of volunteerism and good citizenship.

14. Executive Session. At 7:30 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), personnel [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review executive session minutes [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

16. Adjournment. See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk