

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
February 23, 2015**

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order.

a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

2. **THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis Glispie and Evans.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain and City Attorney, John Murphey.

Absent were: Mayor Dwight Welch and City Treasurer Rhonda Williams.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Father Martin Marren.

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Alderman Lockett as Mayor Pro Temp. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

3. **Communications and Reports by the Mayor:**

None

4. **City Treasurer's Report**

As she was not present at the meeting, the City Treasurer had sent her report electronically to the members of the Council.

5. **City Collector's Report**

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain gave an itemized fund account of the revenues collected for January, 2015.

6. **City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk , Deborah McIlvain, announced that the Father Daughter Spring Dance will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at City Hall.

7. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 5, 2015 5:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - February 23, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$556,795.49. Second - Alderman Ford. Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement, Payroll AP, and Oak Lawn water bill.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie
and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.

**II. Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Alderman Ford, Chairman
Contract Compliance (TBA)**

Alderman Ford stated that a committee meeting will be held on March 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

**III. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Glispie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 2, 2015 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Glispie stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2015 at 5 pm

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Alderman Evans, Chairman
Development
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Evans announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm

**V. Insurance, Risk Management & Personnel Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Lockett announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015 at 5 pm.

VI. Special Committee Theater of the Whole

No Report

Alderman Ford moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Davis.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following members of the public addressed the Council:

- Izella Rogers, Country Club Hills stated that the City Council meetings should be aired on Channel 4 as the aldermen still have to represent the people and she feels it is a waste of taxpayer monies, an abuse of power by the Mayor and (to Alderman Ford) that he (Ford) had stated that the aldermen had voted to not air the City Council meetings.
- Leijuana Doss, Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council and invited all to a Mayoral Candidate forum on March 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Hillcrest Baptist Church. This event is sponsored by the Country Club Hills Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, requested clarification of a posting in the lobby referencing the Park District and the Deputy Sheriff. He also stated that the snow removal had not been accomplished efficiently. He stated that he felt that the removal efforts North of 183rd Street were as complete as the removal efforts South of 183rd Street. He questioned the lack of truck repairs monies in the budget. He concluded by questioning the salary, perks, and membership (citing SSMMA) of the Mayor's compensation and stated that he had thought that the vehicles were no longer a component of the compensation for the Mayor and the Clerk..

Alderman Davis moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Ford.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Evans stated that she agreed that the City Council meetings should be aired on channel 4 and she was willing to make a motion regarding the issue. She agreed that the snow removal efforts were not equitable on each side of 183rd Street but also mentioned aging removal equipment and staff training. She stated that there was a possible \$900,090 shortfall for the City because of the financial problems of the State of Illinois .

- She explained that directives were given regarding vehicles; however, the City has a “rogue” Mayor and resolution will be seen by “voting for the right person.”
- Alderman Glispie stated that 7 snow removal vehicles were down for repairs, aging equipment was a problem and as of 2/4/15, all part-time public works employees had timed out of available hours.
 - Alderman Ford stated that the vehicle use ordinance did not include the Mayor’s vehicle, and that pension funding was a major concern. He clarified that he had not said that the Council had agreed to something without a vote (in reference to the airing of City Council meetings). He stated that he felt the meetings should be aired.
 - Alderman Lockett stated that the membership dues to SSMMA are necessary for the City to seek and procure grants and other funding through the umbrella of the organization and that the vehicle use ordinance did not include the Mayor’s vehicle.
 - Alderman Davis stated that he appreciated Mr. Gray's comments, that the budget is 3/4 completed, and that the Finance Director will be meeting with each department head as the budget progresses. He explained that the Mayor’s and aldermen’s expenses had been cut and that he would personally find out about the camera/channel 4 issue.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Ford. Second - Alderman Evans. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk