

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
April 13, 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, Glispie and Evans.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain; City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin and City Attorney, John Murphey.

Absent were: Mayor Welch and Alderman Davis.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn.

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Alderman Lockett as Mayor Pro Temp. Second - Alderman Glispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **Administrative Meeting - March 16, 2015**

2. **Regular City Council Meeting -March 23, 2015**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 16, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 23, 2015. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 16, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 23, 2015 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

None

5. **City Treasurer's Report**

No report

6. **City Clerk's Report**

No Report

7. **Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting April 23, 2015 5:00 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers - April 13, 2015**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$640,116.45. Second - Alderman Ford. Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement and Payroll AP.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      3 Ayes:      Aldermen Ford, Lockett, and Glispie.  
1 Nays      Alderman Evans

Alderman Evans cast a "no" vote for Odelson and Sterk.

1 Absent:      Alderman Davis

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

**B. Discussion/Consideration - An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-03-15, an Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition. Second - Alderman Ford. Discussion - it was explained that this involved disposition of the fire truck only and not the ambulance. A offer had been received in the amount of \$14,000.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      4 Ayes:      Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

1 Absent:      Alderman Davis

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

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

No Report.

**III. Public Works and Utilities (Committee Meeting TBA) Alderman Glispie, Chairman**

No Report

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

**A. Presentation - Hazel Crest Assembly**

Byron Gregory, Hazel Crest Assembly, addressed the Council and explained that this would be a privately funded and constructed project and that the property would be taxed and not exempt. He explained that documents have been revised relating to the not-for-profit status and that meetings were scheduled with the residents of Fawn Ridge, adjacent to the proposed facility. Alderman Evans reiterated that the proposed senior facility would be adjacent to Fawn Ridge condominiums and that neighborhood meetings were scheduled. Mr. Gregory stated that a meeting had been held on April 8 and that additional meetings were scheduled for April 16 and 22 at 6:30 pm and April 23 at 10 am.

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

No Report

**VI. Special Committee Theater of the Whole**

No Report

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

The following members of the public addressed the Council:

- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated the definition of the property tax rebate program given at the Mayoral forum was incorrect. She explained that excess monies in a budget are actually a profit sharing program in the private sector and that governmental entities are not seeking surplus in their budget. She stated that other local communities fund their property tax rebates from sales tax. She explained that lowering the property tax rate is not the solution. She concluded by stating she agreed with Sherman Williams who stated that the City should be fiscally responsible and restore programs.
- Ralph Tolbert, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council , and thanked all of the candidates that participated in the election process. He suggested that the Council provide abatements of 50% for owner occupied properties and urged the Council to act on his suggestions.

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

### **9. Aldermen's Reports**

- Alderman Evans invited residents to attend finance committee and budget meetings in addition to the administrative meetings and the regular City Council meetings and stated clarity would be provided at these meetings regarding the City's financial status..
- Alderman Ford welcomed new members of the audience and encouraged continued public participation.
- Alderman Lockett congratulated Mayor-elect Ford and stated that he was looking forward to working with Ford and moving the City forward. He encouraged parents to ensure their children's safety by using sidewalks whenever possible. He congratulated Jerrel McNeal, son of Merlyn McNeal, on his NBA contract with the Phoenix Suns.

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 7:22.

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk