

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
May 11, 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 by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

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

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

Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

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

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Mayor Ford.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **Administrative Meeting - April 20, 2015**

2. **Regular City Council Meeting -April 27, 2015**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of April 20, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 27 2015. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of April 20, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 27, 2015 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford stated that he appreciated the opportunity to serve the people of Country Club Hills and that continued support is needed as the City moves forward. He announced that his door is always open and that the people will have a voice. He continued that he had sponsored a special city council meeting this past Saturday at the Hampton Inn in Matteson, He explained that the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and that he had personally paid for the facility.

Mayor Ford asked for everyone's support as the City moves forward and strives to succeed. He stated that the City has a talented staff and will make the residents proud.

Mayor Ford stated that he had attended a scholarship luncheon hosted by Comcast. Constance McClelland, a Country Club Hills resident, was honored as a scholarship recipient.

Mayor Ford stated that the Council has agreed to work together and that he is pleased with the support he has received from the Council. He stated that the Council has determined that the annual 3% water rate increase is not necessary this fiscal year and will be issuing a moratorium.

5. City Clerk's Report

No Report

6. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 21, 2015 5:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - April 27, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,331,459.11. Second - Alderman Lockett Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement, Payroll AP, and scheduled bond payments.

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

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Davis reminded everyone that a Finance committee meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm at which time he hopes to have a preliminary budget.

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

No Report.

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

A. Approval - Bid Recommendation - Water Repair Program

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of the Bid Recommendation - Water Repair Program. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion -It was explained that this would provide for parkway restoration at various locations throughout the City following water main repairs and snow removal damage. The low bidder also met the MBE requirements . This item had been discussed at the Public Works Committee Meeting and at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended for approval by the City Council.

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

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval - Heritage Plaza Parking Lot Repairs Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of the Heritage Plaza Parking Lot Repairs Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - This agreement would provide for additional scope revisions requested by the City regarding the Heritage Parking Lot Repairs. This item was discussed at the committee meeting and at the Administrative meeting and would represent an increase in the initial agreement cost.

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

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

C. Approval - Bid Recommendation - Heritage Plaza Parking Lot

Improvements - Midwest General Construction

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of Heritage Plaza Parking Lot Improvements - Midwest General Construction. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that this item was now ready to move forward and would represent use of TIF funds.

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

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Alderman Evans, Chairman
Development
(May 21, 2015 6:00 pm)**

Adleman Evans stated that the next committee meeting will be May 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

A. Approval - An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property Generally Bounded by Cicero Avenue and 179th Street from C-3 to R-5, Special Use

Alderman Evans moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-05-15, an Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property Generally y Bounded by Cicero Avenue and 179th Street from C-3 to R-5, Special Use. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - clarification was requested as to the ownership of the facility and was explained by the Church (through a letter) that an entity would be created just for the ownership of the building.

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

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

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

Alderman Lockett (after consulting fellow aldermen's scheduled meetings) stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 4:00 pm

VI. Special Committee Theater of the Whole

It was explained that the Theater Commission will be invited to make a presentation at the next Administrative Meeting.

Prior to the floor being opened to the public, US Representative Robin Kelly was introduced. She said she was in attendance to offer her congratulations and support to Mayor Ford and the Council and had brought along the Mayor of Crestwood as a guest.

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

The following individuals public addressed the Council:

- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and requested information about branch pick up, inquired as to the specific personnel and financial details regarding the position of City Manager, stated that he was pleased that the Council meetings were again being filmed and stated that the Special City Council meeting probably was not legal, especially as it was held out of town.
- Leon Williams, Country Club Hills, stated that the meeting was legal as long as it was properly posted and stated that he was glad that everyone was going to work together to move the City forward.
- Harry William Jones, Jr., Country Club Hills, stated that he disagreed with the election results, that Alderman Evans had not understood a few things that he had stated, and that Alderman Evans had yet to return monies as she had promised. He stated that he had looked at Mayor Ford's D-2 filings and that he felt items were not reported properly.
- Daryl Gelton, Country Club Hills requested clarification of the Hazel Crest Assembly Church's 501 c -3 status.
- A resident of 192nd Court, stated that the election is over and that everyone should be respectful.
- Michael Victor, Country Club Hills, offered congratulations to all of the elected officials, stated that he was glad the Council plans to work together and reminded the Council that the residents will be paying attention to Council actions and behavior.
- Izella Rogers, Country Club Hills, stated that she was happy to not feel as if she was going to be removed from the meeting and stated that the tone at the administrative meeting seemed to be a good sign of things to come.
- Mr. Randall, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that all individuals

cannot be pleased and that complaints should be made to those individuals who don't exercise their right to vote.

- Freda McArthur, Country Club Hills, stated that asking for God's assistance was important to good leadership and offered her personal support and the support of AAA Academy.

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

City Attorney, John Murphey explained that the Special City Council Meeting held on May 9, 2015 at the Hampton Inn in Matteson was not a violation of the Open Meetings Act, had been posted and had been attended by 3 or 4 members of the public. The Council had moved to executive session and then returned to openly discuss the aldermanic committee structure, the possible moratorium on the water rate increase, and the theater.

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Davis explained that the Council had given up their time on Saturday and that it had been a good meeting with outreach and cooperation among the elected officials. He stated that the 12/13 fiscal year audit was complete, there are no more monies owed to Cook County and that the Council will be compiling a budget for street repairs.
- Alderman Glispie stated that street sweeping is scheduled for May 11 - 15 for the South side of 183rd Street, branch pickup is scheduled for May 16 for the North side of 183rd Street to be followed by street sweeping May 18-22.
- Alderman Evans stated that additional clarification is needed regarding the church's 501 c-3 status, that she supports Hazel Crest Assembly's project but would like to see additional restrictions. She stated that the agenda was observed at the Special City Council meeting and was a team building exercise. She stated that a position such as City Manager is not funded. She concluded that she does not "entertain foolishness."
- Alderman Spivey stated that he is very humbled to have the opportunity to serve, is looking forward to serving the people, and thanked the City Council for their support.
- City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin reminded everyone of the City wide blood drive scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the Fire Station on 175th Street. She also thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Ford clarified that the D-2 he has filed is for the first quarter of 2015. Additional items will appear on the second quarter's report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

