

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
October 26, 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, Judy Kolman.

2a. The invocation was given by the Pastor Blackmon of Grace Community Church.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **Administrative Meeting - October 5, 2015**

2. **Regular City Council Meeting - October 12, 2015**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 5, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of October 12, 2015. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 5, 2015 and the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 12, 2015 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

JoAnn Wade addressed the Council and audience and announced the Halloween Event with Svengolie on October 31, 2015, the City's Veteran's Day Ceremoiny from 11-1 on November 7, 2015, the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon on Novmebr 11, 2015 at Hillcrest High School and the Winterfest, with a visit from Santa, on December 5, 2015 from noon to 5.

Mayor Ford requested that everyone speak into the microphones to assist the recording team in their recording of the proceedings.

Erik Booker, City Media team, asked that those interested "like" the City on its Facebook

page. The page is designed to provide information on events and a recap of previous events. Clifford Ayers, program coordinator at the CRC, explained that additional information regarding park programs is available on Instagram.

A. Presentation - Southwood School Students

Students from Southwood School presented Alderman Spivey with a certificate of appreciation for his sponsorship of 42 Southwood students to attend the Chicago Classic.

B. Recognition - Public Works Crew

Alderman Spivey recognized the City's Public Works Crew for all of their hard work. He also thanked Dan Barr and Alderman Glispie for their hard work. Members of the Public Works Department introduced themselves.

Alderman Spivey thanked the Southwood students and stated that he appreciated the recognition.

Mayor Ford reminded everyone that it is time to sign up for the senior snow removal program. He stated that the requirement is now 65 years of age to qualify as eligible for the program.

5. City Collector's Report

City Collector Deborah McIlvain, gave the Collector's Report for the month ending September 30, 2015.

6. City Clerk's Report

No Report

7. Committee Reports

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

A. Approval of Vouchers -October 26, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$2,982,212.98. Second - Alderman Lockett Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, Payroll AP, SSERT Membership, BP Fuel, and bond payments on the 2003, 2006 and 2007 bonds.

ROLL CALL VOTE4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.

1 Nays Alderman Evans

Alderman Evans cast a no vote for Steven Amu and Associates.

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval - Budget Report for 4 month Period Ending August 31, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Budget Report for the 4 month period ending August 31, 2015. Second -Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that this will be posted on the City's website for viewing.

ROLL CALL VOTE5 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 of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for November 5, 2015 at 5 pm.

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

No Report

III. Public Works and Utilities

**Alderman Glispie,
Chairman**

(Committee Meeting November 16, 2015 5 pm)

A. Approval - A Resolution for Improvement - Safe Route to Schools - \$27,000 MFT

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-07-15, a Resolution for Improvement - Safe Route to Schools - \$27,000 MFT. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that this would assist in the construction of sidewalks near Sykuta School.

ROLL CALL VOTE5 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 & Economic Development
(TBA)**

Alderman Spivey, Chairman

A. Approval - TIF Disbursement - Miracles Revealed - \$17,400

This item was tabled by Alderman Spivey.

B. Approval - TIF Disbursement - DA's Deli - \$6,000

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval of TIF Disbursement in the amount of \$6,000 to DA's Deli. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - it was explained that this had been discussed at the Administrative meeting and was recommended to the full Council for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE5 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 reminded everyone of a committee meeting on November 5, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Special Committee Theater of the Whole

No Report

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Dwyer Williams, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that he would like some attention from the City regarding the number and severity of water main breaks and water issues in the 176 and 177 block of Hawthorne. He stated that he felt there should be more involvement from the Public Works department regarding this issue and that their performance may not have been worthy of recognition. Mayor Ford stated that he would meet Mr. Williams and other homeowners on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am, on site, to address the issue.
- Jo Ann Logan, Country Club Hills requested that dog owners clean up after their dogs when walking them in the parks. She inquired as to the reasons for the lights to be left on at Community Park. Mayor Ford explained that the lights are scheduled to be shut off on November 1, 2015.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and requested clarification on a rumored 3 million dollar incentive offered to Michael's Fresh Market. He also requested clarification on the BCM/CCH partnership.
- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that she would like to defend Dan Barr and the Public Works team as she felt they are very responsive and are doing a great job. She also stated that placing the budget report on the City's website was a step forward in transparency.
- Portia Lyons, Country Club Hills, stated that she felt the City needed more activities and facilities for special needs children. She stated that her request for additional funding, made at the Finance Committee meeting held on October 22, was rejected. Mayor Ford explained that many municipalities and townships benefit from the program in May organized by Ms., Lyons here in Country Club Hills and that the Finance Committee was

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requesting that she seek funding from other sources and then report back to the Finance Committee.

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

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Spivey reminded everyone of his 4th Ward meeting on November 5, 2015 from 7-8- pm.
- Alderman Evans stated that she will address the issue of street/sewer repairs needed on Hawthorne Street as the situation is disruptive and she is hoping to coordinate a meeting with Dan Barr and the residents affected. She explained that a sales tax rebate was offered to Michael's Market.
- Alderman Glispie announced that a Public Works meeting will be held on November 16, 2015 at 5 pm. He also asked that residents keep falling leaves off the parkways and away from drainage areas.
- Alderman Lockett thanked everyone for their attendance, reminded everyone of the Senior Thanksgiving luncheon on November 11, reminded everyone to move their clocks back this weekend because of daylight saving time and that trick or treat hours in Country Club Hills are from 3 - 7 pm.
- Alderman Davis explained to Ms. Lyons that the City of Country Club Hills participates in the South Suburban Special Recreation Programs for those children and adults with special needs. He also stated that Cornerstone Christian Church will host its monthly food drive on October 29, 2015 from 10 am to 12 pm . Volunteers are appreciated.

Mayor Ford stated that youth volunteers are also appreciated at the Senior Thanksgiving luncheon.

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 7:49

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk