

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
November 9, 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. The invocation was given by the Pastor Anthony Tiller.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **Administrative Meeting - October 19, 2015**

2. **Regular City Council Meeting - October 26, 2015**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 19, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of October 26, 2015. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 19, 2015 and the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 26, 2015 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford thanked everyone for their attendance at the Veterans Day Celebration and stressed the importance of the recognition of our veterans.

5. **City Treasurer's Report**

City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin, gave the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2015 stating current bank balances and announcing that revenues are exceeding expenditures.

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain reminded everyone of the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon at Hillcrest High School on Wednesday, November 11. Mayor Ford reminded the aldermen of their invitation to the luncheon.

7. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting November 19, 2015 5:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers -November 9, 2015

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$626,189.32. Second - Alderman Lockett Discussion - It was explained that this included the A/P Disbursement Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, Payroll and an additional payment to reimburse expenses to Fire Chief Agpawa.

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 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Certain Tax Rebate Agreements for the Rebate of Certain 2014 Real Estate Taxes

- 1. 19020 Crawford (Taher) \$13,465.86**
- 2. 18300 Cicero (GAFNI LLC) \$63,372.01**
- 3. 18660 Cicero (Waterwerks) \$14,772.74**
- 4. 17500 Cicero (Roulo) \$26,812.44**
- 5. 19100 Crawford (Eldabli) \$6,431.41**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-08-15 a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Certain Tax Rebate Agreements for the Rebate of Certain 2014 Real Estate Taxes. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - it was explained that this would provide for a 50% property tax rebate for these properties. This item had been discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended to the Council for consideration.

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 -0 An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Zenah Taher)**
- D. Approval - An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Gafni LLC)**
- E. Approval - An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Waterwerks)**
- F. Approval - AN Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Roulo)**
- G. Approval - An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Eldabli)**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of Items C, D, E, F, and G (Ordinance No.s O-16-15 through O-20-15) Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - Alderman Evans requested clarification on these ordinances. It was explained that this would provide for a 50% property tax abatement for these properties for a period of 5 years directly through the Cook County tax bill. Language was added requiring businesses to remain viable for at least a period of 5 years. These items were discussed at the Administrative meeting and recommended to the full Council for consideration.

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.

- H - Approval - An Ordinance Approving a Two Year Rollover Agreement (IAFF Local 2720)**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-21-15, an Ordinance

Approving a Two Tear Rollover Agreement (IAFF Local 2720). Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this would provide for a 2% wage increase across the board effective 5-11-2014 through 4/30/2015 and 2% across the board effective 5/11/2015 through 4/30/2016 for the firefighters with all other terms of the current collective bargaining agreement remaining in full force and effect. This item was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and recommended to the full Council for consideration

ROLL CALL VOTE 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 19, 2015 at 5 pm.

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

Alderman Evans reminded everyone of the scheduled committee meeting on November 19, 2015 at 6 pm.

**III. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Glispie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting November 16, 2015 5 pm)**

No Report

IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Economic Development (TBA)

Alderman Spivey, Chairman

A. Approval - A Resolution Approving a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Incentive for New Construction of Property Located at 18240 Cicero Avenue, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois Submitted by McAllister Nursing and Rehab

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-09-15, A Resolution Approving a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Incentive for New Construction of Property Located

at 18240 Cicero Avenue, Country Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois Submitted by McAllister Nursing and Rehab. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - It was explained that this would allow McAllister to make application to Cook County for a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Incentive and would be of no cost to the City. This item was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended to the full Council for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.

1 Nays Alderman Evans

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)**

A. Approval - Resignation Agreement By and Between the City of Country Club Hills and Edward McKinney

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the resignation agreement by and between the City of Country Club Hills and Edward McKinney. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - It was explained that this agreement would provide for continued health insurance benefits at an 80/20 split for a period of two years. It was also stated that costs savings would be realized through attrition.

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.

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:

- Jerrell Thomas, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and expressed his concern regarding the towing of a vehicle from his driveway that had expired license plates. He thanked Aldermen Evans and Lockett for assisting with this issue.
- Ralph Tolbert, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that there should be tax rebates and abatements for the residents, not for the businesses. He stated that he was disappointed with the Mayor's actions, including big salaries and sales tax rebates. Mayor Ford state that no sales tax rebate was being given to Michael's Market. A heated discussion ensued and Tolbert was called out of order. He stated that a member of the audience could attest to a statement made by City Attorney, John Murphey regarding the public's right to speak at meetings.
- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that she was not the audience member to which Tolbert was referring. She requested clarification on the Resolution number for the McAllister Class 8 Application and was provided with Resolution No R-09-15.
- Dwyer Williams, Country Club Hills, stated that he wanted to publically thank Mayor Ford, Dan Barr, Alderman Evans and the Fire Chief for the attention and assistance with the water main break on Hawthorn.
- Ralph Tolbert attempted to address the Council for a second time. No Motion was made by the Council to provide additional time to speak..

Alderman Lockett moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Glispie.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Spivey thanked everyone for their attendance at the Veterans Ceremony, thanked everyone for their attendance at the 4th Ward meeting and thanked Dan Barr for his comments at the Ward meeting.
- Alderman Evans reminded everyone of the committee meeting scheduled for November 19 at 6 pm. She stated that the water main issue on Hawthorne was being addressed and that she will be distributing letters to the homeowners in the area.. She explained that a complete main replacement could cost as much as \$500,000. She stated that the Veterans Ceremony was very nice and explained that she had a list of restaurants that will be offering free meals to veterans on Veterans Day. She explained that she had cast a no vote for the McAllister Class 8 application as she feels that a regular tax bill should be received prior to any reduction in taxes being granted.
- Alderman Glispie thanked the Police Chief for the additional police presence and stated that the residents are appreciative. He reminded everyone that a Public Works committee meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 6 pm.
- Alderman Lockett requested a moment of silence upon the passing of Helen McClelland.

He reminded everyone that volunteers are needed for the Thanksgiving luncheon. He asked that everyone be cautious as it is getting dark earlier in the evening and concluded by stating “go Chargers.”

Alderman Davis explained the real estate rebates/ abatements by stating that the decision was not made lightly, that the city cannot afford to lose businesses and that only the City’s portion of the property taxes is affected. He explained that the Mayor and Council are dedicated to the residents of Country Club Hillis. He stated that the 2014 and 2015 audits will be complete soon. He stated that the Mayor had presented the rebate/abatements to the Council and deserved a lot of credit for his presentation. He explained that the Council hopes to help the residents with the upcoming levy and that they are awaiting a report form the Illinois Department of Revenue prior to making a decision.

Mayor Ford stated that he appreciated everyone’s comments. City Attorney, John Murphey explained that the rebates and abatements have nothing to do with sales taxes and they help provide much needed support to the City’s businesses.

Mayor Ford asked that everyone be truthful in their comments and work together as a team.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk