

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
July 25, 2016**

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, Glispie, and Evans.

Excused as absent were Aldermen Davis and Spivey.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin, and City Attorney Judy Kolman Attorney Jessie Outlaw served as parliamentarian.

2a. The invocation was given by Mayor Ford.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Regular City Council Meeting - July 11, 2016**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 11, 2016. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 11, 2016 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

**A. Approval - Volunteer Commission Appointments**

- 1. Otilla Stokes - Theater Commission**
- 2. Michael Humphrey - Youth Commission**
- 3. Ricca James - Senior Commission**
- 4. Denise Garrett - Housing Authority/Cable Commission**
- 5. Frank Hawkins - Fire and Police Commission**

JoAnn Wade introduced those applicants in attendance. Ricca James stated she was retired, a good cook, and anxious to help the Senior Commission. Otilla Stokes stated that she

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had previously served on the Youth Commission and helped with the Back to School Parade. Michael Humphrey stated that he was a veteran of Desert Storm and wanted to help kids feel important. Frank Hawkins stated that he was a veteran, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt holder and was eager to serve the City.

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the appointment of Otilia Stokes, Theater Commission; Michael Humphrey, Youth Commission; Ricca James, Senior Commission; Denise Garrett Housing Authority/Cable Commission, and Frank Hawkins, Fire and Police Commission. Second - Alderman Glispie.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 3 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Glispie, and Evans.

0 Nays

2 Absent: Aldermen Evans and Spivey.

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

**5. City Collectors Report**

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain gave the Collector's Report for the month ending June 30, 2016 noting the revenues received in the various funds.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

No Report

**7. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting August 4 2016 5:00 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers -July 25, 2016**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$758,021.77. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - It was explained that this included Ap Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, Theater, Payroll, Back to School Parade, Fire Damage and

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Amusement Tax.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 3 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Glispie, and Evans.  
0 Nays

2 Absent: Aldermen Davis and Spivey

**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 Evans, Chairman**

No Report

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

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

No Report

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

**A. Approval - Administrative/Community Service Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Teamsters Local No. 700**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the Administrative/Community Service Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Teamsters Local 700. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - Alderman Lockett that this represented a standard 2% wage increase.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 3 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Glispie, and Evans.  
0 Nays

2 Absent: Aldermen Davis and Spivey

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

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

Alderman Lockett stated that the theater is doing very well this season and those interested in attending should purchase their tickets as soon as possible. He reminded everyone that residents of Country Club Hills receive a discount on the price of the ticket.

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

The following individuals address the Council

- Nancy Spitzer, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and inquired as to the cost if the City's website stating that the banners are outdated and there are no items on the calendar. She inquired as to the success of the recently held shred event and requested detail on those portions of the budget that state "other" and general fund. City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin explained that all administrative and day to day operations of the City are listed under the general fund; however, specific detail is available at the budget hearings.
- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that she also felt that the City's website was inadequate, that meeting agendas were not posted, that City Hall staff was unaware of the meeting schedule, and that mandatory salary information was not on the website and that there was no "home" tab.
- Natasha Humphrey, Country Club Hills stated that she felt the elected officials could demonstrate their concern for the children of District 160 by attending the District's events.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and expressed concern regarding the intergovernmental agreement and explained that it is the same as the original agreement with the addition of revenues and expenses. He inquired as to the maintenance and operations of the parks going forward.

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

An additional individual expressed the desire to address the Council.

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- Allen Bruce, Country Club Hills stated that he was a 30 year resident and was having difficulty speaking with the water department supervisor regarding a high water bill. He also stated that he was unsuccessful in attempting to appeal his property taxes at the Markham Courthouse.

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

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

- Alderman Lockett stated that the City became responsible for the day to day operation of the Park District, as it had with the Fire Protection District, because each district was short of funding. He stated that he personally believes that the City does a good job, outsourcing is done by contract and that the \$720,000 received from the Park District is not enough to cover the cost of operations. He asked that everyone check on their children, family and neighbors and that children should be educated as to the proper behavior when stopped by police officers.
- Alderman Glispie thanked the residents and surrounding communities for their support of the theater and commented on the caliber of the performance of Tower of Power.
- Alderman Evans asked that Ms. Humphrey email the school schedule to the elected officials, suggested that property tax appeals are better addressed at the township offices, stated that the Park District agreement is still being discussed and suggested that filled and available commission positions be posted on the website.

Mayor Ford stated that he had not yet reviewed the intergovernmental agreement with the Park District and that the monies received from the Park District do not cover all of the operating, maintenance and personnel expenses. He stated that many commissions are full, especially the theater commission, housing authority and fire and police commission; however, the website suggestion will be considered. He also indicated that Mr. Bruce could speak with Mr. Barr regarding water issues.

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 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

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