

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
November 14, 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, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

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

2a. The invocation was given by Pastor Blackmon.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Administrative Meeting - October 17, 2016**

**2. Regular City Council Meeting - October 24, 2016**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 17, 2016 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 24, 2016. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 17, 2016 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 24, 2016 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford stated that the large voter turn-out was appreciated during the presidential election. He announced that the Marcus Theaters were experiencing record attendance and the park renovations are proceeding well. He announced that School District 228 had received a grant for 50 million dollars; some of which will be used for an addition to Hillcrest High School and renovation of the football stadium. He also stated that School District 160 had received a 6 million grant that will be used for air conditioning at Southwood School.

**5. City Treasurer's Report**

City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin, gave the Treasurer's report for the month ending September 30, 2016 citing revenues and expenditures and the current bank balance as of November 14, 2016. She stated that the recently passed ordinance amendment changing the signatories on financial instruments for the city deems the treasure's report being based on software information as she, as treasurer, has no knowledge of actual disbursements.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and announced that the City is conducting its annual Food Drive with donations of non-perishable items being accepted in the lobby of City Hall with disbursement to area food banks.

**7. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting November 22 2016 5:00 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers -November 14, 2016**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$990,848.38 . Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this included Ap Contracts, Expenses, Refunds,, Payroll AP, and Treasurer's conference expenses.

**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 of the Finance Committee meeting to be held on November 22, 2016 at 5 pm because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

Alderman Evans stated that a committee meeting will be held on November 16, 2016

with discussion of liquor licenses and the RRP ordinance addressing lead based paint issues.

**III. Public Works and Utilities  
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

**Alderman Glispie, Chairman**

No Report

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

Alderman Spivey stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2016 at 7 pm where an item for discussion will be a possible banquet hall in Heritage Plaza.

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

**Alderman Lockett, Chairman**

No Report

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- A resident addressed the Council and stated that she felt her water bill was excessive as she had not been at home most of the time for which she was being charged high water usage. Mayor Ford stated that the situation will be reviewed.
- Darlene Moore, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that she wanted to commend the Council and staff for the beautification of the City and the parks.
- Cliff Taylor, Insure Services, addressed the Council and stated that his organization was looking for the City to identify 2 families for their holiday spirit campaign.
- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and inquired as to whether the final theater financial report was forthcoming.
- Toni Murff, Country Club Hills, reminded everyone that garbage cans are not to be stored in front of residences.
- Ms. Chelton, Victory Center, stated that she had experienced voting problems when trying to cast her vote for Clinton at early voting held at Brookdale in Olympia Fields.
- Ms. Edwards, Victory Center, stated that she had also experienced difficulty voting and knew many others that had also had problems and felt that something should be done.
- Ms. Saunoris, Country Club Hills, commended the police department and inquired as to the status of their investigation of a recent theft and inquired as the

status of the repair of their driveway. Mayor Ford referred Ms. Saunoris to the police captain present at the meeting for clarification regarding the theft status.

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' Day ceremony and the Senior thanksgiving luncheon. He stated that the installation of the 2 half basketball courts in Wulf Park was progressing.
- Alderman Evans clarified that Wulf Park is in Ward 3. She explained that ADA compliant apparatus was being installed in the parks. She explained that there is an ordinance regarding waste containers not being stored in front of residences. She stated that the State of Illinois had a great voter turnout in the election. She concluded by explaining that Hollywood Drive would be resurfaced/restored.
- Alderman Glispie asked that all residents help keep the City beautiful and not store garbage containers in front of residences.
- Alderman Lockett suggested a "wait and see" approach to the results of the recent election, and stated that 4 years can go by very quickly. He wished all a Happy Veterans day, thanked everyone for their attendance at the Senior thanksgiving luncheon and stated that he had attended the luncheon for 9 consecutive years. He explained that a high water bill can be due to an estimated read followed by a regular read and that the cost of water has gone up every year and that alternative water sources are being considered. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminding everyone to share with their families.
- Alderman Davis recognized Robert Johnson, a retired CSO, for being a part of the organization named the best male gospel group in Chicago. He also recognized Julian Smith, a young deaf man looking to participate in the Sugar Bert National Qualifier Boxing Championship and his need for financial support. He announced that Cornerstone Church is holding a Food Pantry on Wednesday, November 16 at 10 am. He stated to Ms. Bell that the theater financial information should be forthcoming and concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ford explained that any issues with the recent election should be brought to the attention of the Cook County Board of Elections.

He stated that the new water organization is the Southland Water Commission and that a public hearing will be held in December regarding the water issues. He concluded by wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving.

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