

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
November 28, 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.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular City Council Meeting - November 14, 2016

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 14, 2016. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 14, 2016 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. Approval - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (Eli Atkin/Nursing Facility Expansion)

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-11-16, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (Eli Atkin/Nursing Facility Expansion). Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - City Attorney John Murphey explained that this was the 1st of a number of documents, a similar incentive agreement for the existing facility will be considered at a special city council meeting on December 5, 2016, both parties will then sign the documents and those documents approving the additional annexation and zoning when approved 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 - IAFF Contract Local 2720 Country Club Hills Firefighters Union

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the IAFF Contract Between the City of Country Club Hills and the Country Club Hills Firefighters Union. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

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 - A Resolution Supporting the Extension of the Class 8 Assessment for Certain Property in the City of Country Club Hills (Taher Property/ 18217 South Pulaski)

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-14-16, A Resolution Supporting the Extension of the Class 8 Assessment for Certain Property in the City of Country Club Hills (Taher Property/ 18217 South Pulaski). Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - it was explained that this was support to for renewal of the Class 8 assessment for What a Taco.

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.

5. City Collector's Report

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain gave the Collector's report for the month ending October 31, 2016 citing revenues received in various funds

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain 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 December 7, 2016 5:00 pm)

A. Approval of Vouchers - November 28, 2016

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$227,786.49 . Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this included Ap Contracts, Expenses, Refunds and Payroll AP.

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 December 7, 2016 at 5 pm and the Administrative Meeting of December 5 where the levy will be discussed.

II.

**Law, Ordinance, Government
Operations & Alderman
Evans, Chairman**

Contract Compliance (TBA)

A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Sections 13.37.11 (b) and 13.37.13 (b) of Article 37, Residential Rental License of Chapter 13, Business Licensing Regulations of the Country Club Hills City Code

Alderman Evans moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No. OA-05-16, An Ordinance Amending Sections 13.37.11 (b) and 13.37.13 (b) of Article 37, Residential Rental License of Chapter 13, Business Licensing Regulations of the Country Club Hills City Code. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this would allow for violations within the City to be applied to the residence of the offender. This was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended to the full Council for approval.

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.

III.

**Public Works and Utilities
Alderman Glispie, Chairman**

(Committee Meeting TBA)

A. Approval - An Intergovernmental Agreement for the Study of Regional Water Supply Alternatives

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Study of Regional Water Supply Alternatives. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - It was explained that the City would be a charter member of this organization being set up to explore alternative water supplies. Alderman Glispie also announced that a Public Information Hearing will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7 pm to answer any questions regarding the proposed water rate increase.

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 - An Ordinance Providing for the Placement of a Three Way Stop Sign Eastbound/Westbound on 169th Street at Briargate Drive and Southbound on Briargate at 169th Street Within the City of Country Club Hills

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-12-16, An Ordinance Providing for the Placement of a Three Way Stop Sign Eastbound/Westbound on 169th Street at Briargate Drive and Southbound on Briargate at 169th Street Within the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - A traffic study was conducted and the recommendation has been made for stop signs at this intersection. This item was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended to go to the full Council for approval.

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 & Economic Development
Alderman Spivey, Chairman (Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Spivey stated he is looking forward to a possible banquet hall in Heritage Plaza.

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

A. Approval - Renewal of Property and Casualty Program Effective December 31, 2016 - The Owens Group

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the renewal of the property and Casualty Program Effective December 31, 2016 - The Owens Group. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - Valery Lewis, The Owens Group. Valery Lewis, The Owens Group, addressed the Council and explained the renewal parameters for the City's Property and Casualty insurance. Rates were solicited and based on the City's 10 year claim history. There has been a decrease in the City's worker's compensation claims. This was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended to the full Council for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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0 Absent: .

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that she felt the Council's support of the Class 8 Assessment did not ease the tax burden for the people of Country Club Hills.
- Dwyer Williams, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that he felt the monies spent on the theater could have been spent on road and street repairs as the City's infrastructure is falling apart.. He suggested that meetings be posted on the jumbotron and other city signs and reminded everyone to be cautious regarding holiday package deliveries.
- Clifton Graham, Country Club Hills, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and as a member of the chamber of Commerce invited all home based businesses to the Chamber's holiday event at the Marcus Theater on December 7. He stated that the real impact of the McAllister Nursing Facility should be made known as he feels it is not necessarily a benefit to the community.
- A resident addressed the Council and stated that she felt her water bill was still excessive and that she had received a shut off notice. Mayor Ford stated that the situation will be reviewed.
- Steve Burris, Country Club Hills, stated that he felt the 75% abatement for 20years was excessive and out of the ordinary.

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

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Davis stated that the class 8 extension was an indication of support to Cook County and that the City was supporting the plan for business retention and development and that the property at 18217 Pulaksi pays approximately \$62,000 a year in property taxes. He explained that Class 8 was also supported by the City for the Marcus Theater. He agreed that additional monies were needed for street repairs but explained that the current budget had allocated over 2 million dollars to street repairs and that the City had plans for future capital improvements. He stated that the theater numbers would be forthcoming and that the City was planing ahead with the possible water rate increase and by becoming charter members of the water study.
- Alderman Lockett wished everyone Happy Holidays and commended Mayor Ford for "rolling up his sleeves" and brining additional street improvements. He stated that the theater was here to stay and did better than in previous years. He stated that Alderman

Davis had summed up the water rate increase well and that the City is approaching solving the issue in stages. He reminded everyone to be careful and safe during the holiday season and not fall victim to scams. He concluded again by wishing everyone a Happy Holiday.

- Alderman Glispie stated that the City has a choice regarding the water issue, that no one wants a water rate increase but that Oak Lawn continues to reflect increases from the City of Chicago. He stated that the City of Country Club Hills is doing the right thing by planning ahead and that we look forward to residents' ideas and questions.
- Alderman Evans explained that the City is participating in the water study to determine concrete facts and due diligence, that she agrees with Alderman Davis regarding the Class 8 incentive for What a Taco as it is the City's support being given to Cook County. She explained that the annexation agreement addressed the issue of impact fees and that the agreement addressed the issue of incentives and a time frame for construction. She reiterated the importance of business retention, stated that the infrastructure issues need to be addressed, and concluded by advising that any adjustments residents receive to their water bills should be obtained in writing.
- Alderman Spivey stated that all of the aldermen have been instrumental in business retention and development, stated that the McAllister facility is impressive, that the Country Club Hills Theater is an asset to the community and will be even better next season. HE stated that the Council is working on street repairs. He concluded by thanking all who participated and contributed to his Ward 4 Turkey Drive, wished everyone Happy Holidays, and reminded all to be aware of scams.

Mayor Ford stated that the new water organization is the Southland Water Commission and that a public informational meeting will be held on December 12 at 7 pm regarding the water issues. He stated that the City has a street improvement plan and that the theater's revenue and expenses will be given to the aldermen. He concluded by stating that he hoped everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

Alderman Lockett noted that Jessie Outlaw was now Judge Outlaw and offered congratulations.

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 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk