

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
January 9, 2017**

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. Judge Michael Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **Special City Council Meeting - December 5, 2016**
2. **Administrative Meeting - December 5, 2016**
3. **Regular City Council Meeting -December 12, 2016**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of December 5, 2016, the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of December 5, 2016 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 12, 2016. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of December 5, 2016, the minutes if the Administrative Meeting of December 5, 2016 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 12, 2016 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He announced two new businesses: Ruby's Kitchen and a day care facility moving into the former Country Hill Animal Hospital.

5. **City Treasurer's Report**

City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin gave the Treasurer's report for the month ending November 30, 2016 citing fund balance, revenues and expenditures and indicating that revenues

had exceeded expenses by \$807,623

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain thanked everyone for their support of the City's food Drive .

7. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting January 19, 2017 5:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - January 9, 2017

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amended amount of \$917,878.21 . Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this included Ap Contracts, Expenses, Refunds , Holiday House Winners, Father Daughter Dance, DJ Service, Payroll AP and wire transfers for theater performers.

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

2 Nays Aldermen Davis and Evans

Aldermen Davis and Evans cast a no vote for the theater wire transfers.

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 January 19, 2017 at 5 pm.

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

Alderman Evans wished everyone a Happy New Year and announced a committee meeting on January 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

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

No Report

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

Alderman Spivey stated he is looking forward to the Atrium banquet hall in Heritage Plaza, Ruby's Kitchen and the new daycare facility.

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

Alderman Lockett announced a committee meeting to be held on January 19, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

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

The following individual addressed the Council:

- Leon Williams, Country Club Hills, stated that he felt the Theater committee meeting should not have been held without Alderman Davis in attendance and that the theater budget should not have been voted on. He stated that some elected officials are "gambling" with the taxpayers money.

Mayor Ford stated that no vote was taken, nor can a vote be taken, at the theater committee meeting.

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

9. Aldermen's Reports

- Alderman Davis stated that he has always been a big proponent of the theater but would prefer to be cautious and not rush into making decisions for theater issues. He stated that riders need to be reviewed by the attorney. He continued as to the status of the Director of Public Works, stating that he (Alderman Davis) had heard that the director had retired and emails and phone messages were going unanswered. He concluded by announcing a 5th Ward meeting at 7 pm on January 19, 2017 at City Hall and a Food Pantry at Cornerstone Church on January 31, 2017.

Mayor Ford explained that the riders were addressed in the theater committee meeting, a list of theater meetings will be provided and riders will go through committee. He explained that Dan Barr is currently on vacation and that there is no major change in public works until he officially retires.

- Alderman Lockett explained that items were discussed in the theater committee meeting and voted on here at the City Council meeting. He explained that the cost of many artists and entertainers has increased over the years for live performances. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he hoped things would be positive moving forward.
- Alderman Glispie wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked that the residents continue to help keep the city safe and beautiful.
- Alderman Evans stated that the theater budget has been reviewed and that by approving the wire transfers for artist deposits this evening, the Council has committed the residents to an entire season and that all details should have been addressed before this point. She stated that many hotels were at a cost of over \$200 per night, \$200,000 have been spent as credit card purchases, and transportation costs had been \$200 per show. She stated that the retiree has earned the right to retire; however the aldermen should be made aware of who is in charge of the department

Mayor Ford stated that some of the expenses amounts cited by Alderman Evans were incorrect and that Dan Barr had not yet retired but was currently on vacation.

- Alderman Spivey stated that everyone had made both good and bad points regarding the theater but that everyone hoped to do the right thing moving forward. He agreed that riders should be reviewed by the attorneys and the City Council.

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 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk