

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
August 28 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 7:04 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 Judy Kolman.

Judge Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

2a. The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

A. Approval of Minutes -

1. Administrative Meeting - August 7, 2017

2. Regular City Council Meeting - August 14, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of August 7, 2017 and the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of August 14, 2017. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of August 7, 2017 and the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of August 14, 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford remarked that the concert season had ended and that he appreciated the support of the residents and the staff. He distributed a letter from Mr. Lee (the producer of the final concert) explaining possible concerns regarding scheduled performers. Mayor Ford also asked that everyone keep the people in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey in their thoughts and prayers.

5. **City Collector's Report**

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain, gave the Collector's report for the month ending July

31, 2017 citing revenue received and credited to various fund accounts.

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Deborah McIlvain, reminded everyone of the City's Multicultural Festival which will be held on Saturday, September 16 from noon to 5 pm on the City Campus.

7. Committee Reports

I. Finance: Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting September 7, 2017 12:00 pm)

A. Approval of Vouchers - August 28, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$987,904.40. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion -Alderman Evans objected to vouchers being placed on the agenda that had been pulled at the Finance Committee Meeting (Lowes Hotel, Jondec Painting and George's Landscaping for park swingsets). Mayor Ford stated that the painting of the Stetler Farm is a part of a budgeted grant and that he felt the entire Council should have the authority to approve or disapprove of vouchers. The Mayor requested that the City Treasurer provide a copy of the monthly report and verify that there were monies (\$138,490.36) in the CDBG Administrative cost line item. Alderman Lockett stated that contracts had been signed with various artists and that the contract included riders for hotel accommodations (Lowes Hotel). Alderman Davis stated that there needed to be better communication regarding contracts, riders, and vouchers.

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 Lowes Hotel and Jondec Painting. Alderman Evans stated that she was casting a no vote for George's Landscaping if it had been included. George's Landscaping was not on th list of vouchers to be approved.)

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that the Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2017 at 12 pm.

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

No Report

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

Alderman Davis stated that a meeting had been held with the contractor responsible for Right-of-Way mowing and concerns had been addressed. He and Mayor Ford also noted that the issues with the planters was being taken care of.

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

Alderman Spivey stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2017 at 7 pm.

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

Alderman Evans stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Stephanie Hannah, Hannah's Sports Bar and Grill, addressed the Council and stated that she objected to as additional liquor and gaming licenses possibly being offered to a restaurant in the same strip mall as she is located. She stated that her business will be affected by additional licenses and gaming.
- Harry Evans, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that all businesses have the same opportunities and have each been established by the same basic laws. (It was requested by the Mayor that those speaking address the Council and not the audience. A heated discussion ensued.)
- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that there had been an incident in her neighborhood that she felt was racist and she suggested that the multicultural commission issue a letter to the residents explaining that racism will not be tolerated in Country Club Hills.
- Monica Jackson, Ribs and Soul BBQ owner, addressed the Council and stated that she will be appealing her liquor license status to the State Board. She stated that she is a homeowner here in Country Club Hills and has invested many dollars in the renovation of her restaurant and is looking forward to successful

business continuation.

- A resident addressed the Council and stated that the Mayor was disrupting citizens and that he should not be and that if the Mayor wanted to be respected than he should give respect to others. He concluded by stating that he pays over \$15,000 in property taxes each year, that things are not improving and that he will continue to speak out.
- Ms. Preston, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and asked if the City had a curfew for minors as they are many children walking up and down her street at all hours of the night. Mayor Ford asked if she had contacted the police and stated that the matter will be addressed.
- Darlene Moore, Country Club Hills, asked that additional police monitor the neighborhoods. Mayor Ford stated that the parents should also be involved.
- Dr. Amadouaghan, Country Club Hills asked that the City Council investigate School District 160 regarding disciplinary action taken against Dr. Thomas, a lack of information being given to parents regarding the delay in the opening of school, possible asbestos and mercury in Southwood School, plumbing disorders at Meadowview School and a high number of substitute teachers in the District. Judge Stuttley stated that the School Board and the City Council are separate bodies and that the City Council has no jurisdiction. Alderman Lockett suggested that she contact the Illinois State Board of Education.

Mayor Ford stated that he will discuss the School issues with legislative counsel and the City Attorney.

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 the efforts and participation at his recently held Ward 4 bbq/picnic event.
- Alderman Evans stated that she apologized to the residents for her tone while recently making statements but not for the content of her statements explaining that she will always speak up when she feels there is an injustice, that she feels the 3 minute time limit is unfair, and that she will not apologize for speaking with authority and clarity and holding people accountable., She commented on the memo addressed to aldermen from Judge Stuttley that was received earlier in the evening regarding decorum at meetings, Roberts Rules of Order and proper placement of agenda items. She stated that she feels that she may have to pursue an injunction and supplied her email and telephone number. She stated that she feels there are financial issues such as checks cut without approval and other "atrocities", that the theater has not been profitable, that the theater needs to be billed properly for items such as police/security and that she will not allow her voice to be disregarded and not respected.
- Alderman Glispie thanked the residents for their support of the theater and stated that their loyalty and support are appreciated.
- Alderman Lockett asked for prayers for peace and for the residents of Texas. He stated that Country Club Hills is moving forward, that he is proud to be a

resident and proud to serve as alderman.

Adermin Davis thanked Dr. Amadouaghan for the information regarding the School District, stated that he was a proponent of information and communication and that there should not be any room for personal attacks, that meetings would improve with better communication, and that both positive and negative commentary is welcome. He concluded by stating that The Cornerstone Christian Church will be hosting a food drive at 10 am on August 30.

Mayor Ford explained that the Lowes Hotel bill was for several artists for several nights, that the police services rendered at the theater are charged to the theater budget and that meeting protocol should be followed. He stated that all of the voucher items (including the Stetler Farm and Lowes Hotel) were budgeted items for which there were monies available. He concluded by stating that attitude is everything.

10. 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 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk