

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
October 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 Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Bell.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

A. Approval of Minutes -

1. Administrative Meeting - September 18, 2017

2. Regular City Council Meeting - September 25, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of September 18, 2017 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 25, 2017. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of September 18, 2017 and the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of September 25, 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford introduced Ralph Jenkins, Chairman of the Veterans Commission. Mr. Jenkins introduced the other members of the Veterans Commission and explained that they would be awarding certificates of service to several Vietnam veterans. He explained that the Veterans Commission is accepting applications to award additional certificates. He concluded by stating that the Veterans Commission will be hosting a movie on November 11 at 3 pm on the lower level of City Hall.

5. City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin gave the Treasurer Report for the month ending August 31, 2017 citing bank balances as of October 9, 2017 and mentioned that revenues had exceeded expenses.

6. City Clerk's Report

No Report.

7. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting October 19, 2017 12:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - October 9, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$524,383.07. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion -none

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

2 Nays Aldermen Davis and Evans

Alderman Davis cast a no vote for the theater hotel bill. Alderman Evans cast a no vote for the credit card bill

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval - Purchase of 2 Pierce Saber Pumpers

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of 2 Pierce Saber Pumpers. Second - alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

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

2 Nays Aldermen Davis and Evans

0 Absent:

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of

proceedings this date.

C. Approval - A Resolution Approving a Policy for Procurement and Disbursement for Federal and State Grants for the City of Country Club Hills

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-09-17, A Resolution Approving a Policy for Procurement and Disbursement for Federal and State Grants for the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - It was explained that this was a necessary policy for FEMA and SAFER grants.

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.

D. Approval - A Resolution Approving an Unclaimed Property Policy for the City of Country Club Hills

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of R-10-17, a Resolution Approving an Unclaimed Property Policy for the City of Country Club Hills. 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.

E. Approval - An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Property Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No. O-16-17, and Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Property Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition. 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.

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that the Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 19 2017 at 12 pm.

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

No Report

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

Approval - Agreement Between the Department of the Army and the City of Country Club Hills for Design and Construction Assistance for the City of Country Club Hills Water Main Replacement Project

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Agreement Between the Department of the Army and the City of Country Club Hills for Design and Construction Assistance for the City of Country Club Hills Water Main Replacement Project. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - This is the agreement for the grant received from Robin Kelly. It was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and 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.

Alderman Davis reminded everyone that the branch pick up for the area north of 183rd Street will be on October 14, 2017.

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

**A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 “City Council” Article 4
“Rules of Order” Section 4.3.05 “Committees if the City of Country Club
Hills Municipal Code**

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval of Ordinance Amendment No OA-10-17 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 “City Council” Article 4 “Rules of Order” Section 4.3.05 “Committees if the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - it was explained that this would add Theater to the Economic Development/ Planning Zoning Development Committee. Mayor Ford stated that he felt this would not benefit the theater as all of the aldermen should be involved in the decision making process for the theater.

ROLL CALL VOTE 3 Ayes: Aldermen Davis, Evans and Spivey

2 Nays Aldermen Lockett and Glispie

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Spivey stated that a Shred event is scheduled for October 21, 2017 from 10 am to 1 pm at the theater pavilion.

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

Alderman Evans announced that a committee meeting will be held on October 18, 2017 at 5 pm.

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and expressed her disappointment that the Theater was added to the Economic Development committee as she feels there will be an even greater transparency issue. She stated that the theater performed better under the Committee of the Whole structure and that the process was followed better.

- Lonnie McNeal, Country Club Hills, stated that if the City is going to have the theater, then the residents should be behind the theater and support it.
- Harry William Jones Jr., Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that theater numbers are incorrect - that the theater lost at least \$357,000 and over \$70,000 were comp tickets. He stated that there have not been any fires in country Club Hills in the last 20 years. He stated that the Fire Department does not even flush the hydrants, it is done by someone else. He concluded by stating that the Park improvements should be credited to Park District Commissioner Harry Evans and not the City.
- Darlene Moore, Country Club Hills, suggested that more effort be placed in securing a grocery store for the City, that vehicles should not be donated to other municipalities but rather sold and the monies returned to the City coffers as it would be better spent in our community.
- James Herman, Country Club Hills, stated that the issue that he was experiencing with the ditch behind his home had not been addressed. He stated he had contacted Public Works and nothing had yet been done, He wanted to know who tickets the City when the City does not do its job.
- Izella Rogers, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and cited the Illinois Compiled Statutes regarding the term limit referendum. She stated that Mayor Ford had voted for everything the former Mayor had on the agenda for over 8 years and that she had notes from an administrative meeting where the former Mayor “shouted down” Mayor Ford. She stated that Channel 4 is horrible, the public portion has been eliminated form the broadcast, the agenda is simple and can be typed up by anyone designated by the Mayor. She sated that the Mayor should explain his leadership.

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 the success of the theater is data driven and that the reports he had received only covered revenues and expenses for the theater for the months of June and July. He stated that the Theater Committee should meet in the evenings. He explained his no vote for the fire trucks as he feels the City does not have a vehicle replacement program or a capital improvement plan and that he needed more detailed repair and maintenance reports on the existing fire trucks. He stated that the CDBG street improvements were beginning on Cypress and Chestnut in Ward 5. He concluded by stating the food drive is being held at Cornerstone Church on October 30 at 10 am.
- Alderman Lockett requested a moment of silence for a resident of Ward 2. He explained that the theater seats were paid for with TIF dollars and that he felt the City is moving in the right direction. He concluded by stating that he supported the need for new fire vehicles.
- Alderman Glispie asked that the residents of Ward 1 contact him directly with

any questions and concerns at 708-955-3114 and that he was looking forward to helping the City move forward.

- Alderman Evans requested a moment of silence and asked that everyone take mental illness seriously. She stated that she felt the theater had a transparency issue which will be resolved by a Committee with two former theater committee chairmen and one former theater commission member. She stated that any loss is not good for the theater as the loss included millions of dollars, ticket giveaways, contracts and riders. She stated to Alderman Davis that the monies have already been spent for the fire trucks.
- Alderman Spivey announced a 4th Ward meeting on October 12 at 7 pm. He stated that he had attended the scholarship fair at the UIC pavilion. He stated that Smooth Chicago will no longer be the promoter for the theater, new management will be brought in and the theater will be even better. He concluded by stating the shred day event will be held on October 21 at the theater pavilion

Mayor Ford stated that he does not need to explain his leadership as he is not ashamed of his efforts and accomplishments. He explained that the theater had cost 7 - 8 million dollars, cannot be sold and cannot be closed and that the majority of the residents support the theater. He stated that only approximately \$1000 had been refunded because of the last concert. He explained that the City has had at least 3 fires during this summer. He explained that the automobiles given to the Village of Robbins had no monetary value but that Robbins was grateful for the assistance. He stated work is being done to acquire a grocery store. He explained that part of the failure of the Outlet Mall was due to the demeanor of the City Council and that it discouraged investment in our community. He concluded by stating that the theater seats were paid for with TIF funds and that the City must try to make the theater a viable entity.

- 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 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk