

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
October 23, 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 and City Attorney Judy Kolman

Excused as absent was City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin.

Judge Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

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

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

A. Approval of Minutes -

1. Administrative Meeting - October 2, 2017

2. Regular City Council Meeting - October 9, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 2, 2017 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 9 2017. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 2, 2017 and the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of October 9, 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. Presentation- JoAnn Wade -Community Events

JoAnn Wade stated that the recently held Multicultural Festival was well attended as were the recently held beautification awards and the Shred Day. She announced the following events: Halloween Festival October 31, Spoken Word Night November 3, Veterans Movie Night November 11, Senior Thanksgiving luncheon November 18. She reminded everyone that the city's annual food drive and Holiday House Decorating contest will begin soon and the Winter Wonderland Festival will be held on December 2.

B. Presentation ECOM

Fire Chief Roger Agpawa acknowledged the service of 911 board members Miller Green and Ed Davis with certificates of service. Chief Agpawa introduced ECOM director Jeanne Krull. She introduced Brittany and Jordan, former dispatchers for the City of Country Club Hills and now with ECOM. She explained that response time is between 20 seconds and 1 minute/19 seconds. She stated that the consolidation was flawless and complimented Country Club Hills staff on their professionalism and ability. She presented the City with a grant received in the amount of \$104, 704.00.

Mayor For introduced the new Director of Water and Sewer, Jerry Townsend.

5. City Collector’s Report

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain gave the Collector’s report for the month ending September 30, 2017 citing revenues credited to various funds.

6. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain announced that Halloween trick or Treat hours will be from 3 - 7 pm.

7. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting November 9, 2017 12:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - October 23, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$708,610.57. 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 Loews hotel bill. Alderman Evans cast a no vote for the Loews hotel bill

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 November 9 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)**

Alderman Davis thanked Robinson Engineering for the paving work being done through the CDBG grant and asked that the firm continue to search for additional grant money.

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

Alderman Spivey stated the Shred event was successful and thanked Tom Hill and Jennie Betton for their assistance. He requested an update on the liquor license applications for Ribs and Soul and Frank N Lou's. He announced a EDC meeting for Wednesday at 7 and a Theater Committee meeting for Thursday at 7pm.

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

Alderman Evans announced that a committee meeting will be held on November 9 at 5 pm. She also announced that the City is seeking an accounting manager with information and application available on the City 's website..

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

The following individual addressed the Council:

- Lonnie McNeal, Country Club Hills, stated that he disagreed with the comments made stating the former administration being an administration that was "rubber stamped", requested that elected officials act in a more respectful manner and that he felt everything was moving in the right direction. He concluded by stating that he felt the ethnicity of leadership influenced economic development in the City.

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 stated that his recently held 4 th ward meeting had gone well. He requested that Southwood students be respectful of the neighborhood as they leave school each day. He stated that Smooth Chicago is no loner the theater booking company, that the Mayor had wanted the City Council to take control of the theater and that all three of the committee members have experience regarding the theater.
- Alderman Evans stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 9 at 5 pm. She stated that she had additional questions for ECOM such as which entity will be administering the grant and how will it be paid out and questions regarding issues such as complaint processing and response time. She stated that she was offended by Mr. McNeal's comments and that the theater will be operated by majority vote.
- Alderman Glispie thanked everyone for their support of the theater and especially those residents from Ward 1.
- Alderman Lockett reminded everyone of the Veterans Movie Night and the Senior Thanksgiving luncheon. He stated that driveways and streets are being addressed on Idelwild, Chestnut and Cypress and concluded by stating that the City is moving forward,
- Alderman Davis announced the Food Pantry at Cornerstone Church on October 30. He thanked JoAnn Wade for her report on community events. He commented on the tragedy of a young man taking his own life.

Mayor Ford explained that the grant received was given to the City, had been submitted on the City's's behalf by Jeanne Krull of ECOM, would be used for future monthly expenses and was being kept in a separate fund. He stated that emergency services response times remain unchanged.

Mayor Ford distributed his veto to Ordinance No OA-10-17 and stated that he felt the Special Committee of the Whole for the Theater was more successful.

- 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 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk