

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 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.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of September 11, 2001.

2. **THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.
Alderman Evans was excused.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain; City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin and City Attorney Judy Kolman.

Judge Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

- A. **Approval of Minutes -**

1. **Regular City Council Meeting - August 28, 2017**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 28, 2017. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of August 28, 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford announced that the City will be hosting a property tax appeal seminar on September 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 and a Cook County Board of Review workshop on September 21, 2017 from 6 - 9pm.

5. **City Treasurer's Report**

City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin gave the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2017. She cited current balances as of September 11, 2017 and stated that revenues

had exceeded expenses for the current fiscal year. She mentioned that the General Obligation Bond Series 2007 were refunded with a savings of approximately \$1,150,000 over the life of the debt through 2032.

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 21, 2017 12:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - September 11, 2017

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$984,927.53. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion -none

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Evans.

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

B. Approval - Price Proposal - New Work Area North of 175th Street Fire Station Parking Lot - Norvilla - \$125,000

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval to award the contract for the area North of the 175th Street Fire Station to Norvilla in the amount of \$125,000.00. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion- none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, and Spivey.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Evans.

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 21, 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 thanked the Mayor, City staff and especially the department of Public Works for the attention given to the grass around the ponds in the Marylakes and Fawn Ridge areas. He explained that these areas, though not in this year's budget, will be addressed in more detail in next year's budget.

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

Alderman Spivey stated that a Shred event is scheduled for October 21, 2017 from 8 am to 1 pm at the theater pavilion.

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

No Report

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Nelson Fluker, Country Club Hills, distributed information regarding climate change and requested that the swale/ditch behind his home be maintained as it has not been cleaned in many years. He inquired as to whether grant monies were available for this type of project.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and asked if the City had given their required quarterly report to the Park District, the cost and status of the water organization and possible water procurement from Hammond and the status of drone usage in Country Club Hills. He stated that he had submitted a FOIA for the theater expenses and revenues and that he was sure the theater was losing millions. He conclude by asking if the aldermen were willing to back the theater with their personal monies.
- Steven Boone, Country Club Hills asked if the aldermen were allocated funds for improvements in their individual wards and wanted to know if the budget was

itemized and on line.

- Zachary Dumas, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that he feels there is a problem with the water department and billing and stated that he suspects he is not being billed properly. He also stated that there is a problem with property taxes and that an outside source should investigate.
- Ralph Bellamy, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that residents should be made aware that it is not fair to accuse the Council of being responsible for the increase in their property taxes as the increase is coming from Cook County.

Mayor Ford stated that the City has not raised the City tax levy in 6 years and that property tax appeals should be made to the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of Review.

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 assessment on his property had increased 64% and was not comparable to his neighbors. He stated that the deadline for appeal is October 2, 2017. He stated that each Alderman is given \$5000 for expenses and ward projects are usually budgeted separately. He explained that the recent CDBG grant was for street repairs in Tierra Grande and a few other areas in the city. He referred Mr. Fluker to Eric DiSanto, Public Works Director and concluded by stating that he was still not clear on the details for the Stetler Farm grant.
- Alderman Lockett stated that seminars will be held for property tax appeal on September 19 and 21 and that the Multicultural Festival will be on September 16 from noon to 5 pm. He explained that the financial report was issued to the Park District and discussed at the Finance Committee meeting, there have been over 40 arrests in Provincetown, and that \$25,000 had been issued per ward and is usually used for fencing repairs, street issues, etc. He concluded by asking for prayers for the families affected by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida.
- Alderman Glispie encouraged participation in the tax appeal process and stated that it was expedient that as many residents as possible participate.
- Alderman Spivey thanked everyone for their attendance and stated that his Ward 4 meetings will begin again on the 2nd Thursday of each month in October. He stated that the police have been doing a terrific job in Provincetown. He concluded by stating that the residents should create a movement to appeal the property tax situation.

Mayor Ford stated that the City's budget, in detail, is on the City's website, that the City is not attempting to be unfair in the billing of water customers and that the staff has worked with Mr. Dumas for some time to resolve his water issues. He stated that the City has not lost millions on the theater since he has been Mayor but has been diligently working to have the theater succeed.

- 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 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk