

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
October 28, 2013**

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 Dwight W. Welch.

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

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

Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain; City Attorney, Judy Kolman; and City Treasurer, Rhonda Williams.

- 2a. **Invocation**

The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn of St. John's Lutheran Church.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

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 1. **Regular City Council Meeting - September 23, 2013**
 2. **Administrative Meeting - October 7 2013**
 3. **Regular City Council Meeting - October 14, 2013**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 23, 2013, the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 7, 2013, and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of October 14, 2013. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 23, 2013, the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of October 7, 2013 and the minutes of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 14, 2013 carried Via Voice Vote.

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

None

5. City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Rhonda Williams gave the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September , 2013 stating there are minor differences in revenues reported, noting bank balances on page 6 of her report, stating that reconciliation had been completed for 2012 and mentioning bank accounts and specifically the Matthew Welch Scholarship Foundation checking account. Mayor Welch stated that the account was not a city account and his deceased son should not be an item for discussion. A heated exchange occurred. A point of order was raised by Alderman Davis and the meeting agenda moved forward..

5. City Collector's Report

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain, gave the Collectors report for the month ending September 30, 2013.

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, invited all to attend Country Club Hills annual Halloween activities on the City Campus, Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5 - 9 pm. Activities will be available for all. Mayor Welch stated that volunteer help was needed and would be appreciated.

7. Committee Reports

I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting November 7 2013 5:00 pm)

A. Approval of Vouchers - October 28, 2013

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$550,918.27. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval - Proposal to Provide Professional Audit Services - Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon, LLC

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Proposal for Professional Audit Services with Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon, LLC for the audit for fiscal years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was also explained that the option to have the firm complete the audit for fiscal year 2012/2013 would be considered at a future date.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

C. Approval - Elected Officials Expense Reconciliation Policy - Reimbursements Option

D. Approval - Elected Officials Expense Reconciliation Policy - Stipend Option

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the Elected Officials Expense Reconciliation Policy Reimbursement Option and Stipend Option. Second - Alderman Ford. Discussion - it was explained that both options were being offered to the elected officials as the fiscal year was already almost half over.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

E. Approval - Adjustment of Salary of Fire Chief

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the adjustment of the Salary of the Fire Chief. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - The adjustment to the fire chief salary is recommended to give the same percentage that was given to the union to keep salaries level and

consistent. It was explained that the adjustment would be for the remaining amount of the fiscal year moving forward and would not be retroactive.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Davis also stated that a Finance Committee Meeting will be held on October 29, 2013 at 5 pm.

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

A. Approval - Addendum to Fanning Communications Agreement

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the addendum to the Fanning Communications Agreement. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - it was explained that this would provide for additional website facilitation for the theater.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Davis, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

III. Public Works and Utilities (Committee Meeting TBA) **Alderman Glispe, CHairman**

Alderman Glispie stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2013

IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Developmenbt & Outdoor Theater` (Committee Meeting TBA) **Alderman Evans, Chairman**

No Report

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

No Report. Mayor Welch inquired as to whether Alderman Lockett had been in contact with Ms. Lesch from Underwriters.

VI. Special Committee of the Whole - Theater

No Report

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and requested that the podium used for the public portion of the meeting be moved to face the Council, questioned the length of time for consideration of video gaming and stated that the issue of video gaming was an item for the Council to consider and that businesses should not be held hostage.

Harry Jones, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and inquired as to the status of the investigation regarding alleged theft of \$40,000, stated that the police department was unable to solve the crime, stated that tapes of Council meetings are not being shown on Channel4 , and inquired as to the status of the ability to report corruption to the inspector general of the Cook County Sheriff's office.

Terrell Thomas, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that he agreed with Mr. Jones regarding the broadcasting of City Council meetings, and inquired as to who is responsible for the Comcast schedule.

Izelle Rogers, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that she felt the treasurer had every right to address checking account issues and that the Mayor should be apologetic..

Portia Lyons, Country Club Hills addressed the Council and thanked everyone for their efforts at the Country Club Hills Cares day event.

Thel Davis, owner of Revelations, addressed the Council and reiterated the statements made by Ms. Bell regarding video gaming. He offered revenue figures for surrounding communities from video gaming and stated that he felt that businesses in Country Club Hills should have this option also.

Otho Isaac, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council asked that Alderman Lockett stop “badgering” her and suggested that he had attempted to become a partner in her Day Care business. She stated that her business will provide 12 new full time jobs in Country Club Hills.

Zachary Lewis addressed the Council and stated that the taxes are too high in Country Club Hills and this turns away potential business. He also stated that the Mayor cannot be selective in his use of a professional manner.

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

9. Aldermen’s Reports

Alderman Davis reminded everyone that the Cornerstone Christian Church will be distributing food on Tuesday at 10 am. He also stated that additional information is needed regarding video gaming in order for the Council to make an informed decision. He suggested a Parks Committee be initiated. Mayor Welch stated that a cable channel line-up will be distributed to the Council. Alderman Davis concluded by reminding everyone that a Ward 5 meeting will be held at the Fire Station on November 19 at 6 pm.

Alderman Lockett addressed Ms. Isaac’s remarks, stated that he had not been involved and stated that her business had been operational since May and no rent had yet been received by the City. He wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween, reminded everyone about the food distribution at the Cornerstone Church and stated that he felt the Mayor had been out of order in his (the Mayor’s) remarks to the Treasurer and suggested changing the name of the scholarship checking account.

Mayor Welch stated that any of the numerous other checking accounts could have been discussed by the treasurer and that he (the Mayor) will always defend his children.

Alderman Ford wished everyone a Happy Halloween and reminded everyone to be safe. He stated that the video gaming issue is being discussed at the committee level and he requested clarification from the attorneys regarding restrictions and possibility of holding a public hearing.

Mayor Welch stated that he would appreciate his family, especially his deceased son, not being discussed on the dais, that the Police and Fire Departments will be making a presentation at a future City Council meeting, and that the alleged internal theft had been turned over to the Inspector General’s office for investigation.

Alderman Glispie stated that all ash trees have been removed and stumps will be removed in the next phase.

Alderman Evans invited everyone to attend committee meetings, stated that there has been a

good discussion regarding video gaming, that the theater committee is progressing well and going in the right direction, that there is no update on the outlet mall as the meeting had to be rescheduled, that there is a link on the Cook County sheriff's website regarding the Inspector General and that she will be hosting a Ward meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

11. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Ford. Second - Alderman Davis. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk