

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
January 13, 2014**

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 Welch.

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

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

Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Glispie and Evans.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain and City Attorney, John Murphey.

Absent were: Alderman Davis and City Treasurer, Rhonda Williams.

- 2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Alderman Lockett.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

- A.
    1. **Administrative Meeting - December 2, 2013**
    2. **Special City Council Meeting- December 2, 2013**
    3. **Regular City Council Meeting - December 9, 2013**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of December 2, 2013, the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of December 2, 2013 and the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 9, 2013. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of December 2, 2013, the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of December 2, 2013 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 9, 2013 carried Via Voice Vote.

Mayor Welch distributed documents to the aldermen regarding SSMMA gaming revenue sharing distribution plans, TIF requests, and a theater sponsorship letter. These items will be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting of January 23, 2014.

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

none

## **5 City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, announced that the City's blood drive will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Fire Station on 175<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Welch announced that Rich District 227 Educational Foundation will be honoring students on January 14, 2014. He also stated that he and some staff had attended a meeting at the Maple Tree Inn regarding a master plan for the Blue Island Marine Canal. He invited all elected officials to attend the game and festivities at Hillcrest High School on Friday, January 18 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm.

## **6 Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman**  
**(Committee Meeting January 23, 2014 5:00 pm)**

### **A. Approval of Vouchers - January 13, 2014**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$958,684.21. Second - Alderman Ford. Alderman Lockett explained that this disbursement included payroll AP, Holiday House contest winners, Steven Amu and Associates and Perry Cavitt.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      4 Ayes:      Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

1 Absent:      Alderman Davis

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

### **B. Approval - Proposal to Authorize Additional Costs to Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon, LLC.**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval to authorize additional costs to Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon, LLC. Second - Alderman Ford. Discussion - it was explained that this had been discussed at the Administrative Meeting and would provide for completion of the annual audits

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      3 Ayes:      Aldermen Ford, Lockett, and Glispie  
                                 1 Nays      Alderman Evans  
                                 1 Absent:      Alderman Davis

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

Mayor Welch inquired as to the status of the forensic audit stating that developers, such as the casino developers and others were inquiring as to its status.

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

**A.    Approval - An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Liquor License  
         (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Rico's Bar & Grill,  
         4838-4840 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country  
         Club Hills Municipal Code**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Ordinance NO . O-01-14, An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Liquor License (Subject to Fulfillment of License Requirements) for Rico's Bar & Grill, 4838-4840 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - this was discussed at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended for approval by the full Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      4 Ayes:      Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Glispie and Evans.  
                                 0 Nays  
                                 1 Absent:      Alderman Davis

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

**B.    Approval - an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 "Police Department" of the  
         City of Country Club Hills City Code by Adding New Article 4 "paid on Call  
         Officers" Thereto**

Director of Public Safety, William Brown explained that the program would increase officer

productivity, decrease overtime costs, and would only be utilized as needed. This item was tabled until the final documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Public Safety Director Brown addressed the issue of “conceal and carry” and stated that it is hoped that a registry will be established and those authorized to carry will register with in their community.

Mayor Welch stated that no tickets were issued nor cars towed during the recent snow storm.

**III. Public Works and Utilities  
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

**Alderman Glispe, CHairman**

**A. Approval - Additional Ground Space Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS (AT &T ) for 18300 Marycrest Drive**

Alderman Glispe moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-02-14 providing for the Additional Ground Space Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS (AT & T) for 18300 Marycrest Drive. Second - Alderman Ford. Discussion - this was discussed at the Administrative meeting where it was explained that this would provide for approximately \$800/per month in additional revenue.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

4 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Glispe and Evans.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

**B. Approval - Resolution Approving the Local Match for Pedestrian Improvements Through the Illinois Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program**

Alderman Glispe moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-01-14, a Resolution Approving the Local Match for Pedestrian Improvements Through the Illinois Department of Transportation. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - It was explained that this is a 80/20 grant with the City responsible for \$40,000. Sidewalks would be constructed along 180th Street adjacent to Sykuta School. This item was discussed at the Administrative Meeting, the funds would come from the MFT line item and it was recommended for approval by the Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

4 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Glispe and Evans.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

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

**A. Approval - Agreement By and Between the City of Country Club Hills and BRT Outdoor, LLC**

Alderman Evans moved for Council approval of the Agreement By and Between the City of Country Club Hills and BRT Outdoor, LLC. Second - alderman Ford. Discussion - it was explained that this had been discussed at the committee meeting of Thursday, January 9 and at the Administrative Meeting and was recommended for approval by the Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**      4 Ayes: Aldermen Ford, Lockett, Glispie and Evans.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

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

No Report

**VI. Special Committee of the Whole - Theater**

**No report**

Mayor Welch thanked staff for their efforts during the recent snow event, addressed the issue of snow in front of street side mailboxes and stated that in the future, the City's warming center will be the Fire Station at 175<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Leijuana Doss, Chamber of Commerce President, summarized her recent TIF request presentation given at the Administrative meeting and requested an expedited resolution to the TIF requests. Mayor Welch explained that these items will be addressed at the Finance Committee Meeting of January 23, 2014.

Izelle Rogers, Country Club Hills, addressed the Council and stated that most of her points were to be addressed to Alderman Davis but that she would withhold them in his absence. She also stated that 2 different sets of figures (1 from the treasurer and one from the City) when reporting the City's financial status.

Portia Lyons, Country Club Hills, thanked Alderman Evans and her husband for plowing her driveway and inquired as to whether the City was aware of those homes with special medical needs that may need emergency services during a weather event.

Mayor Welch stated that Ms. Lyons should fill out the senior/handicapped snow removal application and plowing services would be made available.

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

## **9. Aldermen's Reports**

Alderman Evans wished everyone a Happy New Year (she held up a "happy face") with all of its successes and challenges. She explained that her statements were not personal but stated that she felt the City's finances were in "dire straits" (she held up a "sad face") and that none of her attempts to resolve this situation were being addressed by the other members of the City Council and especially not by the Chairman of the City's Finance Committee. She stated that her efforts had begun in November with emails and memos and had continued since then with no response. Alderman Lockett interrupted her and stated that he felt these issues should be discussed at a later date when both the Treasurer and Alderman Davis would be present. She stated that these finance issues should be continually discussed "all day long" and in conclusion quoted the Bible.

Alderman Ford announced that the youth mentoring program will resume on Saturday at Southwood School at 10 am.. He also requested attention to the snow covered sidewalks along 187<sup>th</sup> and Maple ( a school route).

Alderman Lockett wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that he felt that the Executive branch - the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer- were responsible for providing a financial plan to the aldermen. He stated that the gaming/casino developers were not asking for the forensic audit.

Mayor Welch stated that the executive branch was not responsible for a financial plan and that the gaming/casino developers had requested an update on the status of the forensic audit.

## **10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk